



Elizabeth Kosa
Director

Memorandum

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director

From: Doug Ranney, P.E., County Engineer *DWR*
Josh Cihak, P.E., Engineering Manger *JC*

Date: August 8, 2023

Re: E. Smith Road & Hannegan Road Intersection Improvements, CRP 914002
Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to finalize and enter into a Local Agency Agreement (LAA) and execute the associated Federal Aid Project Prospectus (PP), between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Whatcom County, to receive federal aid funds for the construction phase of the E. Smith Road & Hannegan Road Intersection Improvements project, CRP 914002.

Requested Action

Enclosed for your review:

Local Agency Agreement – one (1) draft copy of the agreement is enclosed. The final version will be provided to the Executive, for execution, after finalization by WSDOT. The fully executed original shall be returned to the County Executive's office once signed by WSDOT.

Federal Aid Project Prospectus – one (1) draft copy enclosed. The final version will be provided to the Executive, for execution, after finalization by WSDOT. There is no signature required from WSDOT on this document, but a fully executed original will need to be provided to WSDOT.

NOTE: Per WSDOT's Electronic Signature Procedure, please sign the Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus in **blue ink**, which will allow a scanned copy of the documents to be submitted.

Background and Purpose

The Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus are required to obligate federal aid funds for the construction phase of the E. Smith Road & Hannegan Road Intersection Improvement project, scheduled to begin in the summer of 2024. This planned intersection improvements project is listed as Item No. 6 on the approved 2023 Annual Construction Program.

Funding Amount and Source

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Redistributed STBG program federal aid funds shall provide a total of \$3,952,642 for the construction phase of this project in the amounts of \$1,000,000, \$1,000,000, \$452,642 and \$1,500,000 respectively. The total cost for the project, including the preliminary engineering and right of way acquisition phases is estimated to be \$7,136,000, with \$3,183,258 of Local Road Funds.

In an effort to obtain an additional \$1,500,000 of Redistributed STBG funds this Local Agency Agreement must be finalized before the end of September. As there is only one Council meeting in August, this package has been presented to Council for authorization to obligate funds prior to finalization of the obligation process. After WSDOT approval to obligate funds is granted, Public Works will provide the Executive with the final LAA and PP for execution. Should this September deadline be missed, a revised package will need to be submitted to Council for authorization.

Please contact Doug Ranney, P.E., at 360-778-6255, if you have any questions/concerns regarding this request.