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Resolution updating the appendix of the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

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See attached

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Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/25/2025	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL	
		Aye: 3 Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan	
		Nay: 0	
03/25/2025	Council	APPROVED	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 0	

Attachments: Memo, Proposed Resolution, Appendix - tracked changes

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: March 25, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-012

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATING THE
APPENDIX OF THE 2022 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY (CEDs)**

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Reform Act of 1998 identifies a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) as a requirement to apply for assistance under the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) economic adjustment and public works program; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 105-393, implemented in 1999, amends the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and re-authorizes Economic Development Administration Programs for five years; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Port of Bellingham, through an interlocal agreement with the county, completed the work to update the document which Council approved through Resolution 2021-046; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Bellingham worked with each of the municipalities to update the list to ensure new projects were added and completed projects were removed; and

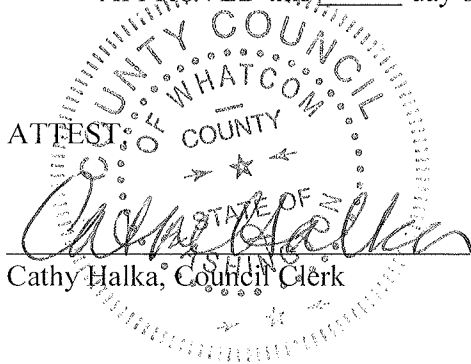
WHEREAS, the revised project list is included in Attachment "A", titled Updated CEDs 2025 Project List; and

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.370 requires that projects utilizing rural sales tax revenue must be contained in the County's overall economic development plan; and

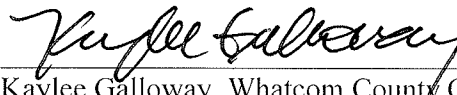
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby accepts the updated appendix as submitted by the Port of Bellingham

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council officially adopts the 2025 update to the 2022 Whatcom County Economic Development Strategy Appendix.

APPROVED this 25th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:
The seal of the Whatcom County Council is circular with a double border. The outer border contains the text "WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL" at the top and "STATE OF WASHINGTON" at the bottom. The inner border contains "COUNTY OF WHATCOM" at the top and "COUNTY" at the bottom. In the center, there is a five-pointed star with the words "STATE OF WASHINGTON" written in a semi-circle above it. A signature, "Cathy Halka", is written across the seal.
Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Kaylee Galloway, Whatcom County Council
Chair

APPROVED as to form:

Brandon Waldron per email 03/10/2025
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Attachment A - Updated CEDS 2025 Project List

Project Name	Project Location	Project Description	Project Type	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Source(s)	EDI?	Other?	Design Complete? (Y/N)	Year Completed
Bellingham Projects									
Holly Street Bike Lanes	Bellingham	Replace and improve Holly St bike lanes between Ellis St and Bay St, applying lessons learned from the bike lane pilot project installed in May 2024, and extend the bike lane west from Bay St to Broadway.	Public Works	3,000,000	EDI, motor vehicle fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees, greenways, other federal, state, and local funding sources	Yes	Yes		
Squalicum Pier	Bellingham	Convert a now a defunct industrial pier in a currently underserved area of Bellingham on the north end to a pedestrian pier.	Parks	15,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Impact Fees, Greenways, other federal, state and local funding sources	Yes	Yes		
Meridian / Birchwood Roundabout Phases 1 and 2	Bellingham	Phase 1 – Merge Squalicum Parkway freight route with Birchwood Avenue into Meridian/ Birchwood traffic signal; decommission Meridian/Squalicum. Phase 2 – Reconstruct Meridian/Birchwood traffic signal into a multimodal roundabout.	Public Works	12,000,000	EDI, Port, WSDOT, Greenways and other federal, state and local funding sources	Yes	Yes		

Railroad safety improvements	Bellingham	Includes safety improvements to at-grade rail crossings and elimination of other at-grade crossings throughout the City.	Public Works	5,000,000	EDI, Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes, Vehicle Reg. Fees, Sales Tax, other federal, state and local funding sources	Yes	Yes		
Urban Village Redevelopment Projects	Bellingham	Redevelop through partnerships or other methods, chronic vacant buildings or other opportunity sites into a mixed-use development compatible with the sub-area plans in an effort to spur additional private sector development to increase housing and job opportunities.	Planning, Public Works	15,000,000	EDI, targeted grants, CDBG, HOME, HUD 108, other federal, state, local and private funds	Yes	Yes		
Affordable Housing	Bellingham	Partnerships with a variety of non-profit housing developers to support the acquisition of land and/or construction of Affordable Housing.	Community Development	TBD (need is substantial)	Housing levy, Affordable Housing Sales Tax, other federal and state funds	Yes	Yes		
Birch Bay Water & Sewer District Projects									
Blaine Projects									

Bell Road - BNSF Grade Separation Project	Blaine, south side	Bell Road (SR 548) connects the communities of Birch Bay and Semiahmoo to downtown Blaine and I-5. A grade separation has been proposed, and City is working through 30% design, NEPA/Environment permitting, and ROW acquisitions.	Public Safety, Public Works, Economic Development	83,000,000	State Legislative Grant, WSDOT, TIB, RAISE, other federal grants	Yes	Yes	No	2031
Downtown Revitalization	Blaine, downtown	The project includes pedestrian-oriented amenities to reinforce downtown as the heart of the community and a tourism destination. For safety and ADA accessibility, the project will identify and replaces aging and uneven sidewalk, along with removal of select street trees that have contributed to sidewalk buckling. Concurrent updates to water and electrical utilities are also expected. Project also includes improvements of two pocket parks.	Public Safety, Public Works, Economic Development	2,770,000	State Legislative Grant, WSDOT, TIB, TBD, Gas Tax revenue, REET	Yes	Yes	No	2025

