



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 *JPK*

Date: February 11, 2022

Re: South Pass Road – 2022 Emergency Slide Repair; WO# 22541
Ordinance for Temporary Installation of Stop Signs

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to install temporary stop signs on South Pass Road until the road repairs for the slope failure are complete.

Background and Purpose

Due to severe weather and heavy rains, a portion of South Pass Road from 707 feet east of North Pass Road to 1010 feet east of North Pass Road, experienced a slope failure during the November/December events of 2021, requiring a full road closure. Temporary repairs will soon be completed, requiring a one-lane roadway configuration with stop control at each end. The permanent repairs are projected to be completed sometime later in 2022, following confirmation that the roadway is stable, returning the roadway back to full width and two-way traffic. The temporary stop signs will be removed at the completion of the permanent repair work.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the installation of stop signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 46.61.200 and RCW 47.36.110 to install traffic control signs.

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