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MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *keo*

DATE: December 18, 2023

RE: Cedar Hills Culvert Replacement Project Fund

Requested Action

Please find attached for approval an ordinance request for the establishment of a project based budget for the Cedar Hills Culvert Replacement Project fund, and related supplemental budget request from the Public Works Stormwater Division for the Cedar Hills Culvert Replacement Project

Background and Purpose

This project will replace a culvert under Cottonwood Court that was damaged during the November 2021 storm event. The culvert was identified as being severely structurally compromised due to corrosion and the added abrasion of the pipe caused by the cobble displacement during the storm event. This project includes replacing the culvert and installing a new overflow structure at the inlet end of the culvert as well as stabilizing the compromised water course banks up and downstream of the failure.

This supplemental budget request includes costs for design, easement acquisition and permitting of this project. The project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2025, subject to approval of the requested funds.

Funding Amount and Source

This request, in the amount of \$176,492.00, will be partially funded by a \$76,492.00 grant already received through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Real Estate Excise Tax II fund. The contributions for the project will be as follows; FEMA (\$68,842.80), Military Department Emergency Management Division (\$3,824.60) and Real Estate Excise Tax II fund (\$103,824.60). The FEMA grant will reimburse up to the ninety percent of eligible county expenses on this project for a maximum reimbursement of \$76,492.00 with the option to request additional funding if the project exceeds the initial disbursement amount.

Please contact Cody Swan at extension 6265 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.