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Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JHK*

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JK*
Doug Burghart, Engineering Manager *DB*

Date: September 28, 2021

Re: **West Horton Rd. Extension; CRP No. 916002**
First Amendment--Interlocal Agreement w/ the City of Bellingham; WCC #201706030
Design of West Horton Rd. Extension

Attached for your review and signature are two (2) originals of the First Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County associated with the design of the West Horton Rd. Extension, CRP No. 916002.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Executive sign the Interlocal Agreement amendment originals with the City of Bellingham.

Background and Purpose

The attached amendment to WCC#201706030 provides additional project background and outlines the financial obligations of both the County and the City of Bellingham in the mutual decision to not construct the Phase 2 Horton Rd. extension, located within County right-of-way, and also within the Urban Growth Area. The decision made to not move forward with Phase 2 of the project was due to the high cost of environmental mitigation and the lack of funding to construct this segment within the next 8 to 10 years as required by the federal STP grant received for the design phase.

Funding Amount and Source

The City of Bellingham received a total of \$1,000,000 in federal STP funds for the design phase of the project, and this money has been re-obligated to the County's Marine Drive Reconstruction project, CRP 917001. The City has been reimbursed a total of \$403,612.07 for the 100% design of Horton Rd. Phase 1 and 30% design of Horton Rd. Phase 2, and will reimburse WSDOT for this amount. The County's share of this reimbursement is \$250,000. Expenditure authority for the payment to the City for this amount will be accomplished through a budget transfer made possible as a result of the STP funds now available for Marine Drive instead of local road funds.

Please contact Doug Burghart at extension 6277 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this agreement.