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**MEMORANDUM**

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *LBF* 5/22/24

From: Andrew Hester, Real Estate Coordinator

Date: May 21, 2024

Re: Resolution to Declare Whatcom County Real Property as Surplus and Approve Transfer

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Enclosed is a resolution requesting the approval of the surplus and transfer of Whatcom County real property to the Lummi Nation.

**Requested Action**

Public Works respectfully requests that the Whatcom County Council hold a public hearing and take action on the proposed resolution to approve the surplus and transfer of Whatcom County real property.

**Background and Purpose**

Per RCW 36.34.130 and Whatcom County Code 1.10.340, the Whatcom County Property Management Committee has recommended the surplus and transfer of Whatcom County real property, tax parcel number 390109 183088 0000, to the Lummi Nation, subject to recording a conservation easement on the property. The property was purchased for mitigation for the Birch Bay Drive and Pedestrian Facility Project. A requirement of the mitigation is for a conservation easement to be recorded on the title of the property. The conservation easement prohibits any future development of the property. The property was appraised and the property was valued at \$125,000 as encumbered by the conservation easement. However, it has been evaluated by Public Works and it has been determined that it has no further utility or value to Public Works as encumbered by the conservation easement and would be mutually beneficially for the property to be transferred to the Lummi Nation for no consideration.

**Funding Amount and Source**

The property would be transferred to the Lummi Nation for mutual benefits and no consideration will be paid.

Please contact me at extension 6216 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this resolution.

Encl.