



# Memorandum

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

**Through:** Jon Hutchings, Director *EaK*

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

**Date:** October 31, 2022

**Re:** **Ordinance - Installation of Stop Signs on Bay Rd at the Intersection with Valley View Rd**

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## Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to install stop signs for eastbound and westbound traffic on Bay Road at the intersection with Valley View Road.

## Background and Purpose

Following an Engineering Study, the County Engineer has determined that at this location a road user, after stopping, cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop. It has been determined that this is due to substandard intersection sight distance for northbound traffic on Valley View Road to make a left turn movement to westbound Bay Rd and for southbound traffic on Valley View Road to make both left turn and right turn movements to eastbound and westbound Bay Road, respectively, and will require stop control.

## Information

This ordinance will allow for the installation of stop signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 36.32.120 *Powers of legislative authorities* and 46.61.200 *Stop intersections other than arterials may be designated* to install traffic control signs.

Please contact Douglas Ranney II, Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 if you have any questions regarding this ordinance.