



Jon Hutchings
Director

MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JPK*
Douglas W. Ranney, P.E., Engineering Manager *DWR*

Date: January 25, 2022

Re: Ordinance to temporarily close Gulf Road to Motorized Vehicular Traffic

Requested Action

Consideration of an ordinance to temporarily close a portion of Gulf Road, at approximately 150 feet south of Henry Road, to motorized vehicular traffic.

Background and Purpose

Whatcom County Public Works received a request from Pacific International Holdings, LLC (PIH) to temporarily close a portion of Gulf Road south of Henry Road. The request from PIH states that illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, alcohol and drug use, the discharging of firearms, unauthorized fires, destruction of private property and trespass along Whatcom County rights-of-way and onto private property occur in this area.

After receipt of this request, Public Works facilitated a Public Works & Health Committee discussion around this topic. PIH Vice President of Project Development, Mr. Skip Sahlin, presented the request and explained to Committee the need for the closure. The Committee meeting concluded with statements that PIH, Public Works and the Executive's office would work together to understand the request and work out additional details for long term use of the area, access and parking. This coordination work has occurred and this ordinance is the result.

Information

The Public Works Department requests that the County Council review, introduce, hold a public hearing and vote on adoption of the proposed ordinance to temporarily close Gulf Road to motorized vehicular traffic.

Please contact Douglas Ranney, Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 with any questions regarding this ordinance.