



Memorandum

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EK*

From: Douglas W. Ranney II, P.E., County Engineer *DWR*
Joshua L. Cihak, P.E., Engineering Manager *JL*

Date: June 10, 2025

Re: Birch Bay-Lynden Rd & Blaine Rd Intersection Improvements; CRP No. 906001;
**Ordinance to Supplement the Birch Bay-Lynden Rd & Blaine Rd Intersection
Improvements Fund and Project Based Budget**

Enclosed for your review and approval is an ordinance for a supplement to the Birch Bay-Lynden Rd & Blaine Rd Intersection Improvements Fund. This includes an amendment to the project-based budget and accompanying supplemental budget request.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council approve this proposed ordinance to amend the Birch Bay-Lynden Rd & Blaine Rd Intersection Improvements Fund and project-based budget. The ordinance will be introduced at the July 8, 2025 council meeting with action occurring at the July 22, 2025 council meeting.

Background and Purpose

The Birch Bay-Lynden Rd & Blaine Rd Intersection Improvements Project will reconstruct the existing stop-controlled intersection with a fully mountable compact roundabout. The County Council established the Birch Bay-Lynden Rd & Blaine Rd Intersection Improvements Fund under Ordinance 2021-078 which established a project-based budget to complete the preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases of the project including project design, permitting, and property rights acquisition.

This proposed project-based budget amendment will add funds to the right-of-way phase of the project in order to acquire the necessary property rights to construct the project. The real estate costs have risen since 2022 when the project-based budget was established, which has necessitated the need for additional funds.

Funding Amount and Source

This project-based budget amendment and accompanying supplemental budget request will add an additional \$150,000 in local funds to the right-of-way phase of the project for a new total project expenditure authority of \$800,000. This project is under Project Based Budget Fund 39121000. The project is listed as Item No. 7 on the 2025 Annual Construction Program.

Please contact Andrew Tischleder, at extension 6224, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this ordinance.