



Whatcom County
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

2019 Project List

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Project Name	Location	Description of Project	Project Type	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Source(s)
WHATCOM COUNTY					
Courthouse Exterior	Whatcom County Courthouse	Repair failing roof and exterior	Public Works	6,000,000	EDI, REET I
State Street Remodel	1500 North State St.	Remodel for reorganization	Public Works	5,500,000	EDI/State St. Fund
Civic Center Remodel	322 N. Commercial	Remodel for reorganization	Public Works	7,700,000	Civic Center Fund
Girard Street Repair	509 Girard Street	Repair and upgrade building	Public Works	511,000	EDI
New Jail	Whatcom Co.	Construct new jail	Public Works	87,000,000	Bonds
New Sheriff's Office	Whatcom Co.	Construct new Sheriff's Office	Public Works	13,000,000	REET I
Existing Jail Remodel	Public Safety Building	New dayholding facility and Life and Safety Improvements	Public Works	7,000,000	General Fund
Mental Health Triage Center	Whatcom County		Public Works	7,000,000	EDI, Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund, North Sound BHO, Federal, State and local grants
Whatcom County Emergency Operations Center Building	Whatcom County	Office space improvement	Public Works	150,000	REET I
South Fork Park Development	Whatcom County	Bridges and trail development	Public Works	1,050,000	REET II, Park Improvement Fund, State grant
Birch Bay Beach Park Development	Whatcom County	Construct new waterfront park/recreation and tourism	Public Works	4,750,000	REET II, EDI, Grants, Capital Funds
Plantation Range HVAC and Roof	Plantation Range	Replace HVAC and roof, make improvements to building	Public Works	900,000	REET I, State grant, EDI, REET II
Silver Lake Park Improvements	Silver Lake Park	Utility, road, day-use, campground, restroom improvements	Public Works	7,772,000	REET II
Emergency Management Radio System	Countywide	A complete system design for a new public safety radio system for law enforcement, fire and EMS	Telecommunications	6,500,000	EDI, REET I, State grants
Nesset Farm House Restoration	Nesset Farm	Restore historical home, restroom building	Public Works	690,000	Nesset Foundation
Lake Whatcom Trails	Lake Whatcom Park	Trail development	Public Works	4,000,000	State grant, donations, REET II
East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Expansion Project	Kendall	Expand facility to include food bank distribution center and additional multi-use space	Public Works	2,300,000	State grants, REET I

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Selder Road	Birch Bay	Drainage improvement	Public Works	110,000	BBWARM, REET II
Smith Road/Northwest Road Roundabout	Whatcom County	Install roundabout	Public Works	5,000,000	Road Fund
Canyon Lake Community Forest	Whatcom County	Access road repair	Public Works	135,000	REET II
Lake Whatcom Park	Whatcom County	Construct trailhead and amenities including parking, shelter and restrooms	Public Works	2,305,000	REET II, State grants
Birch Bay Drive Pedestrian Facility	Birch Bay Drive	This is a 1.58 mile separate berm to provide soft-shore erosion protection, habitat enhancement, and to encourage pedestrian use along Birch Bay Drive.	Public Works	10,694,000	Federal grant, RF, EDI, Flood, BBWARM, REET II
BBWARM Harborview Road	Harborview Road	Culvert replacement	Public Works	95,000	REET II
BBWARM Outfalls	Birch Bay	Drainage improvement	Public Works	300,000	BBWARM, REET II
Beaver Creek	Sudden Valley	This project will restore and repair eroded sections of Beaver Creek to reduce sediment from entering Lake Whatcom.	Public Works	565,000	REET II
Law Library & Elections Relocation	Whatcom Co. Courthouse	Renovate and reconfigure Law Library to accommodate Elections Room	Public Works	331,000	REET I
Sudden Valley	Lk. Whatcom	Stormwater improvements	Public Works	640,000	REET II
Relocate Morgue	Whatcom Co.	Relocate and Replace Morgue Building	Public Works	2,000,000	REET
NW Annex	Whatcom Co.	Building Replacement/Repair	Public Works	8,388,000	EDI
Maple Falls Park & Trail Corridor	Whatcom County	Construct restrooms, parking and trail improvements	Public Works	900,000	REET II, State grants
Lighthouse Marine Park Launch	Whatcom Co.	Repair Boat Launch (2018 damages)	Public Works	\$50,000	REET II
Hovander Park Roadway & Access Improvements	Hovander Homestead Park	Road and parking lot improvements	Public Works	2,430,000	REET II, State grants
Hovander Park Farm Animal Exhibit	Hovander Homestead Park	Reconstruct farm animal exhibit	Public Works	240,000	REET II, Donations
Birch Bay-Lynden/Blain Road Intersection	Whatcom County	Construct Roundabout	Public Works	5,000,000	Road Fund, Federal Grant
Marine Drive Bike Pedestrian Facilities	Whatcom County	Improve Bicycle and pedestrian safety between Locust and Alderwood; Improve recreational access	Public Works	3,000,000	Road Fund, Federal Grant, EDI
Slater Road/I-5 Interchange Improvements	Slater Road	Construct five roundabouts on Slater Road at its intersections with Northwest Road, Pacific Highway, northbound and southbound I-5 on-ramps and Rural Avenue to improve channelization and stop control.	Public Works	30,000,000	Federal, State and local funds; Developer contributions