East Blaine Sewer Line Freeway Crossing	Blaine, central	This critical sewer infrastructure improvement will install a new 24" line across Interstate-5 and provide necessary capacity to accommodate planned residential growth.	Public Safety, Public Works, Economic Development	2,000,000	Local, sewer bond, Department of Commerce	Yes	Yes	No	2025
New Water Wells at Blaine Wellfield	Blaine watershed	New wells are proposed for upper and deep aquifers to meet increasing water demand with the east and west Blaine growth.	Public Safety, Public Works, Economic Development	500,000	Local	Yes	Yes	Yes	2023 & 2024
East Blaine Infrastructure Extension	Blaine, east side	Extend sanitary sewer, electric and water infrastructure to the east end of the City limits.	Public Works, Economic Development	3,000,000	Local, developer, Tax Increment Financing	Yes	Yes	No	-
Peace Portal Community Trail (Phase III)	Blaine	This trail is a key component of the City's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Tourism Development and Marketing Plan. The trail connects Blaine to Birch Bay by passing through Whatcom County and serves as an important link for safe bicycle and	Public Safety, Public Works, Economic Development	249,000	TIB, RCO Grant, BBBPRD2, WSDOT Pedestrian and Bike Safety	No	Yes	No	2025

		pedestrian access between the two communities. Phase III runs along Peace Portal Drive from Hughes Avenue to Bell Road.							
Peace Portal Community Trail (Phase IV)	Blaine, Whatcom County	Phase IV crosses the Peace Portal Drive/Bell Road intersection and the runs south next to Blaine Road and crosses the Dakota Creek Bridge.	Public Safety, Public Works, Economic Development	500,000	TIB, RCO Grant, BBBPRD2, WSDOT Pedestrian and Bike Safety	No	Yes	No	2031
Marine Drive Improvements, Phase 3	Blaine, Port of Bellingham	The City and the Port of Bellingham are coordinating on an effort to reconstruct the roadway to ensure access to the pier and protection of the harbor. Under the proposed project, a new truck-compatible roadway will serve the industrial shipyard. A single vehicle lane, a bike/ped lane, and a bulkhead will continue for the final 300 feet to	Public Safety, Public Works, Economic Development	4,000,000	STBG Regional Funds, TIB, Port of Bellingham	Yes	Yes	No	-

		provide access to the public pier.							
Marine Park Master Plan	Blaine, Wharf District	Design and install improvements to Marine Park, including potential pickleball courts, bicycles facilities, event facilities, seating and vendor areas, restrooms, and other potential improvements for the public.	Public Works, Parks, Economic Development	1,200,000	Local, park impact fees, BBBPRD2, state grants	Yes	Yes		
Wellfield Booster Pump Station - Zone 440	Blaine, east side	New booster station establishing new high pressure zone to provide adequate water pressure to the residential development in east Blaine.	Public Works, Economic Development	1,500,000	DOE Centennial Funds, USDA-RD Grant/Loan, PWTF, Local, DOC grants	Yes	Yes		

Everson Projects									
Regional Stormwater Management facility	Everson	Design and construct a regional stormwater management facility at the former Everson Golf Course property to serve the downtown commercial area.	Public Works	2,000,000	Local funds, Ecology grants and loans, EDI funds	Yes	Yes	No	-
Ramstead Regional Park	Everson	Design and construct a regional park facility at the former Everson Golf Course property.	Public Works, Planning	500,000	City parks fund, RCO grant, private donations	Yes	Yes	No	-
Everson Road Sewer line	Everson	Upgrade existing 8" line for future growth on the southwest portion of the City and UGA.	Public Works	165,000	Local funds	No	Yes	No	-
East Main Street Water Main upgrade	Everson	Increase water main from 6 to 10 inches from Kirsch Dr. east to City limits, providing better pressure for fire protection and emergency uses with the City of Nooksack.	Public Works	1,200,000	LMF	No	Yes	No	-
East/West Connector	Everson	Future all-weather arterial connecting Mission Road and Everson-Goshen Road (SR 544), used as primary arterial to future UGA and light	Public Works, Economic Development, Finance	2,400,000	CDBG; GMA Planning Grant; CERB; EDA	Yes	Yes	No	-

		industrial area of South Everson.							
West Everson Sewer and Water System Improvements	Everson	Construct water and sewer mains and sewer lift station to serve West Everson annexation area.	Public Works	1,000,000	EDI, ULID, developer funding and local funds	Yes	Yes	No	-
Ferndale Projects									
Downtown infrastructure improvements	Ferndale	Upgrade underground utilities to meet anticipated future demand. Wayfinding signage for public parking and amenities. Public/private funding to assist incoming development with utility improvements beyond the immediate project location.	Public Works, Economic Development	2,500,000	Local funds, REET, EDI	Yes	Yes	No	

Second Avenue (Downtown) pedestrian conversion	Ferndale	Reconfigure Second Avenue north of Main Street for pedestrian-only purposes, following the completion of the Thornton Street Extension Project. The conversion would include the modification of other Downtown streets to one-way traffic and is expected to allow for a smoother flow of traffic while creating additional pedestrian areas in the Downtown core, increasing commerce and overall activity in the area.	Public Works, Economic Development	3,000,000	Local funds, REET, EDI, Private funds	Yes	Yes	Initial evaluation underway
Portal Way Corridor Improvements	Ferndale	Improve corridor, create consistent road profile and frontage on Portal Way. Three sections (I-5 to Newkirk, Newkirk to Kass, Kass to Trigg)	Public Works, Planning	15,000,000 (5,000,000 x 3)	TBD, TIB, Local funds, REET, Private funds	No	Yes	No
Utility extension to Malloy / Grandview Ave	Ferndale	Opens up area for development, protects sensitive watersheds from existing development built to rural standards –	Public Works	8,000,000	PWTF, Local, EDA, DWSRF	No	Yes	Evaluation of options

