

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Equipment Services

Suppl ID # 4814 **Fund** **Cost Center** **Originator: Brett Piepel**

Expenditure Type: One-Time **Year 2** **2024** **Add'l FTE** **Add'l Space** **Priority** **1**

Name of Request: Central Shop UST Removal Project Fund

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) **Date**

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6110	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$41,000
	6290	Applied Benefits	\$29,000
	6630	Professional Services	\$180,000
	6699	Other Services-Interfund	\$8,000
	7190	Other Miscellaneous	\$3,000
	7380	Other Improvements	\$1,980,000
	8301	Operating Transfer In	(\$1,228,000)
	8301	Operating Transfer In	(\$712,718)
	8301	Operating Transfer In	(\$652)
	8301	Operating Transfer In	(\$10,035)
	8301.108	Op Transfer In - Road	(\$273,819)
	8301.169	Op Transfer In - Flood Fund	(\$15,776)
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

The Underground Storage Tanks (UST) at the Central Shop are past the expected life span and have become nonfunctional. One of the tanks actively leaked fuel in late 2020. The tank was decommissioned and the spill was reported to the Department of Ecology in March of 2021. The Department of Ecology assigned site ID # 12308 to this site/project. We have been tasked by Department of Ecology to remove the underground storage tanks at our facility and complete a remediation process for the site. That leak is not ongoing, however, due to the high-water table and flow rates of the sub soil, the contaminants have spread over a larger portion than was originally suspected. It is expected that the problem will continue to slowly spread as time goes on. It is imperative that we remove them before they cause any further damage and before we are out of compliance with the expectations of the Department of Ecology.

- SBR 4816- Road Fund Contribution of \$273,819
- SBR 4817- ER&R Fund Contribution of \$10,035
- SBR 4826- Flood Fund Contribution of \$15,776
- SBR 4827- Stormwater Fund Contribution of \$652
- SBR 4828- General Fund Contribution of \$712,718
- SBR 4837- REET I Fund Contribution of \$1,228,000

1b. Primary customers:

All departments utilizing ER&R are the primary customers for this. They have been the benefactors of the underground tanks over the last several decades and will continue to be the benefactors of our fueling system going forward.

2. Problem to be solved:

This action is required by the Model Toxics Control Act (WAC 173-340) administered by the Department

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of Ecology (DOE) to remove underground tanks and remediate the site.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Removal of the tanks and remediation of the site is required by state law. Alternatively, if this action is not taken, Whatcom County would be facing penalties and enforcement action through DOE.

3b. Cost savings:

The site would be in compliance with the rule and regulations it is subject to and would not incur any penalties or enforcement actions by DOE.

4a. Outcomes:

The USTs will be removed and the contaminated soil disposed of properly. The site would be fully remediated and the site would return operational and in compliance with MTCA. This will happen within the next 2-3 years depending on other exterior factors.

4b. Measures:

Success will be measured by compliance with DOE regulations and the return of the site to a fully functional status. Ground water monitoring wells will ensure long term compliance.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

This will affect other departments in regards to recouping the cost of the project through ER&R rates and fuel mark ups. It impacts the operation of the facility during construction as a significant portion of the facility will be blocked off.

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

M&O and Stormwater will work with ER&R to coordinate this project with the larger NPDES Stormwater Improvements project that encompasses the whole facility. The excavation limits of the projects overlap within the area of contamination. Proper handling of all contaminated excavation material will be ensured by this coordination.

6. Funding Source:

The project is funded by the Road Fund, ER&R Fund, FCZD Fund, Stormwater Fund, General Fund and the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund.