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MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

From: Brett Piepel, Assistant Superintendent, Equipment Services

Prepared By: Kyle DeVries, Purchasing / Stores Lead

Date: May 7, 2025

RE: Interlocal agreement with WSDOT for material testing

- **Requested Action**

Enclosed for your review is an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County Public Works and Washington State Department of Transportation for material inspection and testing. This interlocal would remain in effect for 10 years after the agreement is finalized.

- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County has been using WSDOT for material testing for many years pursuant to Interlocal agreement 9906001, however this agreement was signed in 1999 and WSDOT has requested an updated agreement. Although this agreement will be primarily used for the testing of materials used for Bituminous Surface Treatment (BST), we also request approval to use this agreement for other material testing as needed for Maintenance and Operations. It is the wish of both parties to enter in to this interlocal agreement to establish the terms and conditions under which this service is offered.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

These are regularly budgeted expenditures for material testing as part of our BST program budget, which are used on an as needed basis, and have been budgeted during the 2025-2026 budget process. Total Expenditures for this agreement will not exceed \$100,000 over the 10-year term of this agreement

- **Recommended Action**

Please approve this interlocal agreement and forward to the Executive and County Council for approval. Please contact Kyle DeVries at extension 6408 if you have any questions or concerns.