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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:** March 14, 2024

**RE:** Austin Court Stormwater Improvements Project Fund

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**Requested Action**

Please find attached for approval an ordinance request for the establishment of a project-based budget for the Austin Court Stormwater Improvements Project fund, and related supplemental budget request from the Public Works Stormwater Division for the Austin Court Stormwater Improvements Project.

**Background and Purpose**

This project includes the installation of a large filter vault to improve water quality in the existing Austin Court stormwater system. 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 contracted professional engineering and permitting services, permitting fees, county survey, county staff time for project management and easement acquisition for this project. The project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2026, subject to approval of the requested funds.

**Funding Amount and Source**

This request, in the amount of \$287,375.00, will be funded by Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) funds (\$262,375.00) and Real Estate Excise Tax II fund (\$25,000.00). An additional future request will be made for the construction costs and oversight expenses.

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

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