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CITY OF BELLINGHAM					
Railroad Safety Improvements	Bellingham	Includes safety improvements to at-grade rail crossings and elimination of other at-grade crossings throughout the City.	Public Works	5,000,000	EDI, Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes, Vehicle Reg. Fees, Sales Tax, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
City Center Parking Project	Bellingham	Planning and implementation of parking improvements to increase parking inventory to meet current and projected demand in support of a comprehensive district redevelopment project.	Planning and Public Works	8,100,000	EDI, general or revenue obligation bonds
City Center Redevelopment	Bellingham	Redevelop through partnerships or other methods, 600 West Holly Street, other city-owned properties or chronic vacant buildings into a mixed use development compatible with the sub-area plans in an effort to spur additional private sector development to increase housing and job opportunities.	Planning and Public Works	10,000,000	EDI, Targeted grants, CDBG, HOME, HUD 108 and other Federal, State, local and private funds
City Center and Urban Village Infrastructure	Bellingham	Construct critical infrastructure in Bellingham's Downtown, Old Town and Waterfront Districts and other urban villages, including streets, parks and utilities.	Parks & Public Works	20,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Greenways Levy, Private Funds, Park Impact Fees, LIFT, Street and Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Regional Wetland and Stormwater Facilities	Bellingham	Explore regional wetland alternatives such as "mitigation bank" programs and regional stormwater facilities when they can provide equal or better treatment to on-site facilities	Public Works	5,000,000	EDI, Private funds, and Federal, State and local funding sources
West Horton Road	Bellingham and Whatcom County	West Horton Road is an important east-west connection in the City's UGA.	Public Works	5,000,000 (Bellingham) 15,000,000 (Whatcom County)	EDI, Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes, Vehicle Registration Fees, Sales Tax, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources

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Major Recreational Facility	Bellingham	Provide parking and visitor facilities for a major mountain biking destination.	Parks	2,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Greenways Levy, Private Funds, Parking Impact Fees, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Waterfront District Specific Utilities	Bellingham	Provide infrastructure for district utilities for more efficient heating, irrigation, Encogen heat capture, and potential hydropower generation.	Public Works	6,000,000	EDI, Private funds, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Mount Baker Theater Improvements	Bellingham	Building preservation and capital improvements	Public Works	3,000,000	EDI, Private, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
CITY OF BLAINE					
Improved Interstate Highway Access and Railroad Overpass – Interchange 274	Northwest Whatcom County and Pacific Highway Border Crossing	This project implements the FHWA/WSDOT-approved Interchange Justification Report improving I-5 access at Exit 274 by eliminating railroad crossing-generated traffic delays. Exit 274 serves as alternate access to truck border crossing, and as a critical access point to South Blaine, Semiahmoo and Birch Bay.	Public Works and Economic Development	24,000,000	STBG Regional Funds, TIGER Grant Funding, WSDOT, TIB, Developer Contributions
Boblett Street and SR 543 (Truck Route) Signalization Improvements	Blaine and Pacific Highway Border Crossing	This is the first intersection on northbound SR 543 and is the primary corridor for all cross-border freight traffic. The Boblett/SR 543 intersection has several challenges, including the signal itself, which is an antiquated span wire requiring frequent repair, and the close proximity of the Yew Avenue frontage road. This project improves channelization in the form of a right-in/right-out-only access to Yew Avenue, and construction of a roundabout at Boblett Court. Continuation of the 10-foot wide multipurpose sidewalk from the west side of SR 543 will be built for bicycle and pedestrian safety. Boblett St. serves the industrial zone to the east and the Blaine K-12 school complex.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,200,000	STBG Regional Funds, WSDOT, TIB

