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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
Through: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director
From: Andy Bowler, Maintenance and Operations Superintendent
Gina Miller, Maintenance and Operations Assistant Superintendent
Date: December 07, 2021
Re: Interlocal Agreement - City of Bellingham
Joint Usage of the Vactor Waste Transfer Facility

- **Requested Action**

Enclosed for your review is one Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County Public Works and City of Bellingham for Vactor Waste Facility Use.

- **Background and Purpose**

Street wastes for all users of the City of Bellingham Vactor Waste Transfer Facility have increased due to NPDES/Stormwater environmental requirements and must be disposed in a sanitary facility given it being classified as a "special waste" which means "wastes collected from roadway and normal maintenance activities such as sweepings, cleanings from storm drainage systems and the like". In 2020, the Maintenance & Operations division disposed of a total of 1,121.12 tons of vactor waste.

Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham first entered into an Interlocal Agreement, dated November 5, 2001 (Whatcom County Contract 200110028, City Contract 2001-0295) to establish the terms and conditions under which they mutually agreed to provide funding for the joint installation, maintenance and operation of a beneficial re-use facility for street waste over a ten-year period. A "beneficial re-use facility" per Section 2.01 of this 2001 contract is defined as "a special waste handling facility designed for the specific intent of providing a place where street waste materials collected are processed, therein rendering the material suitable for re-use, recycling, or composting according to regulatory guidelines". Whatcom County contributed \$150,000 and the City of Bellingham contributed \$450,000 towards constructing the vactor waste facility.

The latest agreement was approved on February 14, 2018 (Whatcom County Contract 201602026-2) with subsequent contract renewals running through December 31, 2021. If approved, this will be a new contract with five contractually allowed annual renewals.