



Jon Hutchings
Director

Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., Interim County Engineer *JPK*
Michael J. Donahue, P.E., Engineering Manager *MJD*

Date: March 11, 2020

Re: Horizontal Alignment Advisory Speed Review Project, Work Order #20618
Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus

Enclosed for your review and signature are two (2) originals of the Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the above-referenced project.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into the attached Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus with WSDOT to receive federal funding for this project.

Please keep one original of the Project Prospectus for your files and return the other original to my office as it requires no signatures from WSDOT. Please return **both** originals of the Local Agency Agreement to my office for further processing. We will return a fully executed original once they are signed by WSDOT.

Background and Purpose

Current posted horizontal alignment advisory speeds have never been systematically reviewed. With guidance from the most recent Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, all horizontal alignment advisory speeds within Whatcom County will be evaluated. This Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus are required to obligate federal funds so that this planning level study can be performed.

Funding Amount and Source

Whatcom County has been awarded \$99,700.00 in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds for this project. These federal funds require a 10% local match, which brings the total project cost to \$110,778. This Local Agency Agreement obligates \$110,778 in planning level funds (\$99,700 federal, \$11,078 local). Local Funds are within existing budget for the traffic section, cost center 10854.

Please contact Mike Donahue at extension 6250 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.