		[Grandview area], provides fire flow, etc.							
Ferndale Civic Campus, Municipal Court and Council Chambers	Ferndale	Construct new, or expand existing facilities to accommodate future growth	Public Works	20,000,000	Local Funds, REET, EDI	Yes	No	Underway	
Right-of-Way beautification and landscaping along major corridors	Ferndale	Main Street, Portal Way and Slater Road: The creation of attractive, unified landscaping along major corridors provides a sense of place and welcome for new development. Project would include staff and consultant time to develop a coordinated landscaping proposal, funding for materials and plants, and planting.	Public Works	300,000	TIB, TBD, Local, Federal, State	No	Yes		

Interstate 5 Exit 262 Roundabouts	Ferndale	Construct on/off ramp roundabouts along I-5 at exit 262 where they intersect Main Street. (1st entry) Reconfigure and widen overpass deck to accommodate two lanes in each direction, as well as non-motorized connectivity. Establish two-lane roundabouts at both north and south-bound ramps; reconfiguration of ramps to prevent existing main-line interruptions. (2nd entry)	Public Works	4,000,000 (1st entry) + 25,000,000 (2nd entry)	State and Federal Grants; WSDOT Funding	No	Yes		
Vista Middle School	Ferndale	Roofing Replacement Project	Public Works, Economic Development	1,000,000	Capital funds	No	Yes		
Central Elementary School	Ferndale	Roofing Replacement Project	Public Works, Economic Development	500,000	Capital funds	No	Yes		
Vista/Skyline paving project	Ferndale	Repair and resurface asphalt parking lots and bus loops	Public Works, Economic Development	550,000	Capital funds	No	Yes		
Custer Elementary School	Ferndale	Exterior brick restoration and reseal	Public Works, Economic Development	800,000	Capital funds	No	Yes		
Custer Elementary School	Ferndale	Roofing replacement project	Public Works, Economic Development	400,000	Capital funds	No	Yes		

Ferndale School District HVAC upgrade	Ferndale	Upgrade HVAC Controls at 8 schools	Public Works, Economic Development	1,000,000	Capital funds	No	Yes		
Ferndale School District Security Upgrade	Ferndale	Upgrade school facilities with secure vestibules, single visitor entry area with camera and buzz-in system, fencing where needed to create a secure facility	Public Works, Economic Development	1,000,000	Capital funds	No	Yes		
Custer Elementary School	Ferndale	Parking Lot and bus loop resurface and replacement	Public Works, Economic Development	200,000	Capital funds	No	Yes		
Phillips 66 Ballfields	Ferndale	Convert ballfields to all-weather, multisport surface, update lighting and light standards	Public Works, Economic Development	2,000,000	Local, Federal, State, Corporate donation	No	Yes	No	
Ferndale Terrace Improvement	Ferndale	Reconstruct and widen approximately 2,500' of existing Ferndale Terrace Roadway to City standards, including curb, gutter, sidewalks, and improvements to the City's stormwater, water, and sewer utilities.	Public Works	5,000,000	TIB,TBD, Local, Federal, State, Ecology (stormwater component)	No	Yes	Yes	

Interstate 5 Exit 263 Roundabouts	Ferndale, WSDOT	Two lane roundabout or roundabout with an eastbound slip lane to replace an existing compact roundabout, associated with the Thornton Street Extension. Project includes a pedestrian/bike extension beneath the freeway overpass to connect to existing non-motorized access to the east and west.	Public Works, WSDOT	30,000,000	WSDOT Funding, Federal, State	No	Yes	No	
Golden Eagle Drive, Shuksan Drive, and Ferndale High School frontage	Ferndale, Ferndale School District	Reconstruct approximately 1,000' of existing roadway adjacent to new Ferndale High School campus. Establish school bus parking, improve motorized and non-motorized interface, construct sidewalks.	Ferndale School District	2,000,000	Local School Levy, REET, Local, State, Federal funding	No	Yes		
Interstate 5 Exit 266 Interchange Reconfiguration and Corridor Improvements	Ferndale	Corridor reconstruction project to reconfigure and widen overpass deck and ramps and resolve rail and industrial traffic congestion associated with Whatcom	Public Works	50,000,000	State and Federal Grants; WSDOT Funding	No	Yes	No	

		County's primary industries at Cherry Point.							
Douglas Road Reconstruction	Ferndale	Reconstruct approximately 2,000 lf of an existing roadway, including sidewalks and utility improvements. Project would make additional serviced land available for development.	Public Works	2,700,000	City Transportation Benefit District funding	No	Yes	No	
Schell Marsh Boardwalk	Ferndale	Construct a ~2,000 lf boardwalk/trail from the Ferndale Public Library to the Phillips 66 Ballfields, rehabilitate a declining wetland area. Boardwalk would increase commerce within the Downtown core, including further redevelopment of the area.	Public Works	1,500,000	EDI, State Grant, Park Mitigation Fees, Private Donations	Yes	Yes	No	
Malloy Culvert Reconstruction	Ferndale	Replace existing fish barrier culvert with a new fish-friendly culvert, reconstruct bridge deck and extend City utilities to an unserved and	Public Works	3,000,000	EDI, Stormwater Funding	Yes	Yes	Yes	

		undeveloped industrial area within the City.							
Ferndale Water Treatment Plant Upgrades	Ferndale	Initiate updates to the City of Ferndale Water Treatment Plant, incorporating Reverse Osmosis (RO) and other treatment capabilities in order to properly treat and combine water from the City's various wells and to complete the City's conversion from Nooksack River water to a more-diverse and sustainable water rights portfolio	Public Works	8,000,000	Local Funding (Utility subscribers), State funding, EDI	Yes	Yes	Underway	
Ferndale Village Stage Construction	Ferndale	Construct new stage to replace existing stage that has reached the end of its useful life. The new stage will serve as a destination for tourists and residents and will support existing and new community events, as well as the revitalization of Downtown Ferndale. The new stage will	Public Works	500,000	Local Funding, Ferndale ARPA Funds	Yes	Yes	Underway	

