



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

**FROM:** Kayla Schott-Bresler, Strategic Initiatives Manager

**RE:** Interlocal Agreement for Broadband Planning between Whatcom County, the Port of Bellingham, and Public Utility District 1 of Whatcom County.

**DATE:** March 23, 2023

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Enclosed is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County, the Port of Bellingham, and Public Utility District 1 (PUD) of Whatcom County for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Port of Bellingham and PUD have established a broadband steering committee for broadband policy, project, and funding coordination. The two organizations previously had an interlocal agreement that governed this endeavor. In an effort to expand the County's role in broadband planning work, this agreement adds Whatcom County as a party to the broadband steering committee and acknowledges an interest in shared planning and coordination amongst the three organizations. This agreement supersedes the Port and PUD's previous agreement.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This is an interlocal agreement for cooperative planning. No funding is attached to this contract.

Please contact Kayla Schott-Bresler at extension 5220, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

Encl.