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Memorandum

Date: March 27, 2025
To: County Council
From: Cliff Strong, Senior Planner
Through: Mark Personius, Director
Re: Adoption of the 2025-2029 Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan

RCW 70A.15.4020(1) requires that Whatcom County (among others) "shall adopt a commute trip reduction plan and ordinance for major employers in the affected urban growth area by a date specified by the commute trip reduction board." RCW 70A.15.4020(5) requires that such plans be annually reviewed, and updated as necessary to be consistent with applicable plans developed under RCW 36.70A.070 (Growth Management Act).

Whatcom County last adopted its CTR plan in 1999 (Ord. 99-016). Given that conditions have changed since then, the Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) has updated it, and WSDOT recently approved it. Public review of the plan was conducted by WCOG, as described on page 8 of the plan.

Introduction of an ordinance adopting the new 2025-2029 Commute Trip Reduction Plan is scheduled for April 15, with a public hearing scheduled for April 29, 2025.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at cstrong@co.whatcom.wa.us or 360.778.5942.