



Whatcom County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

2020 Project List as of 7/31/2020

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Project Name	Location	Description of Project	Project Type	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Source(s)
WHATCOM COUNTY: UPDATED 5/20/2020					
Courthouse Exterior	Whatcom County Courthouse	Repair failing roof and exterior	Public Works	6,000,000	EDI, REET I
State Street Remodel	1500 North State St.	Remodel for reorganization	Public Works	5,500,000	EDI/State St. Fund
Civic Center Remodel	322 N. Commercial	Remodel for reorganization	Public Works	7,700,000	Civic Center Fund
Girard Street Repair	509 Girard Street	Repair and upgrade building	Public Works	511,000	EDI
New Jail	Whatcom County	Construct new jail	Public Works	87,000,000	Bonds
New Sheriff's Office	Whatcom County	Construct new Sheriff's Office	Public Works	13,000,000	REET I
Existing Jail Remodel	Public Safety Building	New dayholding facility and Life and Safety Improvements	Public Works	7,000,000	General Fund
Mental Health Triage Center	Whatcom County		Public Works	7,000,000	EDI, Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund, North Sound BHO, Federal, State and local grants
Whatcom County Emergency Operations Center Building	Whatcom County	Office space improvement	Public Works	150,000	REET I
South Fork Park Development	Whatcom County	Bridges and trail development	Public Works	1,050,000	REET II, Park Improvement Fund, State grant
Birch Bay Beach Park Development	Whatcom County	Construct new waterfront park/recreation and tourism	Public Works	4,750,000	REET II, EDI, Grants, Capital Funds
Plantation Range HVAC and Roof	Plantation Range	Replace HVAC and roof, make improvements to building	Public Works	900,000	REET I, State grant, EDI, REET II
Silver Lake Park Improvements	Silver Lake Park	Utility, road, day-use, campground, restroom improvements	Public Works	7,772,000	REET II
Emergency Management Radio System	Countywide	A complete system design for a new public safety radio system for law enforcement, fire and EMS	Telecommunications	6,500,000	EDI, REET I, State grants
Nesset Farm House Restoration	Nesset Farm	Restore historical home, restroom building	Public Works	690,000	Nesset Foundation

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Lake Whatcom Trails	Lake Whatcom Park	Trail development	Public Works	4,000,000	State grant, donations, REET II
East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Expansion Project	Kendall	Expand facility to include food bank distribution center and additional multi-use space	Public Works	2,300,000	State grants, REET I
Selder Road	Birch Bay	Drainage improvement	Public Works	110,000	BBWARM, REET II
Smith Road/Northwest Road Roundabout	Whatcom County	Install roundabout	Public Works	5,000,000	Road Fund
Canyon Lake Community Forest	Whatcom Co.	Access road repair	Public Works	135,000	REET II
Lake Whatcom Park	Whatcom County	Construct trailhead and amenities including parking, shelter and restrooms	Public Works	2,305,000	REET II, State grants
Birch Bay Drive Pedestrian Facility	Birch Bay Drive	This is a 1.58-mile separate berm to provide soft-shore erosion protection, habitat enhancement, and to encourage pedestrian use along Birch Bay Drive.	Public Works	10,694,000	Federal grant, RF, EDI, Flood, BBWARM, REET II
BBWARM Harborview Road	Harborview Road	Culvert replacement	Public Works	95,000	REET II
BBWARM Outfalls	Birch Bay	Drainage improvements	Public Works	300,000	BBWARM, REET II
Beaver Creek	Sudden Valley	This project will restore and repair eroded sections of Beaver Creek to reduce sediment from entering Lake Whatcom.	Public Works	565,000	REET II
Law Library & Elections Relocation	Whatcom County Courthouse	Renovate and reconfigure Law Library to accommodate Elections Room	Public Works	331,000	REET I
Sudden Valley	Lake Whatcom	Stormwater improvements	Public Works	640,000	REET II
Relocate Morgue	Whatcom County	Relocate and replace Morgue building	Public Works	2,000,000	REET
NW Annex	Whatcom County	Building replacement	Public Works	8,388,000	EDI
Maple Falls Park & Trail Corridor	Whatcom County	Construct restrooms, parking and trail improvements	Public Works	900,000	REET II, State grants
Lighthouse Marine Park Launch	Whatcom County	Repair Boar Launch (2018 damages)	Public Works	50,000	REET II
Hovander Park Farm Animal Exhibit	Hovander Homestead Park	Reconstruct farm animal exhibit	Public Works	240,000	REET II, Donations

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Hovander Park Roadway & Access Improvements	Hovander Homestead Park	Road and parking lot improvements	Public Works	2,430,000	REET II, State grants
Hovander Park / Tenant Lake Sign Improvements	Hovander Homestead Park, Tenant Lake, approach roads	Destination and wayfinding signage to Whatcom County Park attractions	Public Works, Tourism	100,000	EDI, City of Ferndale
Birch Bay-Lynden Road/Blaine Road Intersection	Whatcom County	Construct roundabout	Public Works	5,000,000	Road Fund, Federal Grant
Marine Drive Bike & Pedestrian Facilities	Whatcom County	Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety between Locust and Alderwood; improve recreational access	Public Works	3,000,000	Road Fund, Federal Grant, EDI
Slater Road/I-5 Interchange Improvements	Slater Road	Construct five roundabouts on Slater Road at its intersections with Northwest Road, Pacific Highway, northbound and southbound I-5 on-ramps and Rural Avenue to improve channelization and stop control	Public Works	30,000,000	Federal, State and local funds; Developer contributions
Birch Bay Vogt Community Library	Blaine, Birch Bay	The proposed building design includes a multi-purpose meeting room, public computer workstations, printers, and WiFi access, ample parking, and stunning views of Birch Bay	Planning and Economic Development	3,000,000	\$2 million allocated from WA Dept of Commerce, EDI, REET I

