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July 14, 2026 MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Mark Handzlik, P.E., Engineering Manager
SUBJECT: College Way, Urban to Laventure Project Acceptance

Requested Action:
Accept the College Way, Urban to Laventure pipe replacement project.

Background:
Reference: Project #19223

Location: College Way, Urban to Laventure, Mount Vernon, WA

Developer: PUD No. 1 of Skagit County

Contractor: Western Refinery Services

This project was originally bid in December 2024. During construction, progress was delayed due to the discovery of an unlocated fiber-optic conduit within the project alignment, which required corrective work on asphalt patches that did not meet city standards. To avoid conflicts with existing fiber optic conduit and vaults, the alignment was shifted from beneath the sidewalk into the roadway. This change increased asphalt quantities by a factor of three, requiring the project limits to be shortened to reduce the approved budget.

Western Refinery Services has since completed the necessary pavement rework at their own expense, and the project is now ready for acceptance. Additional field changes included the installation of loop detectors and the resolution of conflicts with storm sewer infrastructure and abandoned wood stave pipe.

The PUD has inspected the installation of the College Way (Urban to Laventure) pipe replacement project. The Engineering Department has received satisfactory pressure and bacteriological test results, and all required project documentation has been finalized.

Fiscal Impact:

Prior year expenses 2023-2024	\$	150,251.73
<u>2025 estimated cost to complete</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
Total estimated project budget	\$	2,150,251.73
<u>Actual final project cost 2025</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,329,733.65</u>
Estimated budget to actual cost	\$	(224,481.92)

Enclosures: 1. [Map](#)