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Memorandum

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To: The Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive
The Honorable Whatcom County Council

From: Matt Aamot, Senior Planner

Through: Steve Roberge, Assistant Director

RE: Capital Facility / Six-Year CIP Amendments (PLN2022-00004)

Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Appendix F is the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Whatcom County Facilities. The CIP addresses County parks, trails, activity centers, maintenance & operations, general government buildings and sites, Sheriff’s Office, emergency management, adult corrections, juvenile detention, transportation, and stormwater facilities.

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan indicates that the Six-Year CIP should be updated every two years. The last CIP update was approved by the County Council in 2020. The next comprehensive update, scheduled for this year, will cover the time period from 2023-2028. However, the County has identified Park projects it wants to complete in 2022. In order to use real estate excise tax (REET) dollars, these projects must be in the Six-Year CIP.

Therefore, the subject proposal is to amend the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Whatcom County Facilities 2021-2026 by adding the following two projects to the Parks, Trails, and Activity Centers Chapter:

- Hovander Park Tennant Lake Flood Repair and Mitigation Improvements; and
- Lookout Mountain Road & Culvert Repair and Mitigation Improvements.

The Whatcom County Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed CIP amendments on March 24, 2022. Planning & Development Services is requesting Introduction of an ordinance adopting these amendments on April 12. A public hearing and final Council action is anticipated on April 26. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(2) final action on the CIP must be at the same meeting as the budget amendment (as CIP approval will not take place concurrently with the other Comprehensive Plan amendments).

Thank you for your review and consideration of this matter. We look forward to discussing it with you.