



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*

Date: July 14, 2021

Re: **Ordinance for Re-establishing a Speed Limit for a Portion of Bay Road**

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to reestablish a speed limit of 35 MPH on Bay Road from 500 feet east of Jackson Road to Halibut Drive.

Background and Purpose

Residents of the Bay Crest North development, through the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce have requested that the speed limit on this portion of Bay Road be returned to 35 MPH. The 25 MPH speed limit in this area was originally established on Bay Road in order to facilitate its use as part of the Birch Bay Golf Cart Zone. Residents of Bay Crest North have rightly pointed out that if they want to access the Golf Cart Zone they can use the local access roads within the development to get to Jackson Road and ultimately Birch Bay Drive, thus making the 25 MPH speed limit on this section of Bay Road unnecessary.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the installation of speed limit signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 46.61.415 to establish speed limits on certain County roads.

Please contact Douglas Ranney II, P.E., Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 with any questions regarding this ordinance.