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SR 543 Widening On-ramp to H Street R3, Boblett to H Street	Blaine and Pacific Highway Border Crossing	Project adds an additional northbound truck lane to SR 543. This lane would add capacity to alleviate severe queue length which backs onto I-5 multiple times a month at the border. It would also provide capability for TDM solutions such as dynamic lane assignment at the Boblett intersection.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,500,000	STBG Regional Funds, WSDOT, TIB
Peace Portal West Alley	Blaine	Develop alley access to west side properties along Peace Portal Drive in downtown Blaine along an existing easement. Enhances development potential for properties that have limited access. Improves downtown economic potential and retains pedestrian-friendly retail opportunities by allowing delivery and parking access to lower level of properties.	Public Works and Economic Development	250,000	Local, CERB, Developer
Mitchell Avenue/H Street Signalization	Blaine	Traffic signal installation to improve safety and congestion at this location. Serves arterial connection between mid-point of H Street and Peace Portal Drive.	Public Works	750,000	STBG Regional Funds, TIB, Developer Contributions
Marine Drive Improvements, Phase 3	Blaine and Port of Bellingham	Marine Drive Phase 3 will improve the section east of Marine Park, which serves the Port's Industrial Commercial area and the Public Pier. This project restores a badly deteriorated seawall on the south and enhances the riprap on the north. It also includes the addition of a pedestrian boardwalk to link Marine Park to the public Fisherman's Pier.	Public Works and Economic Development	2,300,000	STBG Regional Funds, TIB
Harvey Road/Sweet Road Transmission Improvements (18" Line)	Blaine and Northwestern Whatcom County	Upgrade potable water line capacity outside city limits serving portions of NW Whatcom county within the Blaine Water Service Area. This line will also provide capacity/water quality to existing customers. The service area is completely exempt from the Hirst decision.	Public Works	2,500,000	DOE Centennial Funds, USDA-RD Grant/Loan, PWTF
New 630' Zone Reservoir (East Blaine) and Booster Pump Station, Phases 1 & 2	Blaine	New reservoir establishing new high pressure zone to increase storage capacity and provide adequate pressure to underserved areas and residential/commercial development of east Blaine.	Public Works	7,000,000	DOE Centennial Funds, USDA-RD Grant/Loan, PWTF

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Regional Stormwater Retention Facility for Gateway District	Blaine	The City of Blaine manufacturing area consists of a number of small (2-7 acre) sites that are fully served with City utilities. This project provides a regional stormwater facility and associated conveyance piping to mitigate the stormwater impacts on industrially-zoned properties to encourage manufacturing interests to locate in Blaine and create jobs.	Public Works and Economic Development	2,000,000	EDI Grant, PWTF, Developer Contributions
Peace Portal Boardwalk – Connection Between H and G Street Plazas	Blaine	Construction of a pedestrian boardwalk along the marine bluff of the downtown district in order to capitalize on the unique shoreline location and rich commercial fishing history.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,000,000	EDA/City of Blaine, CZM, Ground Fish Grant, Other Federal/State/Local
Pedestrian Bridge from the Wharf District to Downtown Business District (H Street Plaza)	Blaine and Port of Bellingham	Design and construct a pedestrian bridge crossing the BNSF rail lines (existing easement) to link the Peace Portal Boardwalk with the Wharf District. Connects marina, marine recreational and historical fishing area to the downtown business district, uniquely situated on an overlooking marine bluff. This is a priority project in the joint City/Port Wharf District Master Plan.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,500,000	EDA/City of Blaine, Port of Bellingham, CZM, Ground Fish Grant, Other Federal/State/Local
East Blaine Infrastructure Extension	Blaine	Extend sanitary sewer, electric and water infrastructure from North Harvey Road to the east end of the City limits. This project is critical to the development of the east end of the City.	Public Works and Economic Development	2,000,000	Local, Developer
Peace Portal Community Trail (Blaine to Birch Bay)	Blaine, Whatcom County, Blaine-Birch Bay Parks & Rec. District	This trail, which begins in Blaine and passes through Whatcom County to Birch Bay, is an important link for safe bicycle and pedestrian access between the two communities.	Public Works and Economic Development	400,000	TIB, RCO Grant, Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District, WSDOT Pedestrian and Bike Safety Funds

