

Elizabeth Kosa  
DIRECTOR



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive and  
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**THROUGH:** Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *LBF* 5/22/24

**FROM:** Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *ko*

**DATE:** May 14, 2024

**RE:** Amendment No. 3 to the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements Project Fund

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### Requested Action

Please find attached for approval a supplemental budget request from Public Works Stormwater for the for the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements Project Phase II, Ordinance No. 2022-095.

### Background and Purpose

This project will improve water quality in Lake Whatcom by stabilizing a section of the Silver Beach Creek channel to reduce erosion and the export of bank material, which is associated with the sediment-laden phosphorus loading to Lake Whatcom. The project is also considered by Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to be a fish enhancement project. This funding request was an amendment to cover Phase II engineering design costs for the stream restoration improvements (Ordinance 2022-95). Additional funds are now needed to cover construction costs associated with the proposed upgrades. The project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2024, subject to approval of the requested construction funds.

### Funding Amount and Source

The original budget of \$429,000 was requested and approved in Ordinance 2022-095 for the development of Phase II of this project from the remaining project-based budget at the completion of Phase I. This request, in the amount of \$910,000 will be funded by a transfer from the Real Estate Excise Tax II fund (\$620,000) and from the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) fund (\$290,000).

Please contact Kraig Olason at extension 6301 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.