

# CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

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Construction jobs created by Washington public works projects help families earn a living wage and boost our economy. The construction budget provides needed facilities, such as new schools and university buildings, to serve students and families for generations.

Governor Gregoire's capital construction program supports more than an annual average of 1,267 jobs over the next four years. In the short run, these family-wage jobs help people pay the mortgage, buy a car and put their kids through college. In the long run, the facilities constructed support education and other services that are vital to our economy.



## **Governor Gregoire's Budget for Capital Construction:**

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**Supports flood control infrastructure.** Bond authorization will be sought for the state's portion of the Chehalis-Centralia Flood Control Project. This project is a partnership among local government, the state of Washington and the federal government. It will be led by the Washington State Department of Transportation. *(\$50 million)*

**Expands the Housing Trust Fund.** Additional funding will be included for the Housing Trust Fund, which helps communities meet the housing needs of low-income and special needs populations through many different strategies. Up to \$10 million is earmarked for low-income housing for victims of the recent flood. Up to \$3 million will be available for short-term loans to purchase property for low-income housing. *(\$50 million Capital)*

**Constructs the next phase of the Special Commitment Center.** Funds will be used to redesign space at the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island to meet the population needs until 2010. *(\$275,000)*

**Funds the Longview regional water treatment plant.** The intake area for the city of Longview and the Cowlitz Public Utility District is being impacted by increasing sediment from the Cowlitz and Toutle rivers. Funding will be provided for emergency dredging to prevent the sandbars from obstructing the intake facility. *(\$150,000)*

**Funds the Tenino wastewater treatment facility and collection system.** The city of Tenino has been awarded \$8 million in loans from the Public Works Trust Fund for the design and construction of a facility to replace deteriorating septic systems and cesspools. The septic systems of the two schools are located near the city's well, which is the only source of drinking water. Additional funds will be provided to reduce the monthly rates for the users in the community. *(\$4.4 million)*

**Increases capacity of the Quincy water treatment system.** The capacity of the water treatment facility in the city of Quincy will be increased to support activities at server farms. *(\$9 million)*

**Replaces Fort Flagler's septic systems.** All four individual drain fields will be replaced with a more-effective sewage collection and wastewater treatment facility. *(\$1.2 million)*

**Replaces culverts impeding access to spawning grounds.** Funding will be provided to replace culverts on the state highway system to provide access farther up rivers than is now possible. This investment is anticipated to contribute to statewide salmon recovery. *(\$15.3 million)*

**Adds space at the Seattle Crime Lab.** The Seattle Crime Lab will be expanded to make more room for the toxicology lab and additional crime lab space. The Seattle Crime Lab serves all of King County and the Toxicology Lab serves the entire state of Washington. *(\$5.4 million)*

**Cleans up contaminated soils on K-12 school campuses.** Low- to-moderate level arsenic and lead soil contamination due to past industrial and agricultural activities will be cleaned up. This mitigation will directly benefit students, local school districts and health departments. *(\$2.5 million State Toxics Fund)*

**Repairs and restores veteran monuments on Capital Campus.** We have made significant investments in recognition of those who have bravely served our country. It is only fitting that we repair and maintain these memorials on the Capitol Campus to properly honor our veterans. *(\$33,000 General Administration Services Account, \$288,000 Capital)*

**Cleans up Puget Sound.** We will continue protection and restoration activities for valuable habitat including cleaning up toxic waste and removing creosote logs and structures. *(\$9.4 million Local and State Toxics Account)*

**Plans for Aviation High School Design.** Aviation High School is currently housed in an old school in the Highline School District which is slated for destruction. Space at the Museum of Flight on East Marginal Way in Seattle will be designed for a permanent location for this school. *(\$900,000)*

**Constructs the Greenbridge Early Learning Center.** Constructing this center is critical to the success of the White Center Early Learning Initiative. This center is one of two demonstration communities for the Thrive by Five program, a private-public partnership working to improve and promote early learning for children ages birth through 5. The state commitment in this project is crucial to completing this center, which will be funded with a blend of private and public dollars. *(\$2.0 million)*

**Provides child care.** When the Legislature expanded the scope of the Wheeler Lot project, it unintentionally displaced the Capital Campus Child Care Center. The first part will be renovating an existing child-care facility on Perry Street to provide care to 82 children. The renovated facility will offer more space for activities and greater capacity for enrollees. The second part will be a study to identify potential sites for a permanent child care facility on or near the Capitol Campus. *(\$196,000 GF-State, \$1.2 million Capital)*