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Marine Park Shoreline Restoration	Blaine	Stabilizes and improves habitat functions for 650' of Marine Park shoreline, and rehabilitates/controls invasive species on 700' of shoreline. This project enhances the value of downtown Blaine and nearby properties by creating an accessible and user-friendly beach where rip-rap armoring now exists. The project enhances natural habitat and protects the shoreline from continuing erosion that would ultimately threaten City utilities and critical wastewater treatment facilities. This is a priority project in the joint City/Port Wharf District Master Plan.	Planning and Public Works	3,500,000	EDA/City of Blaine, Port of Bellingham, CZM, Ground Fish Grant, Other Federal/State/Local
CITY OF EVERSON					
Regional Stormwater Management Facility	Everson	Design and construct a regional stormwater management facility at the former Everson Golf Course property to serve the downtown commercial area.	Public Works	2,000,000	Local funds, Ecology grants and loans, EDI funds
Ramstead Regional Park	Everson	Design and construct a regional park facility at the former Everson Golf Course property.	Public Works and Planning	500,000	City parks fund, RCO grant, private donations
Everson Road Sewer Line	Everson	Upgrade existing 8" line for future growth on the southwest portion of the City and UGA.	Public Works	165,000	Local funds
Business Incubator	Everson	Conduct feasibility study and potentially purchase property, if deemed feasible by study, for a business incubator. Consider incorporating other local studies and projects such as an agricultural center.	Planning	15,000	EDA/Port of Bellingham; LMF; CERB
East Main Street Water Main Upgrade	Everson	Increase water main from 6 to 10 inches from Kirsch Dr. east to City limits, providing better pressure for fire protection and emergency uses with the City of Nooksack.	Public Works	1,200,000	LMF
East/West Connector	Everson	Future all-weather arterial connecting Mission Road and Everson-Goshen Road (SR 544), used as primary arterial to future UGA and light industrial area of South Everson.	Public Works and Business Development/ Finance	2,400,000	CDBG; GMA Planning Grant; CERB; EDA
CITY OF FERNDALE					
Downtown Infrastructure Improvements	Ferndale	Upgrade underground utilities to meet anticipated future demand. Wayfinding signage for public parking and amenities.	Public Works, Economic Development	2,500,000	Local funds, REET, EDI

