



MEMORANDUM

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director

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

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: **Sumas Mountain/Swift Creek Sediment Management Project**
Ordinance Amending the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund
and Project Based Budget

Requested Action

Enclosed for your review and approval is an ordinance amending the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund and Project Based Budget.

Background and Purpose

Ordinance No. 2020-010 established the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund, granting expenditure authority to initiate the multi-year Sumas Mountain/Swift Creek Sediment Management Project which is funded 100% with state funds. To date, the Washington State Legislature has appropriated \$11.3 million to implement this project which are distributed by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and administered under an existing no-match grant.

In the 2025-2027 state biennium budget an additional \$4 million in state funds has been appropriated for this project. This proposed Project Based Budget amendment will bring these additional funds into the Swift Creek Capital Projects fund for continued design, permitting and construction of various elements of the Sumas Mountain/Swift Creek Sediment Management Project.

Funding Amount and Source

This ordinance will amend the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund with an additional \$4,000,000 of state funds that when added to the current budget of \$11,258,159 provides a new total budget of \$15,258,159.

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