



## APPLICATION TO PURCHASE BANK CREDITS

The Port of Tacoma is the Mitigation Bank Sponsor of the **Upper Clear Creek Mitigation Bank (UCCMB)** which was certified by the Interagency Review Team effective June 24, 2020. The UCCMB is certified under Washington State Administrative Code Chapter 173-700 to provide compensatory mitigation for impacts to waters of the United States and waters of the State, including wetlands and other aquatic habitat resources, including habitat for ESA-listed and non-listed fish, within the Service Areas specific to each mitigation type. A detailed description and map of the Service Areas are included in Appendix E of the UCCMB's Mitigation Banking Instrument (MBI).

The potential sale of surplus Bank Credits will be on a case-by-case basis, subject to and upon Port Commission approval, and to entities that support the Port's mission and goals, as expressed in the Port's Master Policy Directive (MPD) (Sec. VII. POLICIES GOVERNING THE USE AND SALE OF MITIGATION BANK CREDITS). The Port of Tacoma requests specific details as requested herein regarding the applicant (Project Sponsor of the proposed Impact Project) and of the Impact Project itself in order to consider a potential sale of surplus Bank Credits. Contact the following for any questions or forward completed application to Mark Rettmann, (253-592-6716), [mrettmann@portoftacoma.com](mailto:mrettmann@portoftacoma.com)) or:

Port of Tacoma  
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**Date:**

June 23, 2022

**Project Sponsor/Entity Name & Contact Information:**

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), PO Box 47440, Olympia, WA 98504

**Project Sponsor Representative & Contact Information (as applicable):**

Steve Fuchs, [fuchss@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:fuchss@wsdot.wa.gov), 360-701-9413

**Impact Project name & any associated permit/application numbers:**

SR 167/I-5 to SR 161 – New Expressway Project (Stage 2 Project); NWS-2022-256-DOT

**Type and nature of the proposed Impact Project:**

Road infrastructure (four miles of new 4-lane highway on raised embankment with interchanges at I-5, Valley Ave., & SR 161 [Meridian Ave.]

**Impact Project description (from environmental review or permitting documents):**

The Stage 2 Project includes construction of a four-lane highway between the SR 161 and I 5, along with several new interchanges, and the construction of riparian restoration sites in the Wapato Creek basin in addition to other environmental mitigation and enhancements to compensate for project impacts. Stage 2 Project elements and construction activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Land clearing and fencing
- Transportation and roadway infrastructure
- Tolling and intelligent transportation system infrastructure
- Bridges
- Culverts
- Shared-use path
- Coordination of utility relocations
- Stormwater facility, outfall structure, and ditches
- Retaining walls
- Environmental mitigation and enhancement, creek channel modifications, and RRP?

**Impact Project location:**

The project is primarily located within the cities of Fife and Puyallup with a small amount of work within unincorporated Pierce County and the city of Edgewood.

**Confirmation that Impact Project is within the applicable Bank Service Area for the type of Bank Credit requested (Universal [wetland] or fish [DSAY] credit) or if it will be an out of service area request:**

The Bank Service area for Universal Credits is a portion of WRIA 10 below the 2,100-ft elevation contour to the OHWM of Commencement Bay and Puget Sound, excluding marine open water areas, the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, and below the OHWM of the White River. The project location is entirely within the Service Area.

**Types and amount of aquatic resource impacts expected to be mitigated by using Bank Credits:**

The Stage 2 Project will result in unavoidable direct and indirect impacts to Category II and III depressional and riverine wetlands. The Stage 2 Project will construct in-kind compensatory mitigation sites to offset the majority of project impacts, but may not be sufficient to address all impacts. Universal Credits will be used to make up any shortfall in compensatory mitigation needs.

**Amount and type of Bank Credits requested for the Impact Project. (Note: This should be reflected in a range Bank Credits for a potential sale consideration by the Port of Tacoma Commission).**

WSDOT requests the purchase of 2 Universal Credits.

**Expected timeline of the Impact Project's permitting process and the anticipated timeline for purchasing Bank Credits. Provide requested expiration date for purchasing Bank Credits:**

The Stage 2 Project is expected to submit permit applications in September 2022 and anticipates receiving permits by September 2023. WSDOT would anticipate purchasing the Universal Credits in November 2023 based on issued permits. The expiration date for purchasing Universal Credits is December 31, 2024.

**Other Relevant Information:**

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