

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: October 26, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATING THE
APPENDIX OF THE 2015 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 2015, the Whatcom Council of Governments, through an interlocal agreement with the County, completed the work to update the document; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2015 the County Council officially adopted the 2015 Whatcom County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as the County's interim overall economic development plan; and

WHEREAS, on annual basis the Port of Bellingham will update the Whatcom County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy appendix known as the CEDS Project List to add, remove or revise projects on the list to reflect new county priorities and updated community plans or priorities; and

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.370 requires that projects utilizing rural sales tax revenue must be listed 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 Whatcom Council of Governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council officially adopts the 2021 update to the 2015 Whatcom County Economic Development Strategy Appendix.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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APPROVED as to form:

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