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Main Street (Downtown) Improvements	Ferndale	Re-image Main Street with focus on the Main Street area through Downtown; incentive program, visual appearance upgrades, regional stormwater approach, etc.	Public Works, Economic Development	5,000,000	Local funds, REET, EDI, Private funds
Portal Way Corridor Improvements	Ferndale	Improve corridor, create consistent road profile and frontage on Portal Way. Three sections (I-5 to Newkirk, Newkirk to Kass, Kass to Trigg)	Public Works, Economic Development, Planning	15,000,000 (5,000,000 x 3)	TBD, TIB, Local funds, REET, Private funds
Downtown Post/Street Clock Project	Ferndale	Install a post/street clock within the Downtown Core Area or along the Centennial Riverwalk Park. Clock to serve as downtown entrance beautification piece.	Economic Development, Planning	50,000	Public and Private Partnerships, Local Funds, TBD, Economic Development Planning
Utility Extension to Malloy/Grandview	Ferndale	The nature of current and future development in this area is a combination of retail but more importantly light industrial – a sector of the economy that is growing fast at the same time that the inventory of available land has now reached critical levels. Ferndale is one of the only jurisdictions with theoretical inventory within its UGA in close proximity to highway and rail transportation, but development cannot be initiated without these extensions. Opens up area for development, protects sensitive watersheds from existing development built to rural standards – [Grandview area], provides fire flow, etc.	Public Works	8,000,000	PWTF, Local, EDA, DWSRF
Ferndale City Hall, Municipal Court and Council Chambers	Ferndale	Construct new, or expand existing facilities to accommodate future growth	Public Works	5,000,000	Local Funds, REET, EDI
Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades	Ferndale	City’s wastewater treatment plant currently runs at close to 80% capacity during low demand periods and at capacity during high flow demand periods (Fall/Winter). Future plant expansion is required or a development moratorium will have to be considered in 2017-18 until expansion is scheduled and funded.	Public Works	26,000,000	Water Quality Grants, EDA, CERB, PWTF, DWSRF

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Gateway Area Stormwater Conveyance Improvements (LaBounty Road and Main Street)	Ferndale	As a result of the City's Main Street Master Plan Planned Action EIS, action was identified that a regional drainage study was needed and was subsequently completed in 2014. As a result of that study several drainage areas in the 443 acre basin were determined to have insufficient stormwater runoff capacity. Several culverts need to be upsized in and around Main street and several ditch sections need to be reconstructed and expanded to meet the future runoff demands in the basin.	Public Works	1,750,000 (\$1,000,000 of work is complete; sections south of Main Street need to be completed)	DOE Water Quality Grants, Special Assessment, EDA, CERB, PWTF, Local Match
Right-of-Way Beautification and Landscaping Along Major Corridors	Ferndale	Main Street, Portal Way and Slater Road: The creation of attractive, unified landscaping along major corridors provides a sense of place and welcome for new development. Project would include staff and consultant time to develop a coordinated landscaping proposal, funding for materials and plants, and planting.	Public Works	300,000	TIB, TBD, Local, Federal/State
Wayfinding Sign System	Ferndale	Establish a coordinated system of wayfinding signs for the purpose of guiding visitors, residents and businesses to their destinations (and other points of interest) within the City and the surrounding area. Coordinated wayfinding systems enable jurisdictions to improve traffic circulation, create a sense of place, improve the characterization of sub-areas and districts within a community, and reduce sign blight. As proposed, the City would establish a series of signs throughout the City that will provide directions to points of interest within the City. As part of this program a variety of existing signs would be removed and consolidated into the proposed wayfinding program. The City expects to coordinate with the Lummi Nation, Whatcom County, private businesses and the general public to identify important destinations within the Ferndale area and to development variations from the central theme of the wayfinding program.	Planning	75,000	Public and Private Partnerships, Local Funds, TBD, Economic Development Planning Grants, CDBG

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Thornton Overpass	Ferndale	Construction of an overpass over BNSF Railway tracks with connection to downtown and freeway interchange. This will significantly reduce Peak Hour Demand traffic on Main Street and improve development potential extensively in the surrounding area. It also greatly benefits I-5 access for residents and businesses in the subregion.	Public Works	20,000,000	Local Funds, TIB, State/Federal, TBD, EDI, TIFs
Main Street/LaBounty Road Roundabout	Ferndale	Construct multi-lane roundabout to accommodate anticipated large retail development along and adjacent to Main Street.	Public Works	2,000,000	REET, EDI, State Grant, Federal Grant
Main Street/Axton Road Roundabout	Ferndale	Construct multi-lane roundabout to accommodate anticipated large retail development along Main Street/Axton Road.	Public Works	2,000,000	REET, EDI, State Grant Federal Grant
Interstate 5 Exit 262 Roundabouts	Ferndale	Construct on/off ramp roundabouts along I-5 at exit 262 where they intersect Main Street.	Public Works	4,000,000	State and Federal Grants; WSDOT Funding
LAKE WHATCOM WATER & SEWER DISTRICT					
Country Club Sewer Line	Sudden Valley	Replace existing sanitary sewer lift station with a horizontal directional-drilled gravity sewer main	Public Works	560,000	Sewer Reinvestment Fund
Geneva Lift Station Renovation	Geneva	Renovate existing sanitary sewer lift station	Public Works	660,000	Sewer Reinvestment Fund
Euclid Lift Station Renovation	Geneva	Renovate existing sanitary sewer lift station	Public Works	300,000	Sewer Reinvestment Fund
Facility Improvements	District Office	Parking, stormwater, entry and landscaping improvements	Public Works	60,000	Water/Sewer Reinvestment Funds
CITY OF LYNDEN					
Central Guide Meridian Sewer Service	West Lynden Commercial Area	Extension of sewer infrastructure to area fronting SR 539 and bounded by Front Street on the south and Meadow Lane to the north. Sewer would be extended north from West Front and cross Guide Meridian Road (SR 539) to provide service on the west side. This work should be coordinated with the WSDOT Connecting Washington-funded widening of SR 539 north of Front Street.	Public Works, Economic Development	950,000	EDI; City Sewer Utility Funds; Other Federal, State and local funds

