

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: May 9, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATING THE
APPENDIX OF THE 2022 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY (CEDS)**

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Reform Act of 1998 identifies a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as a requirement to apply for assistance under the Economic Development Administration’s (EDA) economic adjustment and public works program; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 105-393, implemented in 1999, amends the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and re-authorizes Economic Development Administration Programs for five years; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Port of Bellingham, through an interlocal agreement with the county, completed the work to update the document which Council approved through Resolution 2021-046; and

WHEREAS, the project list did not include a project proposed by Drainage District 7 for a drainage improvement project known as the Atwood Road Culvert Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, this project is listed and highlighted in Attachment “A”, titled Updated CEDS 2022 Project List; and

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.370 requires that projects utilizing rural sales tax revenue must be contained in the County's overall economic development plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby accepts the updated appendix as submitted by the Port of Bellingham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council officially adopts the 2023 update to the 2022 Whatcom County Economic Development Strategy Appendix.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED as to form:

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor