

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

2 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2:35 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON AT
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Kathy Kershner called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barry Buchanan, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also Present: Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Carol Frazey

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2022-713](#) Report from the Public Works Department

Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Department Acting Director, reported on the following topics:

- The progress of the apprenticeship program
- Point Roberts and the issue of access to border crossing resolved
- Winter storm and flood preparedness
- The year in review
- Projects in the upcoming year
- Workforce and hiring
- The ferry

She answered whether there is any way they can expedite putting up flood gates.

Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, answered how long the Lake Samish bridge re-build project will go and whether the bridge will be completely closed during that time.

Kosa answered whether our county has considered doing any sort of direct mailing information share regarding flooding, whether HR is in on the conversations with Public Works and the City of Bellingham regarding techniques for recruiting staff, whether there are any other commercial driver's license (CDL) schools in the area, and whether it is possible to have a certified person employed by the County who can teach CDL classes from within.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2022-649](#) Discussion involving stop sign ordinances on various roads

Doug Ranney, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered whether he has not heard from the fire district regarding Drayton Harbor Road, whether there was a petition for a stop sign on Harksell Road at the intersection of Woodland Road, and whether they have other alternatives they could potentially explore if implementing one-way traffic on Drayton Harbor Road is not the right solution.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Kathy Kershner-via email 12/8/2022

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kathy Kershner, Committee Chair

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