



Memorandum

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JPK*

Date: April 6, 2021

Re: **Resolution Adopting the Whatcom County Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Within the Public Rights-of-Way**

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council and County Executive approve the proposed resolution to adopt the Whatcom County ADA Transition Plan within the Public Rights-of-Way.

Background and Purpose

The Americans with Disabilities Act was enacted on July 26, 1990 and provides comprehensive civil rights to persons with disabilities. To satisfy the requirements of ADA Title II Part 35, Subpart D, the Whatcom County Department of Public Works initiated the drafting of a Transition Plan to outline modifications and efforts that must be made to correct findings of non-compliance with ADA standards.

The County held an official 30-day public comment period of the draft ADA Transition Plan that ended March 31, 2021 and no additional feedback from the public and interested groups was received that required modifications to the Whatcom County ADA Transition Plan within Public Rights-of-Way. This was considered to be a result from the substantial public outreach that was previously made to the public, which can be found in Appendix D, of this plan.

Information

This resolution will establish and guide the future planning and implementation of necessary accessibility improvements within the public rights-of-way.

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