

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: September 29, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATING THE  
APPENDIX OF THE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGY (CEDS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Reform Act of 1998 identifies a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as a requirement to apply for assistance under the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) economic adjustment and public works program; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 105-393, implemented in 1999, amends the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and re-authorizes Economic Development Administration Programs for five years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Whatcom Council of Governments, through an interlocal agreement with the county, completed the work to update the document; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2015 the County Council officially adopted the 2015 Whatcom County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as the County's interim overall economic development plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on annual basis the Port of Bellingham will update the appendix to add, remove or revise projects on the list to reflect new county priorities and updated community plans or priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 82.14.370 requires that projects utilizing rural sales tax revenue must be contained in the County's overall economic development plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council hereby accepts the updated appendix as submitted by the Whatcom Council of Governments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council officially adopts the 2020 update to the 2015 Whatcom County Economic Development Strategy Appendix.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED as to form:

Christopher Quinn per 9/14/20 email  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor