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## Memorandum

**To:** The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive and  
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**Through:** Jon Hutchings, Director

**From:** Joseph P. Rutan, P.E., County Engineer/Assistant Director

**Date:** January 11, 2019

**Re:** **Emergency Ordinance Regarding Temporary Installation of Stop Signs on  
Certain County Roads until the repair work is completed on Birch Bay  
Drive.**

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### Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to install temporary stop signs on Harborview Road, Shintaffer Road, Cottonwood Drive, and Birch Bay Drive, until the road repairs for erosion are completed.

### Background and Purpose

Due to recent severe weather, there was severe erosion to portions of Birch Bay Drive, requiring a one lane roadway between Harborview Road and Shintaffer Road, with stop control at Shintaffer Road. An alternate route using Anderson Road between Harborview Road and Shintaffer Road has been established, with all-way stop control at each end. Additionally, for the safety of residents living within the erosion area of Birch Bay Drive and those residents who live on Cottonwood Drive and Cottonwood Court, who's only egress is via Birch Bay Drive, Cottonwood Drive was temporarily reopened to traffic northbound at Morgan Drive, requiring the installation of a temporary stop sign on Cottonwood Drive at Morgan Drive. The expected repair time is currently unknown. These temporary stop signs will be removed at the completion of the repair work.

### 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 Joe Rutan at extension 6219 with any questions regarding this ordinance.