		expand performance offerings beyond what is currently possible. Construction: 2024-2025							
Ferndale Douglas Well Construction	Ferndale	Construct a new municipal well on City-owned property to create additional access to existing aquifers and create additional redundancies within the City's overall water system portfolio	Public Works	2,000,000	Local Funding (Utility subscribers), State funding, EDI	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ferndale Synthetic Turf Field	Ferndale	Install synthetic field and lighting that would provide for year round use by the local community and large outside groups that does not currently exist.	Public Works, Economic Development	3,500,000	EDI, public, private	Yes	Yes	No	
Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District									
Sudden Valley Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Contact Basin	Sudden Valley	Replace existing chlorine contact basin with tank sized to meet full plant capacity	Public Works	2,000,000	170,000 FEMA grant, 300,000 District Water Reinvestment Fund	No	Yes	No (construct 2026)	2024

Geneva Reservoir Seismic Retrofits	Geneva	Seismic upgrades to existing reservoir	Public Works	1,270,000	\$1,110,000 FEMA grant, \$160,000 District Water Reinvestment Fund	No	Yes	No (construct 2026)	2024
Agate Bay Lift Station Renovation	Northshore-Lake Whatcom	Renovate existing sanitary sewer lift station	Public Works	1,280,000	Sewer Reinvestment Fund	No	Yes	No (construct 2027)	2024
Lummi Nation Projects	Please note: the Lummi Nation maintains their own CEDS and CEDS Project List. Please check with them for their full list of projects.								
Lynden Projects									
Waste Water Treatment Plant Capacity and Energy Improvements Phase 3	Citywide	Upfit City's WWTP to accommodate rapidly increasing food processing and residential loads associated with regionally significant economic growth. The project will replace original treatment technology with more efficient digester aeration capability and add a second press to increase the rate of solids wasting and removal.	Public Works, Economic Development, Food Security, Climate Resiliency	3,000,000	City Sewer Fund, EDI, SRF loan	Yes	Yes	2024	2025/2026

West Main Street Industrial and Mobility Improvements (Phases 2&3)	West Lynden Commercial Area	Construct new roundabout at Berthusen Rd intersection. Reconstruct 20-foot roadway to industrial standard including curbs, gutters, sidewalks, utilities, and storm drainage. Replace and upgrade culvert and bridge over unnamed drainage ditch. The improved road will provide food processing/packing and other industries with all-weather truck access to State Route 539, Birch Bay-Lynden Road and I-5 to the west.	Public Works, Economic Development, Food Security	6,400,000	Partially funded by CERB loan at \$4.5M for 2026 construction, \$1M local TIF, \$1M needed, \$1M EDI app	Yes	Yes	2024	2025/2026
West Front Street All-Weather Arterial Street Improvements	West Lynden	Reconstruct West Front Street between Tromp Road and Duffner Drive to all-weather industrial standard including curbs, gutter, water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater to prepare for continued growth of Lynden's industrial area. This improved	Public Works	3,300,000	EDI, TIB, local Transportation Impact Fees, Other Federal, State and Local funds	Yes	Yes	2026	2028

		road will provide industrial properties with all-weather truck access to State Route 539, Birch Bay-Lynden Road and I-5 to the west.							
Pepin Parkway Crossing and Creek Realignment	Lynden UGA	Construct a new crossing on Pepin Parkway alignment and build endangered salmon habitat to allow for relocation of year-round water flowing in north-south deep roadside ditches along Double Ditch Road to a newly constructed channel halfway between the Benson and Double Ditch roads. This will allow City to construct new Parkway to accommodate growth, improve transportation safety, more effectively move freight in and out of the City, protect endangered salmon,	Public Works, Economic Development, Habitat	7,000,000	EDI; local Transportation Impact Fees; Federal RAISE, NOAA, Connecting Communities; State and other local funds	Yes	Yes	2026	2028

		and manage stormwater. Creek relocation will better protect existing neighborhoods from flooding events and provide improved habitat for ESA listed fish.							
Downtown Parking - Old Water Treatment Plant Site	Lynden's Downtown Historic Business District (HBD)	The Lynden Downtown HBD has seen an exciting rejuvenation in recent years, and parking is at a premium. The old water treatment plant was demolished in 2019 following the construction of the new plant further to the south. This vacant site is available for redevelopment as a parking area or	Public Works, Economic Development	1,250,000	EDI, TBD, TAP, City General Fund	Yes	Yes	2028	2030

		structure. This project has been requested by the Downtown Business Association.							
Judson Service Alley Reconstruction and Widening	Lynden's Downtown Historic Business District (HBD)	Reconstruct and widen the alley running behind (south of) the businesses located on Front Street. This alley provides critical access for delivery/service and emergency vehicles to HBD businesses. This project would include undergrounding of overhead utilities, which obstruct view and hinder access. Private utility revisions.	Public Works, Economic Development	1,600,000	EDI, TIB, TBD, Other Federal/State/Local funds	Yes	Yes	2028	2030
Riverview Extension	Reviewview at Hannegan Road	Design an arterial bypass to move eastbound traffic around downtown Lynden.	Public Works, Economic Development	500,000	City Transportation Improvement Fees, City Transportation Benefit District, Surface Transportation Block Grant, EDI	Yes			

