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MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director *ek*

FROM: Kraig Olason, Stormwater Program Manager *ko*

DATE: January 15, 2026

RE: Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Blvd Stormwater Improvements Project; SWLW25-03
Establishing Project Based Budget

Requested Action

Please find attached for approval an ordinance establishing the Strawberry Point/Lake Whatcom Blvd Stormwater Improvements Project fund, project-based budget and supplemental budget request from the Public Works Stormwater Division.

Background and Purpose

Stormwater from the west side of Strawberry Point Road and adjacent residential development is collected in a roadside ditch, conveyed north under Strawberry Point Road and discharged to Lake Whatcom. Through the installation of a bioretention cell and underdrain in the roadside ditch, this project will provide water quality treatment for the stormwater runoff entering Lake Whatcom.

This supplemental budget request includes costs for county staff time, design, easement acquisition and permitting of this project. The project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2027, subject to approval of the requested funds.

Funding Amount and Source

This request, in the amount of \$335,000.00, will be funded in whole by the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) fund. This establishment for a project based budget is being introduced concurrently with the budget request.

Please contact Cody Swan at extension 6265 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.
Ordinance w/ Exhibit A