



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: February 6, 2023

RE: Supplemental Budget Request No. 3 for the Academy Road
Stormwater Improvements Project

Requested Action

Please find attached for approval a supplemental budget request from Whatcom County Public Works Stormwater for the Academy Road Stormwater Improvements Project.

Background and Purpose

In 2015, Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham jointly constructed the Academy Road Stormwater Improvements Project, which was intended to treat runoff from approximately 80 acres in the Lake Whatcom watershed. However, the project never performed up to original design specifications due to issues associated with filtration media (primarily the media's performance under continuous flow) and sedimentation impacts to the media from channel erosion occurring just upstream. The original funding request was amended in 2021 to cover Phase II engineering design costs to improve system performance (Ordinance 2021-014). Additional funds are now needed to cover construction costs associated with the proposed upgrades. The project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2023, subject to approval of the requested construction funds.

Funding Amount and Source

This request, in the amount of \$688,500 will be funded by a transfer from the Real Estate Excise Tax II fund (\$268,500) and from the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility (LWSU) fund (\$420,000).

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

Encl.