



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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| <b>Assigned to:</b>  | Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee |                    |                           | <b>Final Action:</b> | 11/24/2020   |
| <b>Agenda Date:</b>  | 11/24/2020  |                    |                           | <b>Enactment #:</b>  | ORD 2020-072 |

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**TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Ordinance amending the project budget for the Public Safety Radio System Fund, request no. 2

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

Requests appropriation of an additional \$237,395 to fund expansion of Phase I of the public safety radio system replacement project for a total project budget of \$688,553.

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### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Acting Body:</b>                                   | <b>Action:</b>           | <b>Sent To:</b>   |
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| 11/10/2020   | Council   | INTRODUCED               | Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee           |
|              |   | Aye: 6                   | Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner           |
|              |   | Nay: 1                   | Elenbaas  |
|              |   | Absent: 0                |   |
| 11/24/2020   | Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee | RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION |   |
|              |   | Aye: 3                   | Browne, Byrd, and Kershner                                      |
|              |   | Nay: 0                   |   |
|              |   | Absent: 0                |   |
| 11/24/2020   | Council   | ADOPTED                  |   |
|              |   | Aye: 7                   | Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner |
|              |   | Nay: 0                   |   |
|              |   | Absent: 0                |   |

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**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance, Exhibit A, Additional Service Request

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: 11/10/20

**ORDINANCE NO.** 2020-072

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM FUND, REQUEST NO. 2**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2018-073 established the preliminary project budget for Phase I of the public safety radio system replacement project; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, new backbone microwaves were installed at Mount Constitution, Post Point, Lummi Island and Point Roberts; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 work strengthened and repaired problems with the county's radio network, it did not provide redundancy for the backbone, and

**WHEREAS**, additional budget authority is needed to provide redundancy through the installation of an additional microwave from the Point Roberts tower to the leased tower at H Street, and an additional microwave link to the Customs/Border Patrol tower in Blaine, and

**WHEREAS**, the link to the Customs/Border Patrol tower will provide the primary redundancy for the Whatcom County Integrated Public Safety Radio System backbone, and

**WHEREAS**, funding in the amount of \$187,395 is available from the county portion of the Public Utilities Improvement (EDI) Fund and \$50,000 from the Fire Agency Radio Service (FARS) group,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that Ordinance 2018-073 is hereby amended by adding \$237,395 of expenditure authority effective January 1, 2021, as described in Exhibit A, to the current project budget of \$451,158, for a total amended project budget of \$688,553.

**ADOPTED** this 24th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Barry Buchanan, Chair of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/C Quinn/M Caldwell  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Approved      ( ) Denied

  
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
Date: 11/30/2020

**EXHIBIT A**

**PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM  
Amendment #2**

| <b>Account</b>      | <b>Description</b>                      | <b>Current Amended<br/>Project Budget</b> | <b>Amendment #2<br/>to Ord. 2018-073</b> | <b>Total Amended<br/>Project Budget</b> |
|---------------------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Expenditures</b> |   |   |  |   |
| 7410                | Equipment                               | \$451,158                                 | \$237,395                                | \$688,553                               |
|                     |   | <b>\$451,158</b>                          | <b>\$237,395</b>                         | <b>\$688,553</b>                        |
| <b>Revenues</b>     |   |   |  |   |
| 8301.332            | EDI (Public Utilities Improvement Fund) | \$451,158                                 | \$187,395                                | \$638,553                               |
| 4337.0002           | Local Grants (FARS)                     | \$0                                       | \$50,000                                 | \$50,000                                |
|                     |   | <b>\$451,158</b>                          | <b>\$237,395</b>                         | <b>\$688,553</b>                        |