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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and

The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director Cak

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer

Date: October 31, 2022

Re: Ordinance – Removal of a Temporary Stop Sign on Drayton Harbor Road

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to remove a temporary stop sign on Drayton Harbor Road.

Background and Purpose

Due to severe weather, associated heavy rains and king tides, there was a block slope failure to a portion of Drayton Harbor Road in November 2021 and a one-lane roadway with two-way traffic was established. The County Engineer has determined that it is no longer safe to have two-way traffic on a one-lane roadway and has proposed limiting traffic to eastbound only, through the slope failure area. The County Engineer has also determined that the temporary stop sign, installed following the passage of Whatcom County Ordinance 2022-023, is no longer necessary.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the removal of the stop sign and is necessary to comply with RCW 36.32.120 *Powers of legislative authorities* and 46.61.200 *Stop intersections other than arterials may be designated* to remove traffic control signs.

Please contact Douglas Ranney II, Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 if you have any questions regarding this ordinance.