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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 (a)

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

Date: October 31, 2022

Re: Ordinance – Removal of Stop Signs on Harksell Rd at the Intersection with

Woodland Rd

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to remove stop signs for eastbound and westbound traffic on Harksell Road at the intersection with Woodland Road.

Background and Purpose

Following an Engineering Study, the County Engineer has determined that there is no justification for the Multi-Way Stop at the intersection of Harksell Road and Woodland Road, as described in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Section 2B.07 and that the intersection would better function as a standard T-intersection generally found throughout the county.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the removal of stop signs 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.