



**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, Public Works Director

**From:** James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JK*  
Douglas W. Ranney, P.E., Engineering Manager *DWR*

**Date:** April 07, 2021

**Re:** Ordinance to close a portion of Manley Road to Motorized Vehicular Traffic

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**Requested Action**

Consideration of an Ordinance to close a portion of Manley Road, approximately 0.98 miles northwest of Pacific Highway off Nulle Road/Old Highway 99, to motorized vehicular traffic.

**Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County received a request from several residents near the end of Manley Road to close a portion of Manley Road. The letter from the residents states that trespassing, garbage dumping, trail building on private property, poaching, shooting and drug dealing occur in this area.

The residents and adjacent property owners (the "applicants"), through letters of support, request closure of Manley Road from approximately 0.98 miles northwesterly of Pacific Highway to the end of Whatcom County right-of-way of Manley Road to motorized vehicular traffic. Pedestrians and bicyclists will still be able to access and use the section of Manley Road. The applicants will purchase and install a vehicle gate with pedestrian entrance and erect signs, all of which must be approved by the County through a Revocable Encroachment Permit application per County ordinance. The County will continue to maintain Manley Road past the gate to allow for pedestrian and bicyclist use.

**Information**

The Public Works Department, in collaboration with the Fire Marshall and Sheriff, recommend the closure of this portion of Manley Road to motorized vehicular traffic. We request that the County Council review, introduce and adopt the proposed ordinance to close the road to motorized vehicular traffic at approximately 0.98 miles northwesterly of Pacific Highway to the end of the Manley Road right-of-way.

Please contact Douglas Ranney, Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 with any questions regarding this ordinance.