

**WHATCOM COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Elizabeth Kosa
Director



STORMWATER
322 N. Commercial, 4th Floor
Bellingham, WA 98225
Main: (360) 778-6230
FAX: (360) 778-6201
www.whatcomcounty.us

MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Cathy Craver, Senior Planner *CC*

DATE: April 7, 2026

RE: Supplemental Budget Request to Amend Project Based Budget
Austin Court Stormwater Improvements Project Fund

Requested Action

Please find attached for approval a supplemental budget request to the project-based budget for the Austin Court Stormwater Improvements Project fund, Ordinance 2024-025.

Background and Purpose

This project includes drainage conveyance upgrades to ensure stormwater conveyance to more fully utilize the existing treatment facility. The tributary area is approximately three (3) acres and the water quality system will remove sediments and phosphorus prior to entering Lake Whatcom.

This budget request will fund the costs for final design engineering and construction engineering support, permitting fees, county staff time to project manage, inspect and provide survey work, and the associated construction contract costs through the completion of the construction project. The project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2026, subject to approval of the requested funds.

Funding Amount and Source

The original budget of \$287,375.00 was requested and approved in Ordinance 2024-025 to establish the project based-budget. This request, in the amount of \$640,000, for a total project budget of \$927,375.00 and will be funded by Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) funds (\$488,022.11) and Real Estate Excise Tax II fund (\$151,977.89) and will provide the funds necessary to complete design, bid and award the construction contract and the construction of the project.

Please contact Loni Patterson at extension 6303 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.