CITY OF BELLINGHAM: UPDATED 5/5/2020					
Railroad Safety Improvements	Bellingham	Includes safety improvements to at-grade rail crossings and elimination of other at-grade crossings throughout the City.	Public Works	5,000,000	EDI, Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes, Vehicle Reg. Fees, Sales Tax, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Urban Village Redevelopment Projects	Bellingham	Redevelop through partnerships or other methods, 600 West Holly Street, chronic vacant buildings or other opportunity sites into a mixed-use development compatible with the sub-area plans in an effort to spur additional private sector	Planning and Public Works	15,000,000	EDI, Targeted grants, CDBG, HOME, HUD 108 and other Federal, State, local and private funds

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		development to increase housing and job opportunities.			
Urban Village Redevelopment Infrastructure	Bellingham	Construct critical infrastructure in Bellingham's Downtown, Old Town and Waterfront Districts and other urban villages, including streets, parks and utilities.	Parks & Public Works	20,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Greenways Levy, Private Funds, Park Impact Fees, LIFT, Street and Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Regional Wetland and Stormwater Facilities	Bellingham	Explore regional wetland alternatives such as “mitigation bank” programs and regional stormwater facilities when they can provide equal or better treatment to on-site facilities	Public Works	5,000,000	EDI, Private funds, and Federal, State and local funding sources
West Horton Road	Bellingham and Whatcom County	West Horton Road is an important east-west connection in the City's UGA.	Public Works	5,000,000 (Bellingham) 15,000,000 (Whatcom County)	EDI, Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes, Vehicle Registration Fees, Sales Tax, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
West Bakerview/I-5 Northbound On-ramp (East side of freeway)	Bellingham	Construct a new northbound on-ramp to support economic development between Bellingham International Airport and Guide-Meridian (SR 539)	Public Works	12,000,000	EDI, Connecting Washington Gas Taxes, Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes, Vehicle Registration Fees, Sales Tax, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Orchard Drive Extension (James Street to Birchwood)	Bellingham	Construct a multimodal arterial street with a grade-separated crossing under I-5 between the King Mountain Neighborhood and St. Joseph's Hospital.	Public Works	10,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Parking Impact Fees, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Meridian/Birchwood Roundabout, Phases 1 and 2	Bellingham	Phase 1 – Merge Squalicum Parkway freight route with Birchwood Avenue into Meridian/Birchwood traffic signal; decommission Meridian/Squalicum Phase 2 – Reconstruct Meridian/Birchwood traffic signal into a multimodal roundabout	Public Works	12,000,000	EDI, Port, WSDOT, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources

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Pacific Street Operations Center	Bellingham	Construct new multi-story building at current site of the Public Works Operations to house both Parks and Public Works Operations functions.	Public Works	15,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Impact Fees, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Girard Street municipal building	Bellingham	Construct new multi-story building at current site of Bellingham Municipal court to house the Bellingham municipal court, county wide dispatch, police, secure IT infrastructure and similar services	Public Works	50,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Impact Fees, General Fund, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Squalicum Pier	Bellingham	Convert a now a defunct industrial pier in a currently underserved area of Bellingham on the north end to a pedestrian pier.	Public Works	30,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Impact Fees, Greenways, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Resource Recovery at Post Point	Bellingham	Conversion from biosolids incineration to digestion, renewable biogas production and Class A biosolids for beneficial use. Improvements are needed to replace aging equipment, expensive to repair, and incinerates – rather than recovers – reusable resources. The goal is to provide sustainable, environmentally responsible, cost-effective wastewater treatment into the future. The new process will develop biosolids into a sustainable resource limiting environmental impacts while maximizing resource recovery opportunities. Project will also produce renewable biogas energy.	Public Works	250,000,000	EDI, Real Estate Excise Tax, Impact Fees, Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources

CITY OF BLAINE: UPDATED 5/6/2020					
Marine Park Shoreline Reconstruction	Blaine	This shovel ready project rebuilds the public shoreline in Marine Park and protects critical utility infrastructure, including the Lighthouse Point Water Reclamation Facility. The project also addresses the attractive hazard of the existing shoreline, which consists of broken concrete and debris and is located directly adjacent to the City's largest playground and public restrooms. The project will build new pocket beaches of sand and gravel	Planning and Public Works	800,000	EDA/City of Blaine, Port of Bellingham, ALEA and, Other Federal/State/Local

