



Elizabeth Kosa

Director

Memorandum

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director

From: Douglas W. Ranney II, P.E., County Engineer
James E. Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager

Date: October 31, 2024

Re: North Fork Road / Kenney Creek Fish Passage Project; CRP No. 919007;
**Ordinance to Supplement the North Fork Road / Kenney Creek Fish Passage Fund and
Project Based Budget**

Enclosed for your review and approval is an ordinance for a supplement to the North Fork Road / Kenney Creek Fish Passage Fund. This includes an amendment to the project-based budget and accompanying supplemental budget request.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council approve this proposed ordinance to supplement the North Fork Road / Kenney Creek Fish Passage Fund and project-based budget. The ordinance will be introduced at the November 19 council meeting with action occurring at the December 3 council meeting.

Background and Purpose

The North Fork Road / Kenney Creek Fish Passage Project will replace an existing culvert that has been identified as a fish passage barrier with a new bridge structure and remove an existing poorly functioning fishway on Kenney Creek at North Fork Road approximately 1-mile north of Mosquito Lake Road. The County Council established the North Fork Road / Kenney Creek Fish Passage Fund under Ordinance 2021-080 which established a project-based budget to complete the preliminary engineering phase of the project including design, environmental permitting and real estate work on the project. The preliminary engineering phase work on this project is nearing completion and construction of this project is scheduled for 2025. This proposed project based budget amendment will bring into the fund the budget authority needed to complete the construction phase of this project.

Funding Amount and Source

This project based budget amendment and accompanying supplemental budget request will add an additional \$5,075,000 of budget to the fund with \$2,975,000 coming from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board and the remaining \$2,100,000 from the road fund as described in the proposed ordinance. This project is listed as Item No. 40 on the 2024 Annual Construction Program.

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