



Elizabeth Kosa
Director

Memorandum

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EK*

From: Doug Ranney, P.E., County Engineer *DWR*
Josh Cihak, P.E., Engineering Manager *JLC*

Date: June 2, 2026

Re: Everson Goshen Rd & E. Smith Rd - Intersection Improvements, CRP 19002635
Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus for Funding Obligation

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to execute a Local Agency Agreement (LAA) and the associated Federal Aid Project Prospectus (PP), between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Whatcom County, to receive federal aid funds for the design phase of the Everson Goshen Rd & E. Smith Rd Intersection Improvements project, CRP 19002635.

Requested Action

Enclosed for Executive signature:

- Local Agency Agreement
- Federal Aid Project Prospectus

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

This project will reconstruct the existing four-way stop intersection as a one-lane roundabout with intersection lighting. The main purpose of constructing a roundabout is to improve vehicle capacity, enhance travel time reliability, and reduce congestion, while also ensuring motorist safety. Whatcom County has been awarded Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the design phase of the project. The Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus are required to obligate federal aid funds for the design phase of this project.

Funding Amount and Source

STBG federal aid funds will provide a total of \$300,000 for the design phase of this project. The total estimated cost for the design phase of the project is \$350,000, with \$50,000 of Local Road Funds. This project is listed as Item No. R22 on the approved 2026-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Please contact Eric Vavra, Project Engineer, at 360-778-6287, if you have any questions/concerns regarding this request.