



Memorandum

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director

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

Date: May 6, 2020

Re: **Truck Road - Flood Damage from Milepost 1.60 to Milepost 1.65;
Emergency Ordinance for Installation of Stop Signs**

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed emergency ordinance to install temporary stop signs associated with a single-lane configuration on Truck Road from approximately milepost 1.60 to milepost 1.65. The temporary signs & single-lane configuration will remain until road repairs to address the adjacent hazard are completed.

Background and Purpose

Due to severe weather in January and February of 2020, there was significant erosion to a portion of Truck Road's fill slope adjacent to the Nooksack River, requiring a one-lane roadway from milepost 1.60 to milepost 1.65. The loss of the roadway section, during a severe weather event labeled the "Super Bowl Flood", occurred during the time period from late January through early February 2020. On January 29, 2020, Whatcom County issued a "Proclamation of Emergency", and submitted the damage site to FEMA for funding. The exact schedule for repairs to Truck Road is currently unknown, but is anticipated to occur after FEMA funding is authorized and design/permitting work proceeds into 2021. These temporary stop signs will be removed at the completion of the repair work.

Information

This ordinance will allow for the temporary installation of stop signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 46.61.200 and 47.36.110 to install traffic control signs.

Please contact Mike Donahue at extension 6250 with any questions regarding this ordinance.