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		between rocky headlands of boulder rip-rap. Native plants and gravel for forge fish are just part of the many environmental benefits. The new beach is centrally located next to the Blaine’s Central Business District, the Blaine Marina, and is in the middle of Marine Park, which is the gem of Blaine’s park system. The project is a priority project in the joint City/Port Wharf District Master Plan and #3 overall on Blaine’s Strategic Economic Initiative. Federal and state permitting are already completed.			
Improved Interstate Highway Access and Railroad Overpass – Interchange 274	Northwest Whatcom County and Pacific Highway Border Crossing	This project implements the FHWA/WSDOT-approved Interchange Justification Report improving I-5 access at Exit 274 by eliminating railroad crossing-generated traffic delays. Exit 274 serves as alternate access to truck border crossing, and as a critical access point to South Blaine, Semiahmoo and Birch Bay.	Public Works and Economic Development	30,000,000	STBG Regional Funds, TIGER Grant Funding, WSDOT, TIB, Developer Contributions
Boblett Street and SR 543 (Truck Route) Channelization Improvements	Blaine and Pacific Highway Border Crossing	This is the first intersection on northbound SR 543 and is the primary corridor for all cross-border freight traffic. The Boblett/SR 543 intersection has several challenges, including the signal itself, which is an antiquated span wire requiring frequent repair, and the close proximity of the Yew Avenue frontage road. This project improves channelization in the form of a right-in/right-out-only access to Yew Avenue, and construction of a roundabout at Boblett Court. Continuation of the 10-foot wide multipurpose sidewalk from the west side of SR 543 will be built for bicycle and pedestrian safety. Boblett St. serves the industrial zone to the east and the Blaine K-12 school complex.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,800,000	STBG Regional Funds, WSDOT, TIB
Police Station – Civic Plaza	H Street, Central Downtown	The former fire station, current police station and old city hall site are in need of redevelopment. A police department annex is desperately needed, as the current evidence room does not meet current requirements. Temporary evidence storage is being accommodated in steel containers. The size of the	Public Safety and Economic Development.	2,500,000	CERB, Private, Other

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		site would allow for a new civic plaza, so a public-private partnership would be ideal.			
Peace Portal Sidewalk Replacement, Clark to F Street	Peace Portal, Downtown	Peace Portal Drive in downtown Blaine was reconstructed in the 1990's, when standards for street trees and decorative brick pavers were not as evolved as they are now. Brick paver crosswalks are failing, the massive Armstrong Maple trees in narrow tree wells are causing extensive heaving of concrete sidewalks, and root damage to adjacent sewer services. This area is prime for redevelopment and centrally located in Blaine's Central Business District. Maintenance repairs have resulted in unsightly patching, loss of brick pavers and loss of trees, but are not stopping the trip hazards that are resulting in claims. The project will involve replacing the sidewalk and pavers with new sidewalk and stamped concrete along with decorative planters to replace the street trees with seasonal color.	Public Safety, Public Works and Economic Development.	650,000	TIB, WSDOT
SR 543 Widening On-ramp to H Street R3, Boblett to H Street	Blaine and Pacific Highway Border Crossing	Project adds an additional northbound truck lane to SR 543. This lane would add capacity to alleviate severe queue length which backs onto I-5 multiple times a month at the border. It would also provide capability for TDM solutions such as dynamic lane assignment at the Boblett intersection.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,500,000	STBG Regional Funds, WSDOT, TIB
Peace Portal West Alley	Blaine	Develop alley access to west side properties along Peace Portal Drive in downtown Blaine along an existing easement. Enhances development potential for properties that have limited access. Improves downtown economic potential and retains pedestrian-friendly retail opportunities by allowing delivery and parking access to lower level of properties.	Public Works and Economic Development	250,000	Local, CERB, Developer
Mitchell Avenue/H Street Signalization	Blaine	Traffic signal installation to improve safety and congestion at this location. Serves arterial connection between mid-point of H Street and Peace Portal Drive.	Public Works	750,000	STBG Regional Funds, TIB, Developer Contributions

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Marine Drive Improvements, Phase 3	Blaine and Port of Bellingham	Marine Drive Phase 3 will improve the section east of Marine Park, which serves the Port's Industrial Commercial area and the Public Pier. This project restores a badly deteriorated seawall on the south and enhances the riprap on the north. It also includes the addition of a pedestrian boardwalk to link Marine Park to the public Fisherman's Pier.	Public Works and Economic Development	2,300,000	STBG Regional Funds, TIB
Harvey Road/Sweet Road Transmission Improvements (18" Line)	Blaine and Northwestern Whatcom County	Upgrade potable water line capacity outside city limits serving portions of NW Whatcom county within the Blaine Water Service Area. This line will also provide capacity/water quality to existing customers. The service area is completely exempt from the Hirst decision.	Public Works	2,500,000	DOE Centennial Funds, USDA-RD Grant/Loan, PWTF
New 630' Zone Reservoir (East Blaine) and Booster Pump Station, Phases 1 & 2	Blaine	New reservoir establishing new high pressure zone to increase storage capacity and provide adequate pressure to underserved areas and residential/commercial development of east Blaine.	Public Works	7,000,000	DOE Centennial Funds, USDA-RD Grant/Loan, PWTF
Peace Portal Boardwalk – Connection Between H and G Street Plazas	Blaine	Construction of a pedestrian boardwalk along the marine bluff of the downtown district in order to capitalize on the unique shoreline location and rich commercial fishing history.	Public Works and Economic Development	5,000,000	EDA/City of Blaine, CZM, Ground Fish Grant, Other Federal/State/Local
Pedestrian Bridge from the Wharf District to Downtown Business District (H Street Plaza)	Blaine and Port of Bellingham	Design and construct a pedestrian bridge crossing the BNSF rail lines (existing easement) to link the Peace Portal Boardwalk with the Wharf District. Connects marina, marine recreational and historical fishing area to the downtown business district, uniquely situated on an overlooking marine bluff. This is a priority project in the joint City/Port Wharf District Master Plan.	Public Works and Economic Development	10,00,000	EDA/City of Blaine, Port of Bellingham, CZM, Ground Fish Grant, Other Federal/State/Local
East Blaine Infrastructure Extension	Blaine	Extend sanitary sewer, electric and water infrastructure to the east end of the City limits. This project is critical to the development of the east end of the City.	Public Works and Economic Development	3,000,000	Local, Developer
Peace Portal Community Trail (Blaine to Birch Bay)	Blaine, Whatcom County, Blaine-Birch Bay Parks & Rec. District	This trail, which begins in Blaine and passes through Whatcom County to Birch Bay, is an important link for safe bicycle and pedestrian access between the two communities.	Public Works and Economic Development	400,000	TIB, RCO Grant, Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District, WSDOT Pedestrian and Bike Safety Funds