Nooksack Projects									
Garfield Force Main Extension	Nooksack	Extend the force main from the Garfield sewer pump station to Pump Station No. 4 in Everson.	Public Works	1,000,000	City Sewer fund, PWTF	No	Yes	No	-
Nooksack Indian Tribe Projects	Please note: the Nooksack Indian Tribe maintains their own CEDS and CEDS Project List. Please check with them for their full list of projects.								
Nooksack Tribal Health Clinic	Nooksack Unincorporated Tribal Lands / Unincorporated Whatcom County	Development of a Tribal Health Clinic that includes dental services	Public Health, Economic Development, Public Works	42,000,000 – 48,000,000	EDI, P3 Partnership, Tribe, BIA, EDA Disaster - COVID	Yes	Yes	90%	
Hwy 542 & Deming Road Roundabout	Nooksack Unincorporated Tribal Lands / Unincorporated Whatcom County	Construct roundabout	Nooksack Tribal Transportation Program, Economic Development, WADOT	3,000,000	BIA, Federal, State, County	No	Yes		

Nooksack Rural Broadband	Nooksack Unincorporated Tribal Lands / Unincorporated Whatcom County	Construction and Expansion of rural broadband	Nooksack Tribe, IT, Economic Development, RedLine Communication	7,200,000	(NTIA) U.S. Dept. of Commerce	No	Yes		
Port of Bellingham Projects									
Whatcom County Agriculture Research Center	Whatcom County	To develop a county-wide research center to support agricultural innovation in Whatcom County.	Economic Development, Agriculture	3,500,000	EDI, state grant	Yes	Yes		
Fund Alcoa/Intalco site for clean energy projects	Whatcom County	To support physical infrastructure related to plant and plant access for clean energy projects.	Economic Development, Workforce, Energy, and Public Works	10,000,000	EDA, CERB, WA Commerce, State Legislative Grant, EPA Brownfields grants, local, and private/developer	No	Yes		
Rural Broadband Construction Project	Whatcom County	Construction and expansion of rural broadband network	Public Works, Economic Development	54,000,000	CERB, Whatcom County EDI, federal, state, local, WA State Broadband office, Port, BEAD	Yes	Yes		
Mooring Improvements to Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Design and construct new mooring dolphins and fendering system.	Public Works	12,000,000	Federal, state, port	No	Yes	No	

Marine Trades Area Travel Lift	Bellingham Waterfront District	Develop boat haul out / travel lift on the northside of the Whatcom Waterway with a private partner. Feasibility, design, and construction.	Public Works	2,000,000	Federal, state, port; Whatcom County EDI	Yes	Yes		
Mt Baker Products Peninsula Improvements	Bellingham Squalicum Waterfront	Provide infrastructure on a 4.5 acre industrial site behind Mt Baker Products to support new marine trades activity	Public Works	2,000,000	Federal, state, port; Whatcom County EDI	Yes	Yes		
Schultz Way Improvements	Bellingham Squalicum Waterfront	Reconstruct Port-owned Schultz Way road to city standards as a secondary arterial, serving existing port tenants and extending it to the Mt Baker Products peninsula to serve new tenants.	Public Works	2,500,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI	Yes	Yes		
Marine Highway Port designation for the Bellingham Shipping Terminal and preparation of facilities to service resulting in "short sea" routes	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Received MARAD status as a terminal point on the Pacific M-5 Maritime Highway Route and make necessary repairs and reconfiguration to the BST "Rail Span," allowing it to handle barge calls and resulting inbound and outbound cargo flow.	Public Works	5,100,000	\$4.7 million grant application in with MARAD, Port	No	Yes	30%	

Airport Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements	Bellingham Airport Industrial Park	Infrastructure improvements to the 18 acres of immediately buildable property in the ALP to support business expansion and attraction.	Public Works	2,500,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom EDI	Yes	Yes		
Visitor Moorage at GP Pier	Bellingham Waterfront District	Dock and moorage system in the Whatcom Waterway to serve visiting commercial and recreational boaters, improve water access and stimulate local spending.	Public Works	1,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI	Yes	Yes		
Alcohol Plant Renovation	Bellingham Waterfront District	Renovate historic former GP ethyl alcohol plant for commercial uses.	Public Works	14,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI	Yes	Yes		
Blaine Wharf District Marine Industrial Area	Blaine Harbor	Infrastructure improvements to support facilitate for boat haul-out, storing/repairing fishing gear, fish processing upland boatyard/small boatyard expansion.	Public Works	5,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI	Yes	Yes		
Bellingham Shipping Terminal Repower	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Power and broadband upgrades to the Bellingham Shipping Terminal warehouses.	Public Works, Economic Development	3,038,169	Port, Federal	No	Yes	Yes	Q4 2024/Q1 2025

Bellingham Shipping Terminal Pier Rehab	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Repairs and rehabilitation of the main BST pier.	Public Works, Economic Development	5,686,990	Port, Federal, MARAD, PIDP FY20 grant	No	Yes	Yes	2025
Bellingham Shipping Terminal Dredging	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Dredging and under dock realignment needed in order to serve larger ships.	Public Works, Economic Development	5,323,850	Port, Federal, MARAD, PIDP FY20 grant	No	Yes	Yes	2025
Rail Spur Reconnection	BST Log Pond	Port tenant plans to reconnect the BST Log Pond to the BNSF main line via a newly reconfigured rail spur. Supported by the Port but subject to BNSF approval.	Public Works, Economic Development	17,900,000	Private, \$17.9 million RAISE grant received	No	Yes		
Waterfront Fiber	Bellingham Waterfront District	Finish incomplete Roeder Ave conduit to Waterfront Development (all intersections), after completion install fiber to Waterfront, build a small ISP room	Public Works, Economic Development	3,000,000	Port, State, Federal, Whatcom County EDI	Yes	Yes		
Airport Fiber upgrades	Bellingham International Airport	Install conduit to west side of Airport runway for future development	Public Works, Economic Development	1,000,000	Port, Federal, AIP	No	Yes		
Airport utility upgrades	Bellingham International Airport	Install water, sewer, and electric lines on the west side of airport runway for future development. Wetland mitigation and	Public Works, Economic Development	5,000,000	Port, Federal, AIP	No	Yes		

