



Council Deliberations During Validation



- Council confirmed design-build team
- Jail Capacity analysis delivered
- Financial projections reviewed
- Initial community engagement workshop held in Ferndale
- Monthly newsletter launched
- Revised financial estimates presented
- Council considers financial scenarios
- Behavioral Health Analysis received
- Jail Population Forecast Analysis received
- Council sets budget cap for planning purposes
- County identifies new site for Jail location
- Second community engagement workshop held in Lynden
- Council receives preliminary staffing and operating costs for the jail
- Prosecutorial Diversion Demand Analysis delivered
- Third community engagement workshop held in Bellingham

2025

Jan-Feb
2026

Mar- April
2026

May - June
2026

July
2026

Aug
2026



- Consensus reached on the BCC as an out-of-custody facility on Division Street
- Presentation of Jail scenarios
- Review of how design impacts capacity

- Council passes resolution providing policy priorities for Justice Project
- STV presents initial Jail Program
- Justice Project Data Tracking site launched

- Jail program to be considered in preparation for advancing to Design Phase

