



MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Interim Public Works Director

FROM: Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager

DATE: November 1, 2022

RE: Amendment No. 1 to the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements Project Fund

Requested Action

Please find attached for approval an ordinance amendment request from Public Works Stormwater for the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements Project to include Phase II of this project as part of the work contemplated and approved in Ordinance No. 2020-040.

Background and Purpose

Phase I of the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements project, completed in 2021, treated runoff from approximately 24 acres and improved Lake Whatcom water quality through construction of a modular wetland systems.

The original intent was to include a stream stabilization project on Silver Beach Creek as Phase II of this project. Phase II will improve water quality in Lake Whatcom by stabilizing a section of the Silver Beach Creek channel to reduce erosion and the export of bank material, which is associated with the sediment-laden phosphorus loading to Lake Whatcom.

Funding Amount and Source

The original budget of \$780,000 was requested and approved in Ordinance 2020-040 for the development of Phase I of this project, and approximately \$429,000 remains in the project-based budget at the completion of Phase I. These existing funds are sufficient to initiate Phase II of the project, including the development of plans, specifications and estimates, as well as bidding assistance. The project is scheduled for construction in summer 2024, subject to approval of the requested funds.

Please contact Kraig Olason at extension 6301 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.