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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director

From: Joseph P. Rutan, P.E., County Engineer/Assistant Director

Date: January 11, 2019

Re: **Ordinance Establishing Temporary One-Way Traffic on Birch Bay Drive
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 on Birch Bay Drive, from the intersection of Harborview Road to the intersection of Shintaffer Road, due to the erosion to the southbound lane, until the road repairs are completed.

Background and Purpose

Due to recent storms, there was severe erosion to portions of Birch Bay Drive, requiring a one-way roadway between Harborview Road and Shintaffer Road. RCW 46.61.135 allows the County Council to designate one-way roadways. The expected repair time is currently unknown. Upon completion of the repair work Birch Bay Drive 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.

Please contact Joe Rutan at extension 6219 with any questions regarding this ordinance.