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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and

Honorable Members of the County Council

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director

From: Doug Ranney, P.E., County Engineer

Date: October 8, 2024

Re: Revised Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), 2025-2030

Introduction, Public Hearing and Adoption

Requested Action:

The Public Works Department requests that the Revised STIP Resolution and its associated exhibits, Revised 2025-2030 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and 2025-2038 Fourteen-Year Ferry Capital Program, be introduced on the October 8th County Council meeting. We then request that a public hearing be advertised for and held at the October 22nd County Council meeting, with the resolution potentially adopted at said meeting.

Background and Purpose:

Council previously approved an alternate version of the STIP on September 24th, which was created under direction to reduce Capital expenditures in order to present a balanced biennial budget. Since that time, there have been further discussions around claiming the 'banked capacity' of road fund levy. Based on recommendations from Council and the anticipated Executive's budget proposal on October 18th including the banked capacity, this revised STIP is submitted for Council consideration. Should this resolution (AB2024-644) be adopted Council should make a motion to rescind the prior STIP resolution (AB2024-579).

Each year the County is required to update its Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, per RCW 35.77.010 and RCW 36.81.121. The County is also required to prepare a Fourteen-Year Ferry Capital Program each year per RCW 36.54.015 and an Annual Bridge Report per RCW 36.81.121. The STIP includes the capital elements of the first six years of the Fourteen-Year Ferry Capital Program which is Exhibit "B" of the resolution.

Information:

1- Memorandum to County Executive and Council

Attachment "A" - Removed, Modified, and Added Projects

Attachment "B" - 2024-2029 Capital Projects List

Attachment "C1" - Road Fund Balance Projections

Attachment "C2" - Road Fund Revenue Projections

Attachment "C3" – Road Fund Expenditure Projections

Attachment "D" - Roadway Priority Rating Program

Attachment "E" - Annual Bridge Report

Attachment "F" - Project Narrative Sheets

2- 2025-2030 Revised Six Year Transportation Improvement Program Resolution

Exhibit "A" - 2025-2030 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program Exhibit "B" - 2025-2038 Fourteen-Year Ferry Capital Program

The differences between what was previously approved and this revised STIP are as follows (see Attachment "B" for more details):

TIP	Increase in Local Road Fund Capital Amount from 9/24/24 Adopted to			
Project	revised version (in \$1,000's)			
Number	From		То	
R5	\$5	% -	\$10	
R6	\$5		\$60	
R9	\$5		\$10	
R13	\$5		\$150	
R14	\$5		\$10	
R15	\$5		\$10	
R22	\$20		\$175	
R23	\$20		\$175	
R27	\$5		\$80	
R29	\$355		\$750	
R36	\$5		\$147	
M1	\$5		\$10	
M2	\$5		\$10	
Y2	\$25		\$50	
Y4	\$0		\$120	
Y5	\$0		\$170	
Y6	\$0		\$100	
Y7	\$0		\$100	
Y8	\$0		\$200	
Y9	\$0		\$350	
	\$470,000	_	\$2,687,000 Total add =	\$2,217,000
9/24/24 Local Total =		\$11,452,000		
Local Added =		\$2,217,000		
10/22/24 Local Total =		\$13,669,000		