		environmental impact study may be required							
Shipyards Pier Fender Pile upgrades	Fairhaven Shipyards	Replace fender pile, walers and chocks and upgrade to steel fenders with HDPE sleeves. Plus add 50' of new fender pile walers, chocks and cleats to enhance moorage	Public Works	1,560,000	Port	No	No		
FMIP stormwater improvements, including site improvements	Fairhaven Marine Industrial Park	Design & permit FMIP stormwater improvements, including site improvements and seaview flooding (raise site). Construction costs not included until design completed.	Public Works	620,000	Port	No	No		
Fit-up float	Central Waterfront	Non-exclusive Fit-up Float in I&J Waterway	Public Works	1,251,000	Port	No	No		
Millworks – Pedestrian Bridges	Bellingham Waterfront District	Two pedestrian bridges connecting Bellingham Downtown to the Waterfront district.	Public Works, Housing, Economic Development	4,000,000	EDI, local, state, federal	Yes	Yes	No	2027
Federal Inspection Station	BLI	A federal inspection station for the international arrivals terminal at BLI.	Public Works, Public Safety, Economic Development	15,000,000	EDI, local, state, federal, AIP	TBD	Yes		

New ATC Tower	BLI	A new air traffic control tower at BLI airport.	Public Works, Public Safety, Economic Development	100,000,000	EDI, local, state, federal, AIP	TBD	Yes		
Squalicum Harbor Rebuild (Inner Harbor)	Bellingham Waterfront	A rebuild of the inner harbor.	Public Works, Economic Development	49,400,000	EDI, local, state, federal	TBD	Yes		
PUD #1									
Utilities infrastructure	Various areas, rural Whatcom County	Construct utility infrastructure to support commercial and industrial development, and job creation	Public Works, Economic Development, Job Creation	0	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, Private	No	Yes		
Water supply infrastructure	Various areas, rural Whatcom County	Construct water system infrastructure projects to store, move and use new sources of water to supply water for agriculture, streamflow and municipal purposes	Public Works, Economic Development, Ecosystem Enhancement	25,000,000	Dept of Commerce, Dept of Agriculture, private land owners, Dept of Ecology, PUD	No	Yes	No	
Alternative and renewable energy, water conservation, water reuse	Agriculture operations, dairy farms	Working with dairies and other agricultural operations, develop waste-to-energy and waste-water reclamation projects for electric, gas and clean water production	Renewable Resources, Economic Development, Public Works, Ecosystem Rehab	0	PUD, Dept. of Ecology, Dept. of Commerce, Private	No	Yes		
Electric utility infrastructure	Western Whatcom County	Construct electric service infrastructure to support commercial	Public Works, Economic Development	50,000	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, Private	No	Yes	No	

		and industrial development							
Renewable energy	Various areas of Whatcom County	Construct various types of renewable energy facilities including solar, wind and alternative renewable fuels productions	Public Works, Economic Development, Energy	0	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, Private	No	Yes		
Telecommunications	Rural Whatcom County	Construct fiberoptics and other communication system infrastructure to support economic development, public safety, health systems, and educational systems	Public Works, Economic Development, Public Safety, Public Health, Education	15,000,000	Dept of Commerce, State Broadband office, Federal Broadband funding, CERB, Port of Bellingham, PUD, EDI	Yes	Yes	No	
Sumas									
Howard Bowen Event Complex	Sumas	Demolish existing grandstand and replace it with a new 3,500-spectator grandstand and arena area. Project also includes restrooms, concessions, retractable stage, parking, relocation of two baseball diamonds and development of a new soccer field.	Public Works, Economic Development	2,975,000	State and Local funds, EDI	Yes	Yes	Yes - Phase 1 of 3	2022

Regional Recreational Facility Enhancements	Sumas	Replace bleachers at Sumas Rodeo Grounds and associated fields. Upgrade existing facilities and lighting.	Public Works	700,000	State Grant; Washington Wildlife & Recreational Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	2021
Sumas Avenue Reconstruction	Sumas	Reconstruct Sumas Avenue from Front Street to Garfield Street.	Public Works	2,300,000	STP; City Street Fund	No	Yes	Yes - Phase 1 of 3	2023
Cherry Street and Front Street Crosswalks Upgrade	Sumas	Adding crosswalks and pedestrian crossing signals to existing roadway intersections on Cherry Street (SR 9) and Front St (SR 547)	Public Works	200,000	State and Local funds, EDI	Yes	Yes		
Whatcom Council of Governments									
Whatcom Smart Trips	Whatcom County	Funding for countywide program to reduce travel demand through the use of walking, bicycling, carpooling and transit.	Economic Development	100,000	Federal, State and local funds	Yes	Yes	-	-
International Mobility and Trade Corridor Program (IMTC)	Whatcom County, State of Washington, British Columbia, Canada and U.S.	Funding for IMTC, a coalition of U.S. and Canadian government and business entities that identifies and promotes improvements to mobility and security for the four border crossings that connect	Planning	100,000	Federal, State and local funds (IMTC has received funding from the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian federal government to provide local	Yes	Yes	-	-

		Whatcom County and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.			matching funds for U.S. federal grants)				
Whatcom County									
Atwood Road Culvert Replacement Project	Ferndale	Culvert replacement project	Public Works	600,000	EDI	Yes	Yes		
Courthouse exterior	Whatcom County Courthouse	Repair failing roof and exterior	Public Works	6,000,000	EDI, REET I	Yes	Yes		
State Street remodel	1500 North State Street	WayStation Project	Public Works	9,467,000	Federal, state, local grants, EDI	Yes	Yes		
Civic Center remodel	322 N. Commercial Street	Remodel for reorganization	Public Works	7,700,000	Civic Center Fund	No	Yes		
Girard Street repair	509 Girard Street	Repair and upgrade building	Public Works	511,000	EDI	Yes	Yes		
New Jail	Whatcom County	Construct new jail	Public Works, Public Safety	87,000,000	Bonds	No	Yes		
New Sheriff's Office	Whatcom County	Construct new Sheriff's office	Public Works, Public Safety	13,000,000	REET I	No	Yes		
Existing jail remodel	Public Safety Building	New dayholding facility, life and safety improvements	Public Works, Public Safety	7,000,000	General Fund	No	No		

