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MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

From: Jim Karcher, County Engineer *JK*

CC: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JK* for Jon H
Doug Ranney, Engineering Manager *DR*

Date: June 15, 2021

Re: Community Requested Revision to the Birch Bay Golf Cart Zone Boundary

Public Works was recently contacted by the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce with a request for modifications to the Birch Bay Golf Cart Zone ("Zone"). Public Works often assists the Birch Bay community with facilitation of community driven solutions and brings this request to the Committee for consideration.

The current request from the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce consists of eliminating the Zone on Bay Road, east of Jackson Road out to Halibut Drive and extending the limits of the Zone on Alderson Road from Parkland Drive to Gemini Street.

Doralee Booth of the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce requests the opportunity to address Council during this discussion session.

The Zone was established on May 22, 2018 with a sunset date of October 31, 2019 and then reauthorized in perpetuity on October 22, 2019. No revisions were made to the extents of the Zone at the time of reauthorization.

The Committee may elect to direct Public Works to investigate the effects of these revisions through a traffic study (6-8 month completion timeframe), determine necessary revisions to traffic operations, create ordinances for consideration, engage the community through public outreach and/or make a recommendation for or against implementation.

Public Works requests direction from the Committee on how to proceed with this matter.