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4 th Street Extension	Downtown Historic Business District	Street improvements to extend 4th Street to the south from Front Street to provide vehicle and pedestrian access between Lynden’s Historic Downtown District and 25 acres of currently undeveloped commercial and residential zoned properties. This project would improve pedestrian access and use of this corridor for community events.	Public Works	1,600,000	EDI; Transportation Impact Fees; TBD; CERB; Federal, State and other local funds
West Main Street Improvements (Phase 2)	West Lynden	Reconstruct existing 20-foot roadway to an industrial street standard including curbs, gutters and sidewalks as well as utilities (water and storm drainage). Also, culvert and bridge replacement for an existing, uninhabited drainage ditch.	Public Works	2,300,000	EDI; Transportation Impact Fees; Federal, State and other local funds
West Front Street All-Weather Gap Elimination	West Lynden	Reconstruct West Front Street between Tromp Road and Duffner Drive. This project will construct West Front as an all-weather industrial-standard street complete with curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Minor utility upgrades including water, sanitary sewer and stormwater conveyance are included to allow for the continued growth of Lynden’s industrial area. This improved road will provide industrial properties with all-weather truck access to State Route 539, Birch Bay-Lynden Road and I-5 to the west.	Public Works	1,200,000	EDI, TIB, TBD, Other Federal, State and Local funds
Tromp Road Extension	West Lynden	New construction of a north-south connection between West Main Street to West Front and Birch Bay-Lynden Road. This project will include an industrial-standard street complete with curbs, gutters and sidewalks. All utilities, including water, sanitary sewer and stormwater conveyance have been constructed. This project will complete the connection between the northern portion of the City’s industrial area to Birch Bay-Lynden Road, providing safe and efficient access to State Route 539 and I-5.	Public Works	1,200,000	EDI, TIB, TBD, and other Federal/State/Local funds

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South Guide Meridian Road Sewer Service	West Lynden Commercial Area	Extension of sewer infrastructure to area fronting SR 539 and bounded to the south by the City limits; to the east by Fishtrap Creek, and; to the west by an extension of Berthusen Road, south of Birch Bay-Lynden Road. The west basin (west of SR 539) encompasses approximately 153 acres, and the east basin another 93 acres. A Port of Bellingham study prepared in 2015 identified preferred solutions.	Public Works and Economic Development.	3,000,000	EDI; City Sewer Utility Funds; Other Federal, State and Local funds.
City Wayfinding Signage/Branding Project	Main Travel Corridors and Trailways	Coordinate with the Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism office to implement Lynden’s portion of the regional wayfinding plan created by the MERJE consulting group and expand to the City center. Create City-wide wayfinding plan which corresponds to the MERJE plan. Sign fabrication and installation.	Planning	150,000	EDI, TBD, TAP, City General Fund
Downtown Parking – Old Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Site	Lynden’s Downtown Historic Business District (HBD)	The Lynden Downtown HBD has seen an exciting rejuvenation in recent years, and parking is at a premium. With the 2015 completion of the new WTP and demolition of the old plant slated for 2019, this vacant site is available for redevelopment as an employee parking garage.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,250,000	EDI, TBD, TAP, City General Fund
Judson Service Alley Reconstruction and Widening	Lynden’s Downtown HBD	Reconstruct and widen the alley running behind (south of) the businesses located on Front Street. This alley provides critical access for delivery/service and emergency vehicles to HBD businesses. This project would include undergrounding of overhead utilities which obstruct view and hinder access. Private utility revisions.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,600,000	EDI, TIB, TBD, Other Federal/State/Local funds
Pepin Creek	Lynden UGA	This project relocates year-round flow in north-south running, deep roadside ditches along Benson and Double Ditch Roads (0.5 miles apart) to a newly constructed channel halfway between the two roads and extending to Badger Road (SR 546). This allows re-construction of the roads to arterial standards, prevents flooding in neighborhoods and nearby agricultural areas, and improves ESA fish habitat.	Public Works	10,000,000	EDI; Transportation Impact Fees; TBD; Federal, State and other local funds

