



Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JPK*

Date: October 31, 2022

Re: **Ordinance – Establishing Temporary One-Way Traffic on Drayton Harbor Road until repair work is completed**

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to temporarily establish a one-way traffic pattern, eastbound, on Drayton Harbor Road, from 320 feet westerly of the intersection of Shintaffer Road to the intersection of Shintaffer Road, due to the block slope failure of the westbound lane, until the road repairs are completed.

Background and Purpose

During the severe storms and king tides in November 2021 there was a block slope failure of the westbound (waterside) lane and slope of Drayton Harbor Road. The County Engineer has determined, that for the safety of the travelling public, the traffic pattern of Drayton Harbor Road should be modified, due to condition of the roadway, and a one-way roadway be established. RCW 46.61.135 allows the County Council to designate one-way roadways. Repairs are currently not expected to be completed until the summer of 2024. Upon completion of the repair work Drayton Harbor Road will be returned to two-way traffic.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the temporary installation of one-way signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 46.61.135 *One-way roadways and rotary traffic islands*.

Please contact Douglas Ranney II, Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 if you have any questions regarding this ordinance.