



MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *Ek*

FROM: Andrew Hester, Public Works Real Estate Coordinator

RE: Franchise for The Port of Bellingham

DATE: February 5, 2024

▪ **Requested Action**

Adopt an ordinance that grants a franchise to The Port of Bellingham allowing it to use and be present in County Rights of Way for the installation, maintenance, operation, repair, modification, replacement, and/or removal of telecommunication facilities to allow the provision of telecommunication services per the terms of the franchise agreement, under RCW 36.55 and § 9.30 of the Home Rule Charter.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Port of Bellingham have applied for a new franchise agreement for the purposes of utilizing County rights of way to allow the provision of telecommunication services.

Please contact Chris Quinn at extension 5729 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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