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Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

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

Date: March 2, 2022

Re: **Ordinance for Removal of a School Speed Zone on Hannegan Road**

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to remove a School Speed Zone on Hannegan Road from 500 feet north of Ten Mile Road to E. Hemmi Road.

Background and Purpose

In conjunction with the Meridian School District and Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit, Whatcom County Public Works is proposing to remove the "35 Miles Per Hour, When Children are Present" School Speed Zone on Hannegan Road. The removal of this school speed zone, where no children walk or bike, would allow for more free flowing traffic and greater clarity for drivers. The Meridian School District offers bussing to all students under the Safe Routes to Schools program and the district has determined that there are no safe walk/bike routes for students living within the normal one mile radius walk/bike zone. The School District Superintendent has provided a letter of support for this change. Additionally, Sgt. Kevin Moyes, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Traffic Sergeant has provided a memo of support.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the removal of school zone speed limit signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 46.61.440 to establish school speed zones on certain County roads.

Please contact Douglas Ranney II, P.E., Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 with any questions regarding this ordinance.

Enclosure: Meridian School District Letter of Support
WCSO – Hannegan Rd School Zone Removal Memo