



MEMORANDUM

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Jake Logan, – Executive's Office
Subject: Amendment to Regional Economic Partnership Interlocal Agreement (Contract No. 202411015) (Tri-Funder Agreement)
Date: 10/21/2025

Background and Purpose

This amendment modifies the existing Regional Economic Partnership Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham, and the Port of Bellingham. The amendment restructures the financial commitments to reflect the City of Bellingham no longer contributing from their General Fund for years 2026 and 2027. This agreement maintains the City as a signatory and fundamental policy partner. The City commits to continued participation on the Economic Development Investment (EDI) Board, active consultation as required by RCW 82.14.370(3)(c), and ongoing collaboration on countywide infrastructure strategies.

Funding Amount and Source

No change in cost to Whatcom County. Funding is provided through the EDI or Public Utilities Improvement Fund. Cost Center 32422406.7210

Differences from Previous Contract

- Section 4 (Financial Commitments): Removes City's general fund while affirming the City's continued partnership role, including RCW 82.14.370(3)(c) consultation requirements, EDI Board participation, and policy collaboration.
- Section 5 (Invoices): Updates billing procedures so the Port bills only the County for quarterly expenses.
- Section 10 (Notices): Updates contact information (County: Jake Logan; Port: Tyler Schroeder). All other provisions remain in effect, including the Port's administrative responsibilities, scope of services, reporting requirements, and agreement term through December 31, 2027.