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Memorandum

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EK*

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

Date: March 21, 2025

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 amend the North Fork Road / Kenney Creek Fish Passage Fund and project-based budget. The ordinance will be introduced at the April 15, 2025 council meeting with action occurring at the April 29, 2025 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 project-based budget was previously supplemented in December 2024 under Ordinance 2024-074 to add additional PE and CN funds. This proposed project-based budget amendment will reduce the total project budget due to this project receiving favorable bids for construction, and will also reduce the road fund contribution as the project was awarded an additional \$453,200 in state grant funds.

Funding Amount and Source

This project based budget amendment and accompanying supplemental budget request will add an additional \$453,200 in state funds awarded from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board and reduce the local funding portion of the project from the road fund by \$937,811 for a new reduced total project expenditure authority of \$5,015,389. This project is under Project Based Budget Fund 3915 (previously Fund 391) and has been assigned as county road project (CRP) number 919007. The project is listed as Item No. 45 on the 2025 Annual Construction Program.

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