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CITY OF EVERSON					
Regional Stormwater Management Facility	Everson	Design and construct a regional stormwater management facility at the former Everson Golf Course property to serve the downtown commercial area.	Public Works	2,000,000	Local funds, Ecology grants and loans, EDI funds
Ramstead Regional Park	Everson	Design and construct a regional park facility at the former Everson Golf Course property.	Public Works and Planning	500,000	City parks fund, RCO grant, private donations
Everson Road Sewer Line	Everson	Upgrade existing 8” line for future growth on the southwest portion of the City and UGA.	Public Works	165,000	Local funds
Business Incubator	Everson	Conduct feasibility study and potentially purchase property, if deemed feasible by study, for a business incubator. Consider incorporating other local studies and projects such as an agricultural center.	Planning	15,000	EDA/Port of Bellingham; LMF; CERB
East Main Street Water Main Upgrade	Everson	Increase water main from 6 to 10 inches from Kirsch Dr. east to City limits, providing better pressure for fire protection and emergency uses with the City of Nooksack.	Public Works	1,200,000	LMF
East/West Connector	Everson	Future all-weather arterial connecting Mission Road and Everson-Goshen Road (SR 544), used as primary arterial to future UGA and light industrial area of South Everson.	Public Works and Business Development/ Finance	2,400,000	CDBG; GMA Planning Grant; CERB; EDA
CITY OF FERNDALE: UPDATED 5/14/2020					
Downtown Infrastructure Improvements	Ferndale	Upgrade underground utilities to meet anticipated future demand. Wayfinding signage for public parking and amenities.	Public Works, Economic Development	2,500,000	Local funds, REET, EDI
Second Avenue (Downtown) pedestrian conversion	Ferndale	Reconfigure Second Avenue north of Main Street for pedestrian-only purposes, following the completion of the Thornton Street Extension Project. The conversion would include the modification of other Downtown streets to one-way traffic and is expected to allow for a smoother flow of traffic while creating additional pedestrian areas in the Downtown core, increasing commerce and overall activity in the area.	Public Works, Economic Development	3,000,000	Local funds, REET, EDI, Private funds
Portal Way Corridor Improvements	Ferndale	Improve corridor, create consistent road profile and frontage on Portal Way. Three sections (I-5 to Newkirk, Newkirk to Kass, Kass to Trigg)	Public Works, Economic	15,000,000 (5,000,000 x 3)	TBD, TIB, Local funds, REET, Private funds

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			Development, Planning		
Downtown Post/Street Clock Project	Ferndale	Install a post/street clock within the Downtown Core Area or along the Centennial Riverwalk Park. Clock to serve as downtown entrance beautification piece.	Economic Development, Planning	50,000	Public and Private Partnerships, Local Funds, TBD, Economic Development Planning
Utility Extension to Malloy/Grandview	Ferndale	The nature of current and future development in this area is a combination of retail but more importantly light industrial – a sector of the economy that is growing fast at the same time that the inventory of available land has now reached critical levels. Ferndale is one of the only jurisdictions with theoretical inventory within its UGA in close proximity to highway and rail transportation, but development cannot be initiated without these extensions. Opens up area for development, protects sensitive watersheds from existing development built to rural standards – [Grandview area], provides fire flow, etc.	Public Works	8,000,000	PWTF, Local, EDA, DWSRF
Ferndale City Hall, Municipal Court and Council Chambers	Ferndale	Construct new, or expand existing facilities to accommodate future growth	Public Works	10,000,000	Local Funds, REET, EDI
Nordic Way Fireline	Ferndale	Construct an approximately 750’ water/fire line from Nordic Way, beneath the BNSF railroad tracks and Hovander Road, to serve a growing industrial area at Scout Place/ Nielsen Road. The fire line would create a “loop” for the purpose of maintaining adequate water pressure in the area, allowing more efficient firefighting response, and enabling larger facilities to be constructed in the area.	Public Works	500,000	Local Funds
Pump Station 19 Decommissioning	Ferndale	Scheduled decommissioning of a redundant pump station.	Public Works	1,500,000	Local Funds
Right-of-Way Beautification and Landscaping Along Major Corridors	Ferndale	Main Street, Portal Way and Slater Road: The creation of attractive, unified landscaping along major corridors provides a sense of place and welcome for new development. Project would include staff and consultant time to develop a	Public Works	300,000	TIB, TBD, Local, Federal/State