South Fork Park Development Complex	Acme	Trail and trailhead development (parking, bridges, restroom, paths) incl. Nessel Farm	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	3,000,000	REET II, Park Improvement Fund, state grant	No	Yes		
Birch Bay Beach Park Development	Birch Bay	Construct new waterfront park with restroom facility	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	5,441,000	REET II, EDI, capital funds, federal, state, local grants	Yes	Yes		
Plantation Range post remediation Capital Improvements	Plantation Rifle Range	Exterior building and parking improvements, redevelopment incl lead capture and containment	Public Works, Park & Rec	2,000,000	REET I, REET II, EDI, state grant	Yes	Yes		
Silver Lake Park Improvements	Silver Lake Park	Utilities, road, day-use area, campground, restroom improvements	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	4,575,000	REET II	Yes	Yes		
Emergency Management Radio System	Whatcom County	Whatcom County Integrated Public Radio Network Project builds a public safety radio system for use by all first responder agencies in Whatcom County, its political subdivisions, and interoperability with regional partners.	Public Works, Public Safety, Telecommunications	6,000,000	\$1 million invested, REET I, EDI, state and federal grants	Yes	Yes		
Lake Whatcom Watershed Trail Development	Lookout Mtn Forest Preserve and Lake Whatcom Park	Implement next phase of the 2026 Lookout Mtn Forest Preserve and Lake Whatcom Recreational Trail Plan (inc. trail development	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	6,300,000	REET II, state grant, donations	Yes	Yes		

		and parking improvements)							
East Whatcom Regional Resource Center infrastructure improvements	Kendall	Parking and ADA access improvements, exterior facility improvements	Public Works, Parks & Rec	500,000	REET I	Yes	Yes		
Selder Road	Birch Bay	Drainage improvement	Public Works	110,000	BBWARM, REET I	No	Yes		
Smith Road / Northwest Road roundabout	Whatcom County	Install roundabout	Public Works	5,000,000	Road Fund	No	Yes		
BBWARM Lora Lane	Birch Bay	Drainage and water quality improvement	Public Works	2,100,000	BBWARM, REET II	No	Yes	Yes	
BBWARM Wooldridge/Hillsdale	Birch Bay	Drainage and water quality improvement	Public Works	2,100,000	BBWARM, REET	No	Yes	No	
Eagle Ridge	Lake Whatcom	Drainage and water quality improvement	Public Works	1,200,000	LWSU, REET	No	Yes	No	
Austin Court Stormwater	Whatcom County	Stormwater improvements	Public Works	740,000	LWSU/REET	No	No	No	
Sudden Valley stormwater	Lake Whatcom	Stormwater improvements	Public Works	640,000	REET II	No	Yes	No	
Relocate morgue	Whatcom County	Relocate and replace morgue	Public Works	2,000,000	REET	No	Yes		
NW Annex	Whatcom County	Building replacement	Public Works	8,388,000	EDI	Yes	No		
Maple Falls Community Park Development	Maple Falls Park	Construct restrooms, parking, trailhead improvements	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	1,025,000	REET II, state grants	Yes	Yes		
Lighthouse Marine Park Launch	Point Roberts	Repair boat launch (2018 storm damage)	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	50,000	REET II	No	No		
Hovander Park Roadway & Access Improvements	Hovander Park Homestead	Road and parking lot improvements	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	2,430,000	REET II, state grants	No	Yes		

Hovander Homestead Regional Park Master Plan Implementation	Hovander Park Homestead	Road, path and parking, facility renovations, shelter, restrooms, playground facilities	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	5,100,000	EDI, REET 11, state grants, LTAC	Yes	No		
Birch Bay-Lynden Road / Blaine Road Intersection	Whatcom County	Construct roundabout	Public Works	4,300,000	Road Fund, federal grant	No	Yes	No	
Pavement Rehabilitation	Whatcom County	Replace arterial road surfaces on four commercially important routes	Public Routes	6,500,000	Road Fund, state or federal pass through	No	Yes	No	
Marine Drive Bike & Pedestrian Facilities-Phase 2	Whatcom County	Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety between Locust and Alderwood; improve recreational access	Public Works	3,000,000	Road Fund, EDI, state or federal grant	Yes	Yes	No	
Slater Road / I-5 Interchange improvements	Slater Road	Construct five roundabouts on Slater Road at its intersections with Northwest Road, Pacific Highway, northbound and southbound I-5 on ramps, Rural Avenue to improve channelization and stop control	Public Works	30,000,000	Federal, state, local funds; developer contributions	No	Yes		
Ferry Replacement and Terminal Improvements	Whatcom County	Ferry redesign, terminal permitting, funding package	Public Works	51,900,000	State, Road Fund, MAW, MIRAD	No	Yes	No	

