



MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Brett Piepel, Assistant Superintendent – Equipment Services

DATE: November 4, 2024

RE: Supplemental Budget Request to Establish Project Based Budget for the Central Shop
Underground Storage Tank Removal

Requested Action

Please find the attached for approval a supplemental budget request form Whatcom County Public Works Maintenance & Operation for the Central Shop Underground Storage Tank (UST) Removal project.

Background and Purpose

The USTs 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. In accordance with WAC 173-340, it is required to remove the underground storage tanks and remediated the contaminated soil from the spill. The leak is not active; however, due to the high water table and flow rates of the subsoil, 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 to remove the USTs before any further damage occurs.

SoundEarth Strategies Inc. was contracted in late 2023 to provide remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) and construction and permitting support services for this project. Exploratory drilling and testing results that have outlined the scope and current estimated cost of the remediation. The current estimate is approximately \$2,241,000. This includes county labor costs to permit, survey, manage the project, inspect and county survey work in addition to the professional design consultant contract and construction contract for the project construction.

Funding Amount and Source

This request, in the amount of \$2,241,000, will be funded by the Road Fund, ER&R Fund, Stormwater Fund, Flood Fund, General Fund and REET I Fund; and will provide the funds necessary to complete the project.

Please contact Brett Piepel at extension 6405 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.