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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance establishing the project budget for the Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Boulevard stormwater improvements, request no. 1

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

See memo

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
02/10/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler Nay: 0	
02/24/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE	
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler Nay: 0	
02/24/2026	Council	HELD IN COMMITTEE	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler Nay: 0	

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03/24/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION
	Aye: 7	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier
	Nay: 0	
03/24/2026	Council	ADOPTED
	Aye: 7	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremier
	Nay: 0	

Attachments: Staff Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Action Proposed on 2.10.2026, Fourth Quarter Financial Report

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-011

**ESTABLISHING A PROJECT-BASED BUDGET FOR STRAWBERRY
POINT/LAKE WHATCOM BLVD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT FUND; #SWLW25-03**

WHEREAS, the Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Blvd Stormwater Improvements project is listed as item number three on the 2026-2031 Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program for the Lake Whatcom watershed, and

WHEREAS, this project will install water quality treatment facilities to remove sediment and phosphorus from the stormwater runoff entering Lake Whatcom; and

WHEREAS, local funding for this initial request will come from the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility fund (\$335,000.00); and

WHEREAS, this request includes costs associated with contracted professional engineering and permitting services, permit fees, county survey, and county staff time for project management, and easement and right of way acquisition; and

WHEREAS, additional funds will be needed to cover the project construction costs and construction oversight, which will require an additional request for funds in 2027; and


WHEREAS, Section 6.80 of the Whatcom County Home Rule Charter allows for project-based capital budget appropriation ordinances that lapse when the project has been completed or abandoned or when no expenditure or encumbrance has been made for three (3) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that a new fund is hereby established, effective immediately, titled Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Blvd Stormwater Improvements Project Fund. This fund shall be used to account for the revenues and expenditures of the improvement project described above; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that the
2 Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Blvd Stormwater Improvements Project
3 Fund is approved with an initial project budget of \$335,000.00 as described
4 in Exhibit A.
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7 **ADOPTED** this 24th day of March, 2026.
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11 ATTEST:

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15 Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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19 Kaylee Galloway, Chair of the Council

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

21 Christopher Quinn 01/16/2026

22 Chris Quinn
23 Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting
24 Attorney

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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26 _____
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved () Denied

Date Signed: 3/26/24

EXHIBIT A

Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Blvd. Stormwater Improvements Project; SWLW25-03

Expenditures

<u>Object</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6110	Wages	\$ 40,000.00
6290	Applied Benefits	\$ 25,000.00
6630	Professional Services	\$ 235,000.00
6699	Other Services Interfund	\$ 25,000.00
7199	Other Miscellaneous, Interfund-Permit Fee	\$ 5,000.00
7380	Other Services Interfund - Easements	\$ 5,000.00
	Total PBB	\$ 335,000.00

Revenues

<u>Object</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8397	Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility	\$ 335,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$ 335,000.00

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Stormwater

Suppl ID # 5360 Fund 1903 Cost Center 19031000 Originator: Cody Swan

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 2 2026 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: LWSU Companion- Strawberry Pt SW Imp PBB

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)		Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	8597	Transfers out	\$335,000
	Request Total		\$335,000

1a. Description of request:

This is a companion supplemental budget to 5360-Strawberry Point Stormwater Improvements PBB, which contributes the funds to start that project based budget.

1b. Primary customers:

2. Problem to be solved:

3a. Options / Advantages:

3b. Cost savings:

4a. Outcomes:

4b. Measures:

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

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

6. Funding Source:

Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Fund