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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the project budget for the Birch Bay-Lynden Road and Blaine Road Intersection Improvements Fund; CRP #906001, request no. 1

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

See Memo

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
07/08/2025	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler Nay: 0	
07/22/2025	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan Nay: 0	
07/22/2025	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler Nay: 0	

Attachments: Staff Memo, Proposed Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-036

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE BIRCH BAY LYNDEN
RD. & BLAINE RD. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS FUND; CRP #906001,
REQUEST NO. 1**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2021-078 established the Birch Bay Lynden Rd. & Blaine Rd. Intersection Improvements Fund with an initial budget of \$650,000 in local funds for work on preliminary engineering, environmental permitting, and property rights acquisition for the multi-year project, and;

WHEREAS, the preliminary engineering of the Birch Bay Lynden Rd. & Blaine Rd. Intersection Improvements is approximately 60% complete, with permitting and property rights acquisition in progress, and;

WHEREAS, the original property rights acquisition cost estimates have increased due to economic changes in market forces and property owner negotiations, and therefore the original estimate of \$250,000 is insufficient, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to supplement the project-based budget with additional funds for the right-of-way phase, in order to acquire the necessary property rights to construct the project, and;

WHEREAS, funding for the right-of-way phase of the project will come from the Road Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Birch Bay Lynden Rd. & Blaine Rd. Intersection Improvements Project was confirmed as item number 7 on the Council approved 2025 Annual Construction Program, and;

WHEREAS, the project has secured \$1,922,473 of outside funding commitments (\$1 million federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds, \$121,396 federal Carbon Reduction Program funds, and \$801,077 federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds), and;

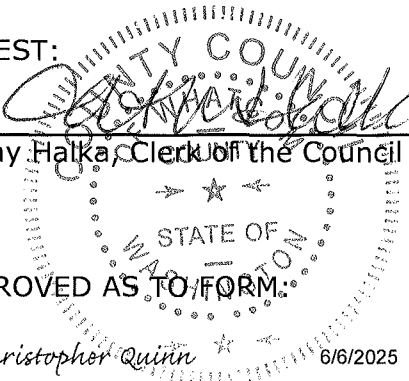
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2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that
3 Ordinance No. 2021-078, is hereby amended by adding an additional expenditure
4 authority, as described in Exhibit "A", to the amended project budget total of \$650,000
5 for a new total of \$800,000.
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7 **ADOPTED** this 22nd day of July, 2025.
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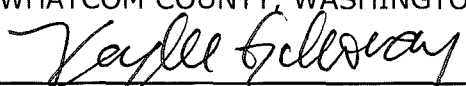
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10 ATTEST:

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12 _____
13 Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council
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17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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19 *Christopher Quinn* 6/6/2025
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21 Christopher Quinn
22 Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Kaylee Galloway, Chair of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

(X) Approved () Denied

Date Signed: July 28, 2025

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Engineering Design/Const

Suppl ID # 4992

Fund 3912 Cost Center 39121000 Originator: Andrew Tischleder

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 1 2025 Add'l FTE ☐ Add'l Space ☐ Priority 1

Name of Request: Birch Bay-Lynden & Blaine Rd Inter Imp Amend #1

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6.11.2025

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	7320 .59520	Land	\$150,000
	8397.19008020	Transfers in	(\$150,000)
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

This project is located at the corners common to Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, T40N, R1E. Intersection improvements are a compact roundabout. This is a joint project with the Washington State Department of Transportation; however, it is unlikely that they will participate as a funding source. This project is listed #7 on the 2025 Annual Construction Program. The project design is currently progressing from 60% to 90%, with permitting, utility coordination, and property right acquisition on-going. The project has secured \$1,922,473 in federal funding. Construction is tentatively planned for 2026.

This request is to provide additional funding needed to complete the right-of-way phase of this project.

Companion supplemental 4993 provides the \$150,000 of local funds from the Road Fund

1b. Primary customers:

All road users who travel on the Birch Bay Lynden and Blaine Road corridors.

2. Problem to be solved:

The main purpose of the intersection improvements is to improve traffic operations and increase multi-modal safety.

3a. Options / Advantages:

N/A

3b. Cost savings:

Potential costs savings are realized by an improved level of service for the motoring public and potential decrease in motor vehicle accidents.

4a. Outcomes:

This project will provide a more efficient and safer intersection at the Birch Bay Lynden and Blaine Road intersection.

4b. Measures:

The measures of success will be obligation of construction grant funds when Right-of-Way is certified and environmental permits are signed off by FHWA and WSDOT.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

N/A

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

WSDOT coordination is necessary due the multi-jurisdictional nature of this intersection.

6. Funding Source:

Tuesday, June 03, 2025

Rpt: Rpt Suppl Regular

Supplemental Budget Request

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Fund 3912 **Cost Center** 39121000 **Originator:** Andrew Tischleder

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Exhibit "A"

Project Based Budget - Budget Request Tracking Sheet

6/10/2025

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Project Title: **Birch Bay Lynden Rd & Blaine Rd (SR-548) Intersection**

Improvements Project Codes: **CRP No. 906001, PBB No. 39121000**

Project Based Budget Request: **Amendment No. 1**

Duration Requested: **5 yrs (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024,2025)**

Budget Account	Project Activity	New Approved Project Budget	Amended Project Budget Request	New Approved Project Budget
595110	Preliminary Engineering (In-House & Consultant)	\$400,000		\$400,000
595200	Right of Way	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$400,000
595300	Construction	\$0		\$0
595120	Construction Engineering (In-House & Consultant)	\$0		\$0
TOTAL		\$650,000	\$150,000	\$800,000

Object Account	Project Funding	New Approved Project Revenue	Amended Project Revenue Request	New Approved Project Revenue
8301	Local Funds (transfer from Road Fund)	\$650,000	\$150,000	\$800,000
4333	Federal STBG Funds (Reimbursement for	\$0	\$0	\$0
4333	construction)* Federal HSIP Funds (Reimbursement for	\$0	\$0	\$0
4333	construction)* Federal CRP Funds (Reimbursement for	\$0	\$0	\$0
	construction)*			
TOTAL		\$650,000	\$150,000	\$800,000

* Funds committed, but not yet obligated

* HSIP = Highway Safety Improvement Program

* STBG = Surface Transportation Block Grant