

Please accept the following "Explanatory Statement" for the ballot measure, which I prepared in my role as Assistant City Attorney:

In 2010, Bellingham voters approved a ballot proposition increasing the sales and use tax by two-tenths of one percent (0.002) to fund street paving, non-motorized transportation projects and transit. The tax was authorized for a ten-year period, expiring March 31, 2021. Bellingham voters are asked to continue and extend the sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.002) for an additional ten-year period to fund the following transportation improvements identified in the City's Transportation Improvement Plan: Annual Street Pavement Resurfacing Program; Nonmotorized Transportation Improvements; and Climate Action Plan & WTA Transit Plan improvements.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need any additional documentation in order to place this ballot measure before Bellingham voters at the November 3, 2020 election. You may contact me directly at (360) 778-8280 or [mtstamps@cob.org](mailto:mtstamps@cob.org). Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Eric Johnston, Public Works Director