



Elizabeth Kosa  
Director

# Memorandum

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

**Through:** Elizabeth Kosa, Director [DWR for EK](#)

**Through:** Douglas W. Ranney II, P.E., County Engineer [DWR](#)

**From:** Christina Schoenfelder, P.E., River & Flood Engineering Supervisor

**Date:** February 20, 2024

**Re:** **Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Closure of Truck Road**

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## Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to temporarily close Truck Road, from Deal Road to Mosquito Lake Road.

## Background and Purpose

In 2020 the County received Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funding to repair a section of Truck Road that was damaged during the Superbowl 2020 flood. The November 2021 flooding exacerbated erosion at this site and an emergency project was constructed. A second phase of work is necessary to conduct remaining repairs to the road and provide required environmental mitigation. This project will also provide all of the required additional environmental mitigation including road realignment and repairs. All work is eligible for funding through the FEMA Public Assistance program.

The project is listed on the capital budget appropriation list approved by the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors as Exhibit B to the 2024 Flood Budget.

Truck Road will need to be closed to construct the project this summer. The detour is anticipated to be in place from June through the end of November 2024. Following the completion of construction, the closure will expire, the signs will be removed and the roadway reopened.

## Information

This ordinance will allow for the installation of road closed signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 36.32.120 to close certain County roads.

For additional information, please see Whatcom County Public Works New Flash:

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=4257>

Please contact Christina Schoenfelder, P.E., River and Flood Engineering Supervisor at extension 6274 with any questions regarding this ordinance.