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Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JK*
Doug Burghart, Interim Engineering Manger *DB*

Date: April 5, 2021

Re: Marine Drive (Locust Ave to Alderwood Ave) Reconstruction and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements, CRP 917001
Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Agreement and execute the associated Federal Aid Project Prospectus, between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Whatcom County, to receive federal aid funds for the construction phase of the Marine Drive (Locust Ave to Alderwood Ave) Reconstruction and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements project, CRP 917001.

Requested Action

Enclosed for your review and County Executive signatures:

Local Agency Agreement – one (1) original copy enclosed. Please return the signed original copy of the Local Agency Agreement to my office for further processing. The fully executed original shall be returned to the County Executive's office once signed by WSDOT.

Federal Aid Project Prospectus – two (2) original copies enclosed. Please keep one original of the Project Prospectus for County Executive's office files, and return the other signed original copy to my office (no signature required from WSDOT).

NOTE: Per WSDOT's Electronic Signature Procedure, please sign the Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus in **blue ink**, which will allow a scanned copy of the documents to be submitted.

Background and Purpose

The Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus are required to obligate federal aid funds for the construction phase of the Marine Drive (Locust Ave to Alderwood Ave) Reconstruction and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements project, scheduled to begin in the summer of 2021. This planned multimodal improvements project is listed as Item No. 3 on the approved 2021 Annual Construction Program.

Funding Amount and Source

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) program federal aid funds shall provide a total of \$2,509,695 for the construction phase of this project in the amounts of \$2,304,695 and \$205,000 respectively. The total cost for the project, including the preliminary engineering and right of way acquisition phases is estimated to be \$4,124,000, with \$1,614,305 of Local Road Funds.

Please contact Brian Walker, Senior Engineering Technician at 360-778-6266, or Jim Karcher, P.E., County Engineer at 360-778-6271, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.