



Elizabeth Kosa
Director

Memorandum

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EaK*

From: Douglas W. Ranney II, P.E., County Engineer [DWR](#)

Date: July 20, 2023

Re: **Ordinance Establishing Parking Restriction on Samish Way**

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to establish a “No Parking Anytime” zone on Samish Way, 500 feet east of Galbraith Lane and 500 feet west of Galbraith Lane on the south side of the road.

Background and Purpose

The City of Bellingham and the Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition have collaborated on the creation of a new parking lot for the Galbraith Mountain Trail System and Whatcom County Public Works has committed to the installation of a crosswalk on Samish Way that will serve the parking lot. Currently once the lot fills, overflow vehicles park on the shoulder of the road in the vicinity of the parking lot. As the crosswalk is developed there will be a need to restrict parking on Samish Way in the vicinity of the crosswalk for the safety of both those utilizing it and the travelling public. There is currently a “No Parking Anytime” zone on the north side of Samish Way that extends the 500 feet east and west of Galbraith Lane and this ordinance will match those dimensions on the south side of the road.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the installation of no parking anytime signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 46.61.570 to restrict parking on certain County roads.

Please contact Douglas Ranney II, P.E., County Engineer at extension 6255 with any questions regarding this ordinance.