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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Interim Director *EaK*

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *gpk*

Date: March 8, 2023

Re: **Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 2023-004**

Requested Action

The Public Works Department has created the repeal documents of Ordinance 2023-004 associated with proposed stop sign installations at the intersection of Birch Point Road and Birch Bay Drive for southbound traffic on Birch Point Road and westbound traffic on Birch Bay Drive.

Background and Purpose

Given the significant public testimony regarding the proposed installation of the stop signs at the intersection of Birch Point Road and Birch Bay Drive for southbound traffic on Birch Point Road and westbound traffic on Birch Bay Drive, the Public Works Department has agreed to investigate additional alternatives prior to said stop sign installations. A report of alternatives investigated and responses to citizen concerns will be provided to Council.

Information

This ordinance will repeal Ordinance 2023-004, approved February 21, 2023, which, without alternative traffic control measures, will have the effect of prohibiting Public Works from opening the segment of Birch Point Road that provides secondary fire access for the Horizon at Semiahmoo development resulting in a violation of Whatcom County Code Title 15, which adopted the 2018 International Fire Code.