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		coordinated landscaping proposal, funding for materials and plants, and planting.			
Interstate 5 Exit 262 Roundabouts	Ferndale	Construct on/off ramp roundabouts along I-5 at exit 262 where they intersect Main Street.	Public Works	4,000,000	State and Federal Grants; WSDOT Funding
Vista Middle School	Ferndale	Roofing Replacement Project	Public Works, Economic Development	1,000,000	Capital funds
Central Elementary School	Ferndale	Roofing Replacement Project	Public Works, Economic Development	500,000	Capital Funds
Vista/Skyline Paving project	Ferndale	Repair and resurface asphalt parking lots and bus loops	Public Works, Economic Development	550,000	Capital Funds
Custer Elementary School	Ferndale	Exterior Brick Restoration and reseal	Public Works, Economic Development	800,000	Capital Funds
Custer Elementary School	Ferndale	Roofing replacement project	Public Works, Economic Development	400,000	Capital Funds
Ferndale School District HVAC Upgrade	Ferndale	Upgrade HVAC Controls at 8 schools	Public Works, Economic Development	1,500,000	Capital Funds
Ferndale School District Security Upgrade	Ferndale	Upgrade school facilities with secure vestibules, single visitor entry area with camera and buzz-in system, fencing where needed to create a secure facility	Public Works, Economic Development	1,000,000	Capital Funds
Custer Elementary School	Ferndale	Parking Lot and bus loop resurface and replacement	Public Works, Economic Development	200,000	Capital Funds
Phillips 66 Ballfields	Ferndale	Convert ballfields to all-weather, multisport surface, update lighting and light standards	Public Works	2,000,000	Local, Federal/State, Corporate donation
Ferndale Terrace Improvement	Ferndale	Reconstruct and widen approximately 2,500' of existing Ferndale Terrace Roadway to City standards, including curb, gutter, sidewalks, and improvements to the City's stormwater, water, and sewer utilities.	Public Works	5,000,000	TIB, TBD, Local, Federal/State, Ecology (stormwater component)
Thornton Street, Vista Drive to Malloy Avenue	Ferndale	Reconstruct approximately 1,300' of the Thornton Street roadway following the Thornton Street	Public Works	5,000,000	TIB, TBD, Local, Federal/State

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		Extension project. Project would establish sidewalks, curbs, bike lanes, and new road surfacing on both sides of the street.			
Interstate 5 Exit 262 Roundabouts	Ferndale	Reconfigure and widen overpass deck to accommodate two lanes in each direction, as well as non-motorized connectivity. Establish two-lane roundabouts at both north and south-bound ramps; reconfiguration of ramps to prevent existing main-line interruptions.	Public Works	25,000,000	State and Federal Grants; WSDOT Funding
Interstate 5 Exit 263 Roundabout	Ferndale/WSDOT	Two lane roundabout or roundabout with an eastbound slip lane to replace an existing compact roundabout, associated with the Thornton Street Extension. Project includes a pedestrian/bike extension beneath the freeway overpass to connect to existing non-motorized access to the east and west.	Public Works, WSDOT	3000000	WSDOT Funding, State and Federal Funding
Pioneer Park Entry and Pioneer Village Museum Improvements	Ferndale, Whatcom County Old Settlers' Association	Reconstruct the Pioneer Park entryway and parking lot to create a sense of entrance into a unique regional historic attraction. The project would also include needed improvements to the museum, such as preservation and acquisition of collections, digitization of original documents, and updated presentations and displays	Old Settlers' Association, Ferndale Heritage Society, Ferndale	1500000	State Funding, Local donations
Golden Eagle Drive, Shuksan Drive, and Ferndale High School Frontage	Ferndale, Ferndale School District	Reconstruct approximately 1,000' of existing roadway adjacent to new Ferndale High School campus. Establish school bus parking, improve motorized and non-motorized interface, construct sidewalks.	Ferndale School District	2,000,000	Local School Levy, REET, Local, State, Federal funding
Interstate 5 Exit 266 Interchange Reconfiguration and Corridor Improvements	Ferndale	Corridor reconstruction project to reconfigure and widen overpass deck and ramps and resolve rail and industrial traffic congestion associated with Whatcom County's primary industries at Cherry Point.	Public Works	50,000,000	State and Federal Grants; WSDOT Funding
Douglas Road Reconstruction	Ferndale	Reconstruct approximately 2,000 lf of an existing roadway, including sidewalks and utility improvements. Project would make additional serviced land available for development.	Public Works	2,700,000	City Transportation Benefit District funding

