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MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *AK*

From: Andrew Hester, Real Estate Coordinator

Date: August 21, 2025

Re: Resolution to Declare Whatcom County Real Property as Surplus and Approve Transfer

Enclosed is a resolution requesting the approval of the surplus and transfer of Whatcom County real property to the City of Bellingham.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Whatcom County Council hold a public hearing and take action on the proposed resolution to approve the surplus and transfer of Whatcom County real property.

Background and Purpose

Per RCW 36.34.130 and Whatcom County Code 1.10.340, the Whatcom County Property Management Committee has recommended the surplus and transfer of Whatcom County real property, tax parcel number 380419 006520 0000, to the City of Bellingham for the appraised value of \$15,000 and all related closing costs. There are limited records on this property but they indicate that the property has been owned by Whatcom County since the early 1900's but there are no records of any County use of the property. The City of Bellingham requested the County grant an access easement to them in support of a larger acquisition of an adjacent property. The access easement was a requirement of the seller of the adjacent property to grant formal access to their property. As the property has no utility to the County it would be preferred to surplus the property to the City in support of their Lake Whatcom Watershed property acquisition rather than grant an access easement. Then the City can manage the access across the property.

Funding Amount and Source

The property would be transferred to the City of Bellingham for the appraised value of \$15,000 and all related closing costs.

Please contact me at extension 6216 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this resolution.

Encl.