



## MEMORANDUM

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

**Through:** Jon Hutchings, Director *eah* SIGN FOR DIRECTOR

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

**Date:** September 16, 2020

**Re:** Ordinance Establishing Speed Limits on Marine Drive

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### Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH on Marine Drive, from 1000 feet east of Locust Avenue to Old Marine Drive, Sections 15, 22, and 23, Township 38 North, Range 2 East, W.M. and 30 MPH on Marine Drive from Old Marine Drive to Bancroft Road, Sections 15 and 16, Township 38 North, Range 2 East, W.M.

### Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Public Work received a petition from local residents of the Fort Bellingham neighborhood on 7/17/2020, along with a letter of support from the Whatcom County Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee and commenced an engineering study of the speed limits on Marine Drive. It was determined through this study that the speed limits should be lowered as stated above. This speed limit reduction is supported by the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office.

### Information

This ordinance is necessary to comply with RCW 46.61.415 – authority to establish speed limits on county roads.

Please contact Jim Karcher at extension 6271 with any questions regarding this ordinance.