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Schell Marsh Boardwalk	Ferndale	Construct a ~2,000 lf boardwalk/trail from the Ferndale Public Library to the Phillips 66 Ballfields, rehabilitate a declining wetland area. Boardwalk would increase commerce within the Downtown core, including further redevelopment of the area.	Public Works	1,500,000	EDI, State Grant, Park Mitigation Fees, Private Donations
LAKE WHATCOM WATER & SEWER DISTRICT: UPDATED 5/14/2020					
Dellesta Lift Station Renovation	North Shore, Lake Whatcom	Renovate existing sanitary sewer lift station	Public Works	380,000	Sewer Reinvestment Fund
Edgewater Lift Station Renovation	North Shore, Lake Whatcom	Renovate existing sanitary sewer lift station	Public Works	380,000	Sewer Reinvestment Fund
Lake Whatcom Boulevard Sewer Main Rehabilitation	South Shore, Lake Whatcom	Rehabilitate a principal sanitary sewer main	Public Works	250,000	Sewer Reinvestment Fund
Division 7 Reservoir	Sudden Valley	Replace an existing aging (1971) reservoir with two new reservoirs meeting current seismic standards	Public Works	2,080,000	1,515,000-FEMA Grant 565,000-District Water Reinvestment Fund
CITY OF LYNDEN: UPDATED 5/4/2020					
Central Guide Meridian Sewer Service	West Lynden Commercial Area	Extension of sewer infrastructure to area fronting SR 539 and bounded by Front Street on the south and Meadow Lane to the north. Sewer would be extended north from West Front and cross Guide Meridian Road (SR 539) to provide service on the west side. This work should be coordinated with the WSDOT Connecting Washington-funded widening of SR 539 north of Front Street.	Public Works, Economic Development	950,000	EDI; City Sewer Utility Funds; Other Federal, State and local funds
West Main Street Improvements (Phase 2)	West Lynden	Reconstruct existing 20-foot roadway to an industrial street standard including curbs, gutters and sidewalks as well as utilities (water and storm drainage). Also, culvert and bridge replacement for an existing, uninhabited drainage ditch. Construction of a roundabout at the intersection with Berthusen Rd is a STP-R program partially funded project for 2022.	Public Works	2,300,000	EDI; STP-R; Transportation Impact Fees; Federal, State and other local funds
West Front Street All-Weather Arterial Street Improvements	West Lynden	Reconstruct West Front Street between Tromp Road and Duffner Drive. This project will construct West Front as an all-weather industrial-standard street complete with curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Minor utility upgrades including water, sanitary	Public Works	3,286,000	EDI, TIB, TBD, Other Federal, State and Local funds

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		sewer and stormwater conveyance are included to allow for the continued growth of Lynden’s industrial area. This improved road will provide industrial properties with all-weather truck access to State Route 539, Birch Bay-Lynden Road and I-5 to the west.			
City Wayfinding Signage/Branding Project	Main Travel Corridors and Trailways	Sign fabrication and installation of Lynden’s portion of Whatcom County’s regional wayfinding plan created by the Merje consulting group in cooperation with the Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism Office.	Planning	150,000	EDI, TBD, TAP, City General Fund
Tromp Road & Alderwood Extension	West Lynden	New construction of Tromp Road a north-south connection between Birch Bay-Lynden Road and the eastern extension of Alderwood (a short east-west connection on the south side of the Preferred Freezer facility) to link to Main Street via Curt Mayberry Street. This project will include an industrial-standard street complete with curbs, gutters and sidewalks. All utilities, including water, sanitary sewer and stormwater are already in place. This project will connect the northern industrial area to Birch Bay-Lynden Road, providing safe and efficient access to State Route 539 and I-5.	Public Works and Economic Development.	5,250,000	EDI, TIB, TBD, and other Federal/State/Local funds
South Guide Meridian Road Sewer Service	West Lynden Commercial Area	Extension of sewer infrastructure to area fronting SR 539 and bounded to the south by the City limits; to the east by Fishtrap Creek, and; to the west by an extension of Berthusen Road, south of Birch Bay-Lynden Road. The west basin (west of SR 539) encompasses approximately 153 acres, and the east basin another 93 acres. A Port of Bellingham study prepared in 2015 identified preferred solutions.	Public Works and Economic Development.	3,000,000	EDI; City Sewer Utility Funds; Other Federal, State and Local funds.
Downtown Parking – Old Water Treatment Plant Site	Lynden’s Downtown Historic Business District (HBD)	The Lynden Downtown HBD has seen an exciting rejuvenation in recent years, and parking is at a premium. The old water treatment plant was demolished in 2019 following the construction of the new plant further to the south. This vacant site	Public Works and Economic Development	1,250,000	EDI, TBD, TAP, City General Fund

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		is available for redevelopment as an employee parking area or structure. This project has been requested by the Downtown Business Association.			
Judson Service Alley Reconstruction and Widening	Lynden’s Downtown HBD	Reconstruct and widen the alley running behind (south of) the businesses located on Front Street. This alley provides critical access for delivery/service and emergency vehicles to HBD businesses. This project would include undergrounding of overhead utilities which obstruct view and hinder access. Private utility revisions.	Public Works and Economic Development	1,600,000	EDI, TIB, TBD, Other Federal/State/Local funds
Pepin Creek Main Street Bridge	Lynden UGA	This project will construct a new bridge on Main Street and fish stream below to allow for relocation of year-round water flowing in north-south deep roadside ditches along Double Ditch Road to a newly constructed channel halfway between the Benson and Double Ditch roads. This will allow City re-construction of Double Ditch Road to arterial standards. It will also better protect existing neighborhoods from flooding events and provide improved habitat for ESA listed fish.	Public Works	3,000,000	EDI; Transportation Impact Fees; TBD; Federal, State and other local funds

