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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and

The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Interim Director

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

Date: March 8, 2023

Re: Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 2023-004

Requested Action

The Public Works Department has created the repeal documents of Ordinance 2023-004 associated with proposed stop sign installations at the intersection of Birch Point Road and Birch Bay Drive for southbound traffic on Birch Point Road and westbound traffic on Birch Bay Drive.

Background and Purpose

Given the significant public testimony regarding the proposed installation of the stop signs at the intersection of Birch Point Road and Birch Bay Drive for southbound traffic on Birch Point Road and westbound traffic on Birch Bay Drive, the Public Works Department has agreed to investigate additional alternatives prior to said stop sign installations. A report of alternatives investigated and responses to citizen concerns will be created.

Information

This ordinance will repeal Ordinance 2023-004, approved February 21, 2023, and allow for additional time to investigate potential alternatives related to safe traffic operation and the opening of a segment of Birch Point Road that provides secondary fire access for the Horizon at Semiahmoo development.