Birch Bay Vogt Community Library	Birch Bay	Construct building, parking	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	3,000,000	EDI, REET I	Yes	No		
Hovander Maintenance Building	Hovander Park Homestead	Construct regional operations and maintenance building	Public Works, Parks	2,540,000	EDI, REET II	Yes	No		
Wayfinding Project	Whatcom County	Countywide signage project	Economic Development	2,754,000	EDI, LTAC	Yes	Yes		
Public Defense 1st Floor Project	Whatcom County	First Flood Tenant Improvement	Public Works	200,000	REET/EDI	Yes	Yes		
Assessors Remodel	Whatcom County	Tenant Improvement	Public Works	200,000	REET/EDI	Yes	Yes		
ADA Courtroom	Whatcom County	Tenant Improvement	Public Works	300,000	REET	No	Yes		
Williamson Way	Whatcom County	Repair	Public Works	200,000	REET	No	Yes		
General Govt Office Space	Bellingham	Acquire new office building	Public Works	4,000,000	REET	Yes	Yes		
Prosecuting Attorney Remodel	Bellingham	Tenant Improvement	Public Works	350,000	REET	No	Yes		
Security Equipment Refresh	Bellingham	Tenant Improvement	Public Works	250,000	REET	No	Yes		
23 Hour Crisis Relief	Whatcom County	Short Term Treatment and Care Facility	Public Works	14,000,000	State (Commerce), Opioid Settlement, REET, EDI	Yes	Yes		
5 th Superior Court Room	Whatcom County	New courtroom in courthouse	Public Works	1,500,000	State, REET	No	Yes		
Courthouse Parking Lot Resurfacing	Whatcom County	Re-pave courthouse parking lot	Public Works	205,000	REET, EDI	Yes	Yes		
Swift Creek Capital Maintenance	Whatcom County	Ongoing maintenance long term	Public Works	35,000,000	State	No	Yes	No	
2021 Flood Damage Repair Projects	Whatcom County	Drayton Harbor, Manley, Sunset, Beach, Island	Public Works	8,000,000	FEMA, Road Fund	No	Yes	No	

Fish Passage Projects	Whatcom County	Multiple locations, design level only	Public Works	7,000,000	AOP, FBRB, Road Fund	No	Yes	No	
ADA Barrier Removal Projects	Whatcom County	Countywide per year expenditure in perpetuity	Public Works	250,000	Road Fund	No	Yes	No	
Birch Point Road Improvements	Birch Bay	Stormwater and outfall improvements	Public Works	970,000	BBWARM / REET	No	Yes	No	
Acme Woody Revetment Repair	Acme	Revetment repair	Public Works	1,096,000	FCZD, FEMA, state	No	Yes	No	
Abbott Levee	Whatcom County	Levee protection and improvement	Public Works	3,019,500	FCZD, Road Fund	No	Yes	No	
Dahlberg Wetland Mitigation Site	Whatcom County	Wetland mitigation site	Public Works	2,854,500	FCZD	No	Yes	No	
Hudson Road Bridge #132	Whatcom County	Bridge replacement	Public Works	5,993,000	FEMA, FCZD, state, Road Fund	No	Yes	No	
Glacier-Gallup Alluvial Fan	Whatcom County	Alluvial fan replacement	Public Works	5,000,000	FbD grant, FCZD	No	Yes	No	
Ferndale Levee Improvement	Whatcom County	Levee improvements	Public Works	20,203,000	City of Ferndale, FbD grant, FCZD	No	Yes	No	
Floodplain Acquisition	Whatcom County	Floodplain acquisition	Public Works	5,000,000	FbD Grant, Commerce Grant, FEMA/CBDG, FCZD	No	Yes	NA	
Marietta Acquisition	Whatcom County	Marietta acquisition	Public Works	125,000		No		NA	
High Creek Sediment Trap	Whatcom County	High Creek sediment trap	Public Works	120,000	FCZD	No	Yes	No	
Central Shop Fuel Tanks	Whatcom County	Central Shop fuel tank removal	Public Works	2,241,000	Road Fund	No	No	No	
Central Shop Stormwater	Whatcom County	Central Shop stormwater improvements	Public Works	2,614,000	Road Fund, ER&R Fund	No	No	Yes	
Bay to Baker Multimodal Path	Kendall to Glacier	Multimodal path construction (10 miles)	Public Works, Parks & Rec, Tourism	10,000,000	REET II, EDI, state and federal grants, donations	Yes	Yes		

Samish Park Development	Dittrich Park, Samish Lake	New park development adjacent to Samish Lake	Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Tourism	5,100,000	EDI, REET II, state grant, donations	Yes	Yes		
Governor's Point Trailhead	Governor's Point	New park development (trailhead incl. parking and restroom facilities)	Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Tourism	1,345,000	REET II, EDI	Yes	Yes		
WC Parks Administrative Office	Whatcom County	Replace boiler and furnace with new HVAC system, tenant improvements to support staffing needs	Public Works, Parks & Rec	1,160,000	REET I, EDI	Yes	Yes		
WC Wetland Mitigation Bank	Whatcom County	Funding for a countywide wetland mitigation bank	Public Works, Economic Development	TBD	EDI, state, federal	Yes	Yes		
WCFD Admin Headquarters	Ferndale	Facility to support current and future needs of Admin HQ, in preparation to vacate St. 41 (future response station)	Public Works, Public Safety	\$5,000,000	Federal, state, local grants, Fire Impact Fees	TBD	Yes		
WCFD Regional Training Facility	Ferndale	Training facility to support regional agencies in training for a variety of disciplines	Public Works, Public Safety	\$15,500,000	Federal, state, local grants, Fire Impact Fees	TBD	Yes		
WCFD St. 43 Sprinkler System	Bellingham	Replacement of outdated and failing fire sprinkler system	Public Works, Public Safety	\$170,000	Department Operational Budget	TBD	Yes		
WCFD St. 45 Upgrade	Ferndale	Update and expand aging facility to support growth and NE corner of the city and district	Public Works, Public Safety, Economic Development	\$5,000,000	Federal, state, local grants, Fire Impact Fees	TBD	Yes		
WCFD St. 46 Improvements	Ferndale	Remodel and updates to aging facility	Public Works, Public Safety	\$500,000	Federal, state, local grants, Fire Impact Fees	TBD	Yes		

WCFD Support / Maintenance Facility	Ferndale	Facility to support maintenance and support division, in preparation to vacate St. 41 (future response station)	Public Works, Public Safety	\$500,000	Federal, state, local grants	TBD	Yes		
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