CITY OF NOOKSACK					
Garfield Force Main Extension	Nooksack	Extend the force main from the Garfield sewer pump station to Pump Station No. 4 in Everson.	Public Works	1,000,000	City Sewer fund, PWTF
Stormwater Management Plan Development	Nooksack	Inventory and assessment of existing stormwater management facilities serving the City of Nooksack. Following analysis of existing system, system improvements necessary to accommodate anticipated commercial, industrial and residential development would be identified and prioritized.	Technical Assistance and Planning	30,000	City General Fund; CCWF
PORT OF BELLINGHAM: UPDATED 5/19/2020					
Mooring Improvements to Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Design and construct new mooring dolphins and fendering system.	Public Works	12,000,000	Port; State; Federal

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Marine Trades Area Travel Lift	Bellingham Waterfront District	Develop boat haul-out/travel lift on the north side of the Whatcom Waterway with a private partner. Feasibility/design and construction.	Public Works	2,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Mt. Baker Products Peninsula Improvements	Bellingham Squalicum Waterfront	Provide infrastructure on 4.5 acre industrial site behind Mt Baker Products to support new marine trades activity.	Public Works	2,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Schultz Way Improvements	Bellingham Squalicum Waterfront	Reconstruct Port-owned Schultz Way road to city standards as a secondary arterial, serving existing port tenants and extending it to the Mt Baker Products peninsula to serve new tenants.	Public Works	2,500,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Marine Highway Port designation for the Bellingham Shipping Terminal and preparation of facilities to service resulting “short sea” routes	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Achieve MARAD status as a terminal point on the Pacific M-5 Maritime Highway Route and make necessary repairs and reconfiguration to the BST “Railway Dock,” allowing it to handle barge calls and resulting inbound and outbound cargo flow.	Public Works	5,000,000	Federal funds; Port; State
Airport Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements	Bellingham Airport Industrial Park	Infrastructure improvements to the 18 acres of immediately buildable property in the AIP to support business expansion and attraction.	Public Works	2,500,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Visitor Moorage at GP Pier	Bellingham Waterfront District	Dock and moorage system in the Whatcom Waterway to serve visiting commercial and recreational boaters, improve water access and stimulate local spending.	Public Works	1,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Alcohol Plant Renovation	Bellingham Waterfront District	Renovate historic former GP ethyl alcohol plant for commercial uses.	Public Works	14,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Fishers Pavilion	Bellingham Squalicum Harbor	Construct covered area to store/repair fishing gear, provide a fresh seafood market and host marine trades and community events.	Public Works	1,100,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Blaine Wharf District Marine Industrial Area	Blaine Harbor	Infrastructure improvements to support facilitate for boat haul-out, storing/repairing fishing gear, fish processing upland boatyard/small boatyard expansion.	Public Works	5,000,000	Port; State; Federal; Whatcom County EDI
Rural Broadband Construction Project	Whatcom County	Planning, implementation and construction of rural broadband dark-fiber network for three routes in Whatcom County	Public Works, Economic Development	15,000,000	Port; State; Federal; CERB, Whatcom County EDI
Bellingham Shipping Terminal Repower	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Power and broadband upgrades to the Bellingham Shipping Terminal warehouses.	Public Works, Economic Development	3,038,169	Port, Federal

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Bellingham Shipping Terminal Barge Slip Repairs	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Repairs of ‘rail span’ dock to accommodate growing barge traffic.	Public Works, Economic Development	4,793,000	Port, Federal
Bellingham Shipping Terminal Pier Rehab	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Repairs and rehabilitation of the main BST pier.	Public Works, Economic Development	3,879,379	Port, Federal
Bellingham Shipping Terminal Dredging	Bellingham Shipping Terminal	Dredging and under dock realignment needed in order to serve larger ships.	Public Works, Economic Development	3,828,000	Port, Federal
Rail Spur Reconnection	BST Log Pond	Reconnect the main rail line via the Log Pond	Public Works	7,500,000	Private
Waterfront Fiber	Bellingham Waterfront District	Finish incomplete Roeder Ave conduit to Waterfront Development (all intersections), after completion install fiber to Waterfront, build a small ISP room	Public Works, Economic Development	3,000,000	Port, State, Federal, Whatcom County EDI
Airport Fiber upgrades	Bellingham International Airport	Install conduit to west side of Airport runway for future development	Public Works, Economic Development	1,000,000	Port, Federal
Airport utilities upgrades	Bellingham International Airport	Install water, sewer, and electric lines on the west side of airport runway for future development. Wetland mitigation may be required.	Public Works, Economic Development	5,000,000	Port, Federal
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1: UPDATED 2/2020					
Utilities Infrastructure	Various Areas, Rural Whatcom County	Construct utility infrastructure to support commercial and industrial development, and job creation	Public Works, Economic Development, Job Creation	10,000,000	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, EDI, Private
Water Supply Infrastructure Projects	Various Areas, Rural Whatcom County	Construct water system infrastructure projects to store, move and use new sources of water to supply water for agriculture, streamflow and municipal purposes	Public Works, Economic Development, Ecosystem Enhancement	20,000,000	PUD, Farmers, Tribes, Dept. of Ecology, EDI
Alternative and Renewable Energy, Water Conservation, Water Re-Use	Agriculture Operations, Dairy Farms	Working with dairies and other agricultural operations, develop waste-to-energy and waste-water reclamation projects for electric, gas and clean water production	Renewable Resources, Economic Development, Public Works, Ecosystem Rehab	5,000,000	PUD, Dept. of Ecology, Dept. of Commerce, Private, EDI

