



MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *ek*

From: Doug Ranney, P.E., County Engineer *DWR*
Joshua L. Cihak, P.E. Engineering Manager *JLC*

Date: April 27, 2026

Re: Drayton Harbor Road Landslide Repair; CRP No. 923001
**Interlocal Agreement w/ the Birch Bay Water & Sewer District
Repayment for Watermain Relocation**

Enclosed for your review and DocuSign signature is an Interlocal Agreement between the Birch Bay Water & Sewer District (BBWSD) and Whatcom County. Said agreement will ensure reimbursement is made by the BBWSD to the County for completing watermain relocation work on its behalf.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the BBWSD and the County for the Drayton Harbor Road Landslide Repair project, CRP 923001.

Project Background

To complete this project's roadway repairs, it is necessary to relocate the BBWSD's existing watermain facility located within County right-of-way, as permitted by franchise agreement. While per the franchise agreement it is the BBWSD's responsibility to relocate its facilities at its own expense, the County has agreed to construct the watermain relocation during the roadway repairs as a mutual benefit to both parties to reduce costs and minimize financial risk. As set forth by this Interlocal Agreement, the BBWSD has committed to reimburse the County for all reasonable and necessary expenses to relocate the watermain, not to exceed \$75,000. As part of Bid No. 26-11 Awarded to Strider Construction Co., Inc. on 4/23/2026, the relocation work has a bid price of \$36,040.00.

Funding Amount and Source

As stated above, the BBWSD will reimburse the County for all anticipated relocation expenses. There is sufficient budget in the Road Fund to cover upfront contractor payments until reimbursement is made. The project has been assigned as county road project number 923001 and is listed as Item No. R1 on the 2026 Annual Construction Program.

Please contact Eric Vavra at extension 6287 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.