



MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director

From: James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer
James E. Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager

Date: March 28, 2022

Subject: **Sumas Mountain/Swift Creek Sediment Management Project**
Ordinance Amending the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund and Project
Based Budget

Requested Action

Enclosed for your review and approval is an ordinance amending the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund and project based budget.

Background and Purpose

Ordinance No. 2020-010 established the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund, granting expenditure authority to initiate the multi-year Sumas Mountain/Swift Creek Sediment Management Project with \$6.4 million of grant funds from the state. Since that time the Washington State Legislature, in the 2021-23 budget, awarded Whatcom County an additional appropriation totaling \$2.041 million for this same project to be distributed by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and administered under our existing no match grant. These additional state funds are required to continue design of project elements and to fund the first phase of significant capital construction, scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2022.

Funding Amount and Source

This ordinance will amend the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund with an additional \$2,041,000 of state funds that when added to the \$5,217,159 established in the original project based budget provides a new total budget of \$7,258,159.

Please contact James Lee at extension 6264 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.