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Electric Utility Infrastructure	Western Whatcom County	Construct electric service infrastructure to support commercial and industrial development	Public Works, Economic Development	10,000,000	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, Private, EDI
Renewable Energy	Various Areas of Whatcom County	Construct solar, wind and small hydro-turbine projects	Public Works, Economic Development, Energy	10,000,000	PUD, Dept. of Commerce, Private, EDI
Telecommunications	Rural Whatcom County	Construct broadband infrastructure to support educational, healthcare and municipal services	Public Works, Public Safety, Economic Development	4,000,000	PUD, Port of Bellingham, Dept. of Commerce, Private, EDI
CITY OF SUMAS: UPDATED 5/14/2020					
Howard Bowen Event Complex	Sumas	Demolish existing grandstand and replace it with a new 3,500-spectator grandstand and arena area. Project also includes restrooms, concessions, retractable stage, parking, relocation of two baseball diamonds and development of a new soccer field.	Public Works, Economic Development	2,975,000	State and Local funds, EDI
Regional Recreational Facility Enhancements	Sumas	Replace bleachers at Sumas Rodeo Grounds and associated fields. Upgrade existing facilities and lighting.	Public Works	700,000	State Grant; Washington Wildlife & Recreational Program
Cherry Street (SR 9)/Front Street Roundabout	Sumas	Construct roundabout at intersection to allow for improved truck flow through city industrial sector.	Public Works	1,500,000	Federal (STBGP); State (WSDOT and TIB); EDI
Truck Bypass	Sumas	New road alignment for trucks seeking to utilize the industrial areas of Sumas and the international border crossing.	Public Works	8,100,000	Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes; Vehicle Registration Fees; Other Federal, State and Local Funding Sources
Sumas Avenue Reconstruction	Sumas	Reconstruct Sumas Avenue from Front Street to Garfield Street.	Public Works	2,300,000	STP; City Street Fund
Cherry Street (SR 9) Bridge Replacement	Sumas	Replace Cherry Street bridge to remove blockage to flow of floodwaters and increase capacity on the State highway.	Public Works	3,000,000	STP; BRAC; FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

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Whatcom Smart Trips	Whatcom County	Funding for countywide program to reduce travel demand through the use of walking, bicycling, carpooling and transit.	Economic Development	100,000	Federal, State and local funds
International Mobility and Trade Corridor Program (IMTC)	Whatcom County, State of Washington, British Columbia, Canada and U.S.	Funding for IMTC, a coalition of U.S. and Canadian government and business entities that identifies and promotes improvements to mobility and security for the four border crossings that connect Whatcom County and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.	Planning	100,000	Federal, State and local funds (IMTC has received funding from the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian federal government to provide local matching funds for U.S. federal grants)
THE LUMMI NATION: ADDED 5/18/2020					
Broadband/ Telecommunications	Lummi Reservation	Construction, improvement or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service	Economic Development, Planning, IT, Public Works, Education Health	10,967,188	USDA Reconnect
Broadband/ Telecommunications	Lummi Reservation	Feasibility study to a define business plan for the development of a retail broadband internet enterprise to serve its reservation membership with 2,417 homes on the Lummi peninsula. Tribal administration, health care facility, schools and public safety would be primary customers.	Economic Development, Planning, IT, Public Works, Education Health	50,000	DOI BIA National Tribal Broadband Grant
Wayfinding Signage	Lummi Reservation	Establish a coordinated system of wayfinding signs for the purpose of guiding visitors, residents and businesses to their destinations (and other points of interest) within the Lummi reservation and the surrounding area. Coordinated wayfinding systems enable jurisdictions to improve traffic circulation, create a sense of place, improve the characterization of sub-areas and districts within a community, and reduce sign blight. As proposed, the Tribe would establish a series of signs throughout the reservation that will provide directions to points of interest within the reservation. As part of this program a variety of	Economic Development, Planning, Public Works	50,000	Local funds, REET, EDI

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		existing signs would be removed and consolidated into the proposed wayfinding program. The Lummi Nation expects to coordinate with Ferndale, Lummi Island, Whatcom County, private businesses and the general public to identify important destinations within the Ferndale area and to development variations from the central theme of the wayfinding program.			
Lummi Tribal Health Clinic	Lummi Reservation	Expansion of existing Tribal Health Clinic facilities.	Health, Public Works		EDA Disaster - COVID
Solar/Renewable Energy	Lummi Reservation	Construct solar on rooftop of the Lummi Tribal Health Center.	Economic Development, Planning, Public Works, Health	1,300,000	DOE
Slater Road Elevation	Whatcom County, Lummi, Ferndale	Elevation of Slater Road between the Nooksack River bridge and the BNSF Railroad tracks	Economic Development, Planning, Public Works	15,000,000	EDA Disaster - Floods
THE NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE: RESPONDED NO CAPACITY TO RESPOND					
WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE					
Integrated Public Radio Network	Whatcom County	Whatcom County Integrated Public Radio Network Project builds a public safety radio system for use by all first responder agencies in Whatcom County, its political subdivisions, and interoperability with regional partners. Whatcom County's communications backbone has been in use since the 1980's and the age of equipment, along with technology changes, and equipment failures have resulted in a system that is incompatible with regional partners, and is outdated and failing.	Public Works and Public Safety	7,000,000	EDI, REET I, State grants, and Federal Funding