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CITY OF NOOKSACK					
Garfield Force Main Extension	Nooksack	Extend the force main from the Garfield sewer pump station to Pump Station No. 4 in Everson.	Public Works	1,000,000	City Sewer fund, PWTF
Stormwater Management Plan Development	Nooksack	Inventory and assessment of existing stormwater management facilities serving the City of Nooksack. Following analysis of existing system, system improvements necessary to accommodate anticipated commercial, industrial and residential development would be identified and prioritized.	Technical Assistance and Planning	30,000	City General Fund; CCWF
PORT OF BELLINGHAM					
Mooring Improvements to Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Design and construct new mooring dolphins and fendering system.	Public Works	12,000,000	Port; State; Federal
Marine Trades Area Travel Lift	Bellingham Waterfront District	Develop boat haul-out/travel lift on the north side of the Whatcom Waterway with a private partner. Feasibility/design and construction.	Public Works	2,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Bellingham Shipping Terminal, Log Pond Redevelopment Area	Bellingham Waterfront District	Power upgrades and improvement to buildings and cargo facilities at the Bellingham Shipping Terminal. Also, provide uplands infrastructure, including rail spur restoration, to serve new economic development activity.	Public Works	5,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Mt. Baker Products Peninsula Improvements	Bellingham Squalicum Waterfront	Provide infrastructure on 4.5 acre industrial site behind Mt Baker Products to support new marine trades activity.	Public Works	2,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Schultz Way Improvements	Bellingham Squalicum Waterfront	Reconstruct Port-owned Schultz Way road to city standards as a secondary arterial, serving existing port tenants and extending it to the Mt Baker Products peninsula to serve new tenants.	Public Works	2,500,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Marine Highway Port designation for the Bellingham Shipping Terminal and preparation of facilities to service resulting “short sea” routes	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Achieve MARAD status as a terminal point on the Pacific M-5 Maritime Highway Route and make necessary repairs and reconfiguration to the BST “Railway Dock,” allowing it to handle barge calls and resulting inbound and outbound cargo flow.	Public Works	5,000,000	Federal funds; Port; State
Airport Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements	Bellingham Airport Industrial Park	Infrastructure improvements to the 18 acres of immediately buildable property in the AIP to support business expansion and attraction.	Public Works	2,500,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI

