

WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER # 2006 - 08

AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO SLATER ROAD
NOOKSACK RIVER BRIDGE NO. 512

WHEREAS, an emergency exists since Slater Road Nooksack River Bridge No. 512 suffered significant structural damage from a vehicle hit on August 15, 2006 and is closed to all traffic, and

WHEREAS, Slater Road is a Rural Major Collector with an average daily trip (ADT) count of approximately 10,800, serving as the main access from Interstate 5 to the Lummi Nation, Sandy Point, and the Cherry Point industrial area, and

WHEREAS, this situation necessitates the immediate repair to open the bridge to vehicular traffic as soon as possible, and

WHEREAS, this situation constitutes an emergency as defined by the Whatcom County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to the Whatcom County Charter, Whatcom County Code 3.08.060, RCW 36.32.270, RCW 36.40.180, and RCW 38.52.070(2),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE that an emergency exists in Whatcom County and that as a response thereto, Whatcom County departments are authorized to do the following:

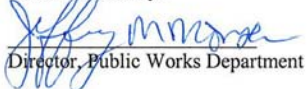
- (1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to correct such emergency situation in order to protect the health and safety of persons, and the safety of both public and private property; and
- (2) perform such other actions in pursuit of this goal as are appropriate and necessary.

Each Whatcom County department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the exigencies of an emergency situation without regard to the customarily required procedures of competitive bidding and other formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

DATED this 17th day of August 2006.


Whatcom County Executive

Recommended by:


Director, Public Works Department

Approved as to form:


Senior Civil Deputy Prosecuting
Attorney