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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** The Honorable Satpal Singh 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*  
James E. Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager *JEL*

**Date:** February 16, 2021

**Re:** **Ordinance Regarding Temporary Installation of Stop Signs on Noon Road at  
Ten Mile Road and on East Hemmi Road at Noon Road during Construction  
of the E. Hemmi Road Flood Mitigation Project**

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### Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to install temporary stop signs on Noon Road at Ten Mile Road and on East Hemmi Road at Noon Road during Construction of the E. Hemmi Road Flood Mitigation Project.

### Background and Purpose

E. Hemmi Road is submerged several months of the year. An alternative analysis performed by Public Works recommended raising a portion of the roadway and installing a larger culvert to mitigate flood impacts. Design and permitting are now complete and construction of this project is expected to start in the summer of 2021 with completion anticipated in fall 2021. This project is listed as #13 on the 2021 Annual Construction Program.

During construction E. Hemmi Road will be closed at the project site and local traffic will be detoured to Hannegan Road, Ten Mile Road, and Noon Road. Public Works proposes installing temporary stop signs on Noon Road at Ten Mile Road and on E. Hemmi Road at Noon Road to improve safety and help manage the increased traffic these intersections will experience during the use of this detour. These temporary stop signs will be removed as soon as construction of the project is complete.

### Information

This ordinance will allow for the temporary installation of stop signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 36.32.120 and 46.61.200 to install traffic control signs.

Please contact James Lee at extension 6264 with any questions regarding this ordinance.