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Visitor Moorage at GP Pier	Bellingham Waterfront District	Dock and moorage system in the Whatcom Waterway to serve visiting commercial and recreational boaters, improve water access and stimulate local spending.	Public Works	1,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Alcohol Plant Renovation	Bellingham Waterfront District	Renovate historic former GP ethyl alcohol plant for commercial uses.	Public Works	14,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Fishers Pavilion	Bellingham Squalicum Harbor	Construct covered area to store/repair fishing gear, provide a fresh seafood market and host marine trades and community events.	Public Works	1,100,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Blaine Wharf District Marine Industrial Area	Blaine Harbor	Infrastructure improvements to support facilitate for boat haul-out, storing/repairing fishing gear, fish processing upland boatyard/small boatyard expansion.	Public Works	5,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Rural Broadband Construction Project	Whatcom County	Planning, implementation and construction of rural broadband dark-fiber network	Public Works and Economic Development	3,000,000	State grants, Port, EDI
Rural County Broadband	Whatcom County	Feasibility study to define needs and goals	Feasibility	200,000	State grants, PUD, Port, EDA
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1					
Utilities Infrastructure	Various Areas, Rural Whatcom County	Construct utility infrastructure to support commercial and industrial development, and job creation	Public Works, Economic Development, Job Creation	10,000,000	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, EDI, Private
Water Supply Infrastructure Projects	Various Areas, Rural Whatcom County	Construct water system infrastructure projects to store, move and use new sources of water to supply water for agriculture, streamflow and municipal purposes	Public Works, Economic Development, Ecosystem Enhancement	20,000,000	PUD, Farmers, Tribes, Dept. of Ecology, EDI
Alternative and Renewable Energy, Water Conservation, Water Re-Use	Agriculture Operations, Dairy Farms	Working with dairies and other agricultural operations, develop waste-to-energy and waste-water reclamation projects for electric, gas and clean water production	Renewable Resources, Economic Development, Public Works, Ecosystem Rehab	5,000,000	PUD, Dept. of Ecology, Dept. of Commerce, Private, EDI

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Electric Utility Infrastructure	Western Whatcom County	Construct electric service infrastructure to support commercial and industrial development	Public Works, Economic Development	10,000,000	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, Private, EDI
Renewable Energy	Various Areas of Whatcom County	Construct solar, wind and small hydro-turbine projects	Public Works, Economic Development, Energy	10,000,000	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, Private, EDI
Telecommunications	Rural Whatcom County	Construct broadband infrastructure to support educational, healthcare and municipal services	Public Works, Public Safety, Economic Development	4,000,000	PUD, Port of Bellingham, Dept. of Commerce, Private, EDI
CITY OF SUMAS					
Howard Bowen Event Complex	Sumas	Demolish existing grandstand and replace it with a new 3,500-spectator grandstand and arena area. Project also includes restrooms, concessions, retractable stage, parking, relocation of two baseball diamonds and development of a new soccer field.	Public Works, Economic Development	2,975,000	State and Local funds, EDI
Regional Recreational Facility Enhancements	Sumas	Replace bleachers at Sumas Rodeo Grounds and associated fields. Upgrade existing facilities and lighting.	Public Works	700,000	State Grant; Washington Wildlife & Recreational Program
Cherry Street (SR 9)/Front Street Roundabout	Sumas	Construct roundabout at intersection to allow for improved truck flow through city industrial sector.	Public Works	1,500,000	Federal (STBGP); State (WSDOT and TIB); EDI
Truck Bypass	Sumas	New road alignment for trucks seeking to utilize the industrial areas of Sumas and the international border crossing.	Public Works	8,100,000	Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes; Vehicle Registration Fees; Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Sumas Avenue Reconstruction	Sumas	Reconstruct Sumas Avenue from Front Street to Garfield Street.	Public Works	2,300,000	STP; City Street Fund
Cherry Street (SR 9) Bridge Replacement	Sumas	Replace Cherry Street bridge to remove blockage to flow of floodwaters and increase capacity on the State highway.	Public Works	3,000,000	STP; BRAC; FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

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Econometric Model	Whatcom County	This project includes acquisition and calibration of data and software intended to enable economic evaluation of various development and infrastructure improvement scenarios. This is a policy/decision-making tool designed to inform investment decisions toward best use of resources.	Planning	150,000	Federal, State and local funds
Whatcom Smart Trips	Whatcom County	Three years of core funding for countywide program to reduce travel demand through the use of walking, bicycling, carpooling and transit.	Economic Development	450,000	Federal, State and local funds
International Mobility and Trade Corridor Program (IMTC)	Whatcom County, State of Washington, British Columbia, Canada and U.S.	Three years of core funding for IMTC, a coalition of U.S. and Canadian government and business entities that identifies and promotes improvements to mobility and security for the four border crossings that connect Whatcom County and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.	Planning	520,000	Federal, State and local funds (IMTC has received funding from the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian federal government to provide local matching funds for U.S. federal grants)