

# City/County Elected Officials Meeting

## Growth Management Coordination – 2025 Update

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City of  
Bellingham

City of  
Blaine

City of  
Everson

City of  
Ferndale

City of  
Lynden

City of  
Nooksack

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Sumas

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County

### Agenda

**February 20, 2025**  
**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Bellingham Pacific Street Operations Center  
2221 Pacific St., Bellingham WA 98229 (use entrance on Carolina St.)  
Or remote attendance via Zoom (see link below)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Possible New County/City Planning Policies Regarding UGA Planning
  - Pre-Zoning: "Whatcom County and Cities should pursue and formalize processes for the County to adopt new zoning for UGAs prior to annexation that will take effect upon annexation." (To be adopted as a new Countywide Planning Policy)
  - Abutting UGAs: "Bellingham and Ferndale should develop and formalized a cooperative planning process to address expansion of city limits and urban growth areas in adjacent and adjoining areas." (To be adopted in parallel by Bellingham and Ferndale)
3. Industrial and Commercial Land Supply and Projected Employment Numbers: Do We Have Enough?
  - See Pages 14-29 of [Whatcom Population and Employment Projections](#)
  - From Whatcom County CEDS (2022) Goals and Objectives:
    - Shovel ready sites** – Support partners in sustainably developing existing industrially zoned lands to have graded parcels with basic utility, road, and transport access.
    - Industrial building supply**– Work with partners to create a diverse industrial building supply in Whatcom County.
4. Laying Groundwork for Possible Newly Incorporated City
  - Procedure for Incorporation in WA state by petition and voter approval (See [RCW 35.02](#))
  - [Example of Birch Bay Incorporation Study](#)

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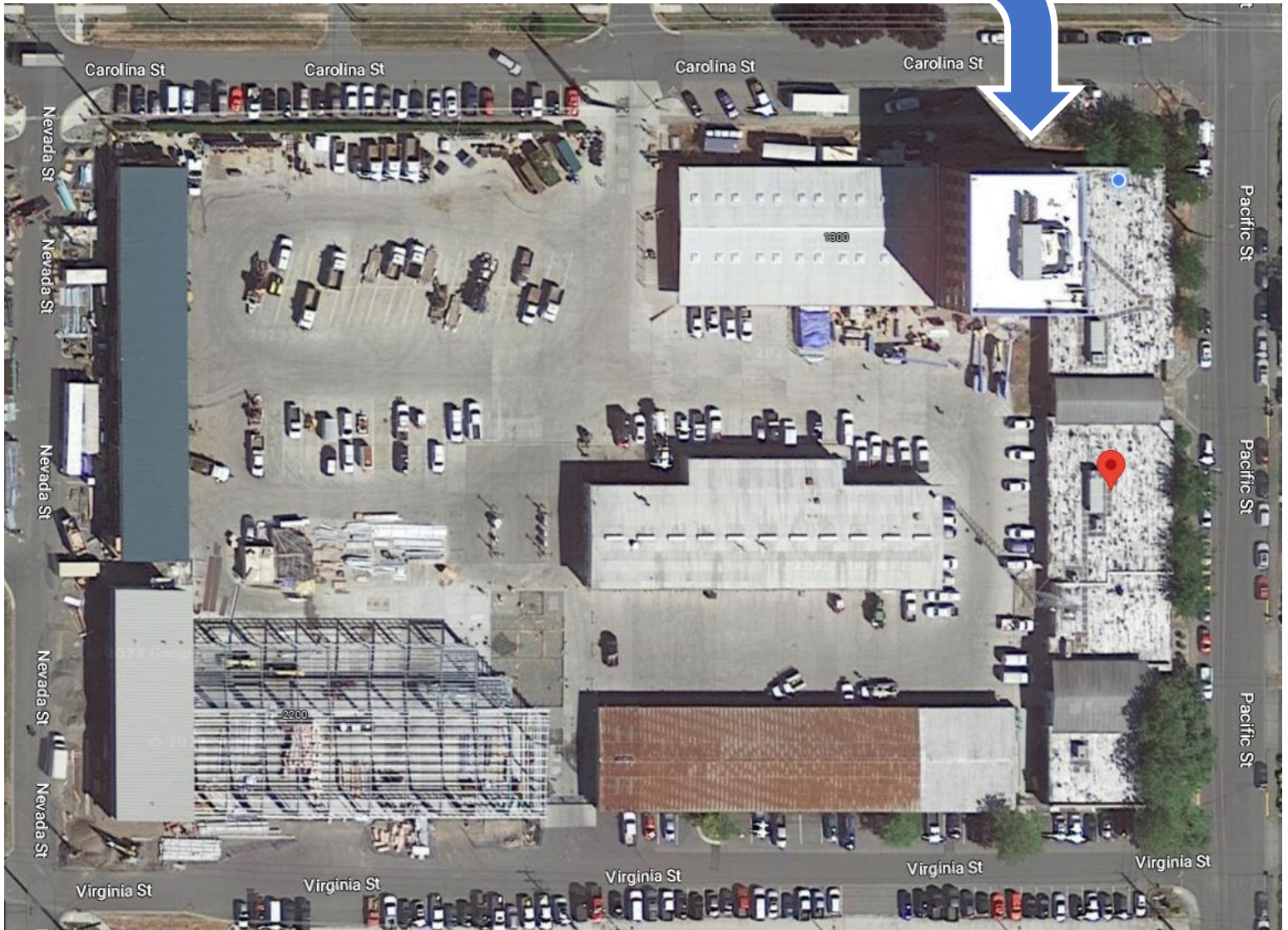
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