



Committee of the Whole

Deb Bell

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-3836

Motion: 26-003

Type:

☒ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

Requested Handling:

☐ Normal

☒ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☒ Other

☐ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Subject: Authorizing and Providing for the Acquisition of Real Property.

Scope: This motion would approve the acquisition of real property for mitigation of county bridge replacement or road projects to offset critical area impacts for public use within the Stillaguamish River Watershed.

Duration: N/A.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☒ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

The project budget is included in the adopted 2026 Annual Construction Plan (ACP) and the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under item F.39.

Revenue	2026	2027	Total
102.50630326101 (Land Acquisition)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
102.50630324109 (Appraisal)	\$21,000	\$0	\$21,000
Total	\$121,000	\$0	\$121,000
Expenditures	2026	2027	Total
Road Fund 102	\$121,000	\$0	\$121,000
Total	\$121,000	\$0	\$121,000

Authority Granted: The Snohomish County Council approves the following:

1. Approval of the Plan for critical area mitigation within the Stillaguamish River watershed as attached and incorporated by reference to the motion and authorizes the County Executive to execute the same.
2. Authorizes the Public Works Director to approve appraisal and appraisal review contracts necessary to implement the plan, in an amount not exceeding \$21,000, provided that sufficient appropriation authority exists, and all attendant documents for completion thereof.
3. Authorizes the County Engineer to acquire uneconomic remnants or additional impacted property necessary to implement the plan and all attendant documents for completion thereof.
4. Authorizes the County Engineer to revise the Plan and to approve and sign a revised Plan to provide for design revisions and to document uneconomic remnants or additional impacted property acquired.
5. Authorizes the County Engineer to approve a critical area site plan and record the same with the Snohomish County Auditor.

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Background: The Snohomish County Public Works Department has determined that the Granite Falls Bridge #102 (TIP F.39) replacement project and the Pilchuck Creek Bridge #626 (TIP F.57) replacement project are within the Stillaguamish River watershed. These replacement projects will impact critical areas and are required to be mitigated under SCC Chapter 30.62A (Wetland and Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas).

County staff has researched the area and has found there is currently no mitigation bank available for these projects within this watershed. According to RCW 36.34.340, the County may acquire real property to be provided or preserved for the conservation of land or other natural resources. The recommendation is to acquire real property for mitigation of public use and is necessary to allow bridge replacement and transportation projects to comply with SCC 30.62A and be permitted for construction.

Action Requested: For Council to consider the motion.