



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the project based budget for the N. Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish Passage fund,
Request No. 2

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

See memo

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/15/2025	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier
04/29/2025	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Nay: 0	Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan
04/29/2025	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier

Attachments: Staff Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Action Proposed on 4.15.2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-022

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BASED BUDGET FOR THE NORTH
FORK ROAD/KENNEY CREEK FISH PASSAGE FUND, REQUEST NO. 2**

WHEREAS, ordinance 2021-080 established the North Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish Passage fund with an initial budget of \$425,000 in local funds for work on preliminary engineering, environmental permitting and real estate acquisition for the multi-year project; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County was awarded \$2,975,000 in state funding from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board to fund construction of this project, with a local cost share from the Road Fund; and

WHEREAS, ordinance 2024-074 amended this project based budget to bring in an additional \$5,075,000 in both state and local funds to complete preliminary engineering and to fund the construction phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County has been awarded an additional \$453,200 in state funding from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board for the construction phase of this project bringing the total state funds secured for this project to \$3,428,200; and

WHEREAS, these additional project revenues in state Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board funds, which are not included in the current project base budget, need to be included; and

WHEREAS, this project was competitively advertised for bids in the first quarter of 2025 and received five (5) bids with the awarded low bid coming in \$484,611 lower than the Engineers Estimate; and


WHEREAS, due to the additional state funds and favorable awarded bid amount, the local funding portion of the project from the Road Fund can be reduced by \$937,811; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-year capital project requiring budget approval,

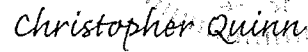
1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that
2 Ordinance No 2024-074, is hereby further amended adding additional state funding,
3 reducing local funding, and reducing expenditure authority as described in Exhibit
4 A, to the amended project budget total of \$5,500,000 for a new total of
5 \$5,015,389.
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14 **ADOPTED** this 29th day of April, 2025.

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20 Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council
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22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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25 Christopher Quinn
26 Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor
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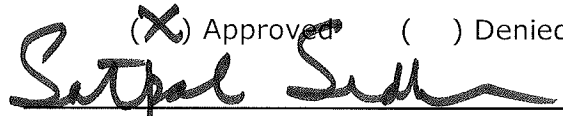
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Kaylee Galloway, Chair of the Council

(X) Approved () Denied



Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
Date Signed: May 2, 2025

Exhibit "A"

Project Based Budget - Budget Request Tracking Sheet

Project Title: **North Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish**

Passage Project Codes: **CRP No. 919007; Cost Center**

390100 Project Based Budget Request: **No. 2**

Duration Requested: **3 yrs (2024, 2025, 2026)**

Budget Account	Project Activity	Current Approved Project Budget		Amended Project Budget Request		New Approved Project Budget
6630.59510	Preliminary Engineering (In-House & Consultant)	\$300,000		\$0		\$300,000
6630.59510	Contingency for Project	\$535,000		\$0		\$535,000
7320.59520	Right of Way	\$20,000		\$0		\$20,000
7380.59530	Construction	\$4,295,000		-\$484,611		\$3,810,389
6630.59512	Construction Engineering (In-House &	\$350,000		\$0		\$350,000
8597	Consultant) Operating Transfer Out- Road Fund	\$0		\$937,811		\$937,811
TOTAL		\$5,500,000		\$453,200		\$5,953,200

Object Account	Project Funding	Current Approved Project Revenue		Amended Project Revenue Request		New Approved Project Revenue
8397	Local Funds (transfer from Road Fund)	\$2,525,000		\$0		\$2,525,000
4334	State Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB)	\$2,975,000		\$453,200		\$3,428,200
TOTAL		\$5,500,000		\$453,200		\$5,953,200

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Engineering Bridge & Hydraulic

Suppl ID # 4943

Fund 3915

Cost Center 39151000

Originator: James Lee

Expenditure Type: One-Time

Year 1

2025

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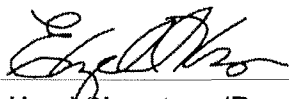
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Priority

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Name of Request: N. Fork/Kenney Creek Fish Passage Project- Amend 2

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4334.0251	DFW-kenny ck/n fork	(\$453,200)
	7380.59530	Other improvements-Cap Roadway	(\$484,611)
	8597.C.19008011	Transfers out	\$937,811
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

This project is located on North Fork Road crossing Kenney Creek in Section 22, T39N, R5E of Whatcom County. This project will replace the existing 5-foot diameter culvert that has been identified as a barrier to fish passage with a new 115-foot span bridge structure and removal of a poorly functioning fishway. This project is listed as Item No. B12 on the 2025-2030 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

1b. Primary customers:

General public, emergency services and residents of this area of Whatcom County.

2. Problem to be solved:

This project will replace the existing culvert which has been identified as a barrier to fish passage and poorly functioning fishway with a new bridge structure which will allow for unrestricted fish passage. Whatcom County has a legal commitment to address fish passage barriers within our existing road network.

3a. Options / Advantages:

N/A

3b. Cost savings:

Transfer \$937,811 back to the road fund due in part to a competitive bid being submitted for construction below the engineer's estimate and additional state funding that has been secured for the project.

4a. Outcomes:

The project will be successfully delivered and the fish passage barrier removed in 2025.

4b. Measures:

The project will be successfully delivered and the fish passage barrier will be removed.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

N/A

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

N/A

6. Funding Source:

This project is funded with Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) funds under C#202502019 and local road funds.