



Item: 7D
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Lower Wapato Creek Habitat Project

Additional Project Authorization

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Project Authorization Lower Wapato Creek Habitat



As referenced in Resolution No. 2020-11-PT, Exhibit A, Delegation of Authority Master Policy, Paragraph IV.B.(2), states project costs exceeding \$300,000 require authorization from Port Commission.

Request additional project authorization in the amount \$2,300,000, for a total authorized amount of \$16,395,000, for work associated with the Lower Wapato Creek Habitat Project, Master Identification Nos. 101449.01 and 092861.

Background

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- The project site is located adjacent to the Alexander Ave and SR 509 intersection and had been contemplated for use as a habitat site for many years due to the proximity to Wapato Creek.
- The project will construct an 18.52-acre habitat site that will provide approximately 10 mitigation acre-credits at an approximate value of \$1.4M per credit and provide enough fish credits to allow for a future downstream crossing on Wapato Creek.
- The project supplied approximately 181,000 cubic yards of soil to the SR 167 connection project. This along with other physical improvements have an approximate value of \$4,380,074 that will be applied toward the Port's financial commitment the project.
- Combined value of the project is estimated at \$17.7 M.
((\$13.3 M in habitat credit + \$4.376 M SR 167 credit))



Hwy. 167 CONNECTION

SR 509

Alexander Ave.

PROLOGIS DEVELOPMENT

HABITAT SITE

12th Street

Background

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Project construction will be separated into two phases:

- **Phase 1 Grading completed:**
 - Grading and site stabilization including the new meandering stream channel, adjacent wetland areas and forested buffer
 - Installation of Woody Material habitat structures
 - Installation of the short span bridge at the Wapato Creek crossing on 12th Street
 - Relocation of electrical poles and lines
- **Phases 2 & 3 Grading (this request) will include:**
 - Plant procurement and installation
 - Irrigation and perimeter fencing
 - 2-year maintenance

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Project Components that have been transferred to the City of Fife:

- 33' of additional Right-of-Way on the north side of 12th Street (+/- .85 acres)
- Wapato Creek Bridge on 12th Street
- Storm drain, water main, and road resurfacing
- Estimated value of improvements \$2.8 M







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Project Components that have been transferred to Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU):

- Three (3) Steel Monopoles, one (1) wood pole and a wood push pole, and all related lines and attachments
- Installation of Access pads for ongoing maintenance needs associated with the monopoles
- Estimated value of improvements \$1.6 M

Background Lower Wapato Creek Habitat



Wood pole

Structure 1

Structure 2

Structure 3

Push pole

Background

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Project Components that have been transferred to WSDOT:

- +/-181,000 cubic yards of soil
- Fencing
- Valued at \$4,380,074 and used to right down the Port's local contribution to SR 167



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Arsenic Impacted Soils:

- 14,392 tons of soil
- Removed under the Volunteer Cleanup Program (VCP)
- Working with Department of Ecology on potential recovery of costs up to \$300,000
- Cost of Cleanup \$673,000



Arsenic impacted areas

Project Description and Details

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Scope of Work for Phases 2 & 3:

- Complete planting of approximately 148,000 plants
- Install irrigation system
- Install perimeter fence
- Maintain site for two growing seasons:
 - Plant replacement
 - Invasive weed control
 - Irrigation system maintenance

Project Schedule

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Activity	Anticipated Completion
Bid Phases 2 & 3	June 2022
Construction phase 2 - planting, fencing and irrigation	March 2023
Construction phase 3 - Landscape maintenance	December 2024
Monitoring and Stewardship	December 2033

Source of Funds

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- The updated estimated budget for this project (MID 101449.01) is \$15,800,000.
- The current Capital Investment Plan (CIP) allocates \$15,800,000 for this project (MID 101449.01).
- Total project estimate including \$591,026 spent in 2014 on the initial design (MID 092861 + MID 10144.01) is \$16,391,026.
- Project costs associated with the power poles and bridge (approx. \$4,441,000) will be recorded as a non-operating expense when incurred. In 2020 and 2021 a total of \$3,680,319 was expensed. The remainder will be expensed in 2022 and were included as non-operating expense in the 2022 budget.
- The remaining amount will be capitalized as land and will not depreciate. These will be recognized as an Asset on the Port's balance sheet.

Financial Summary

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MID 092861 Commission Auth.	\$600,000
MID 101449.01 Commission Auth.	\$525,000
MID 101449.01 Commission Auth.	\$800,000
MID 101449.01 Commission Auth.	\$12,170,000
MID 101449.01 Commission Auth.	\$2,300,000
Project Authorization	\$16,395,000

Amount spent on 2014 design - \$591,026

Amount spent to date (thru March 2022) ~ \$11.3 M.

Estimated amount to complete the project ~ \$4 M.

Monitoring and Stewardship (2025 – 2033) ~ \$250,000.

Environmental Impacts/Review Lower Wapato Creek Habitat Project



Permitting:

All local, state and federal permits were obtained prior to phase 1 construction.

Remediation:

Remediation of found contaminants was completed as part of phase 1 construction.

Stormwater:

The completion of the project will have no impact on stormwater.

Air Quality:

The completion of the project will have no impact on air quality.

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Habitat site statistics:

- 1,900 Lineal Feet of re-meandered Wapato Creek Channel following a portion of the historic channel pathway
- 2.4 acres of new intertidal creek and mudflat
- 2.3 acres of salt marsh
- +/- 5.5 acres of forested wetland
- +/- 7.3 acres of forested upland buffer
- 29 standing snags and 172 large woody material structures
- +1,500 native trees including +700 conifers
- +4,000 native willow live stakes
- +20,000 native shrubs with native ground cover and grasses
- Bridge at 12th Street Wapato Creek crossing will provide uninhibited fish passage and minimized potential for upstream flooding
- Relocated Utilities will eliminate impacts within the habitat site







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