TITLE OF DOCUMENT: Acceptance and Adoption of a New Portion of Delta Line Road as a Whatcom County road.


SEPA review required? ( ) Yes ( X ) NO 
SEPA review completed? ( ) Yes ( ) NO 
Should Clerk schedule a hearing? ( X ) Yes ( ) NO 
Requested Date: 8/9/05

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

Whatcom County seeks by resolution, to accept a portion of a proposed newly constructed road, on Delta Line Road from 400 feet north of Grandview Road and including all of the roadway curving west and accessing Vista Drive. This new portion is to be known as Delta Line Road. The County offers the following pertinent facts to support the establishment:

The existing access to Delta Line Road off Grandview Road does not meet the required minimum sight distance and minimum turning radius. The new realignment of Delta Line Road allows for a safe access meeting sight distance and safe turning radius requirements. The 400-foot leg of Delta Line Road between the new portion and Grandview Road will be closed after the approval, acceptance, and opening of the newly constructed portion. The County Council approved the closure of the 400-foot leg between the new portion and Grandview Road on 2/24/04. Whatcom County requests County Council accepts and adopts the road, right-of-way, and drainage easements upon acceptance of the construction improvements by Whatcom County Public Works, and completion of the right-of-way acquisition.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

7/26/2005: Introduced
8/9/2005: Adopted 6-0, McShane absent, Ord. #2005-066

Related County Contract #: Related File Numbers: Ordinance or Resolution Number: 

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ORDINANCE NO. 2005-066

DECLARING INTENT TO ACCEPT A NEW SECTION OF DELTA LINE ROAD,
DECLARING THAT SUCH ESTABLISHMENT IS A PUBLIC AND SAFETY NECESSITY, AND
DIRECTING THAT COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER TO REPORT TO COUNCIL UPON THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council has previously approved the closure of the portion of Delta Line Road from SR 548 to 0.13 miles north of SR548 on 2/24/04, contingent upon the acceptance of the new Delta Line Road alignment, Ordinance #2004-008, Adopted 7-10; and

WHEREAS, the new intersection of the connector constructed between Delta Line Road and Vista Drive meets the minimum sight distance and necessary turning radius; and

WHEREAS, the new connecting road provides necessary and safe vehicular access to a significant number of potential business sites; and

WHEREAS, Ferrotech Incorporated has constructed the roadway within right-of-way that is being acquired by the County, said right-of-way connecting that northern portion of Delta Line Road lying south of I-5 to Vista Drive; and

WHEREAS, the County is presently in the process of acquiring, as public right-of-way, from the landowner the portion of his property upon which the new road has been constructed; and

WHEREAS, it is a matter of general policy for the County to establish a County road and assume responsibility for its maintenance, if doing so provides service to the citizenry at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, the public will be better served by county maintenance of the road identified herein; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden assumed by the County as a result of increased road maintenance responsibilities is balanced by increased revenues from state tax funds for the additional length of road in the County road system; and

WHEREAS, the Council needs the most accurate, up-to-date information concerning the condition of the roadway, the status of the underlying right-of-way, the financial implications of accepting this roadway into the County road system, and the public benefit to be derived from the establishment of this roadway as a County road; and

WHEREAS, ROW 36.81 requires that the County Road Engineer, upon direction from the Council, provide such information to the Council via a report; and
WHEREAS, ROW 35.81 requires that that a public hearing be scheduled and held, and
that proper notice be given before this road is established as a public road within the County
road system; and

WHEREAS, The County Council held a public hearing on the proposed acceptance of
the new Delta Line Road on August 10th, 2005, and is authorized to adopt the road and
right-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the newly-
constructed portion of road running from the northern end of the closed portion of Delta Line
Road west to Vista Drive be accepted as a County road within County right-of-way upon Public
Works Department of Whatcom County approval of the road construction and completion of the
purchase of the necessary right-of-way, and thereafter be designated as part of Delta Line Road
as re-aligned.

ADOPTED this 9th day of August, 2005,

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

[Signatures]

ATTJTY:

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