Carver Academic Renovation (Construction: $73 million)
The Carver Academic Facility, the most heavily used building on Western’s campus, continues to be Western’s top capital budget priority. Carver houses the largest and fastest-growing academic program at Western and meets critical unmet needs in the State’s workforce with programs such as Community Health, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Health Care Professions, and P-12 Teacher Education.

Substandard seismic and life safety conditions must be addressed. Much of the building lacks ADA access, threatening ongoing accreditation of academic programs in the building. Critical areas of Carver would likely fail in a Nisqually-sized earthquake, according to a consultant study, with Carver only scoring five points out of 100 for seismic stability. Deferred maintenance costs total more than $21 million, about 16 percent of Western’s total backlog. Design funding for Carver was received in 2011-2013, which means the construction project is shovel-ready.

Science Building Renovation and Addition (Predesign: $500,000; Design: $8.3 million)
The reconsideration of space and programmatic needs in our Environmental Studies Center is long past due, with the addition of the interdisciplinary Energy Studies Program and increased student demand for STEM classes. Western is asking for both predesign and design funding to jumpstart this project and to move into construction in the 2017-19 biennium. This would enable us to more quickly meet the changing needs of the high-demand, high-impact programs housed in the Environmental Studies Center. The predesign would examine and determine a best-value solution for meeting both the preservation needs of the Environmental Studies Center, and the space/programmatic needs in Huxley College of the Environment and the College of Sciences and Technology.

Information Technology Network Update (Design/Construction: $4 million)
The Information Technology Network Update will replace undersized and outdated equipment in the Core Router Systems, Edge Security Systems, and Data Center Systems, which will increase our ability to utilize available Internet bandwidth and provide enhanced data security.

2015-17 Classroom and Lab Upgrades (Design/Construction: $4.9 million)
As in the previous two biennia, Western is requesting design and construction funding to renovate and repurpose instructional space to support Western’s evolving program needs.

Campus Wireless Upgrade (Design/Construction: $4.7 million)
Increased coverage and ‘throughput’ must occur as the wireless network is becoming more and more fundamental to our work and success. The Information Technology Network Update is required in order to have the necessary backbone in place to expand the Campus Wireless System and provide ubiquitous wireless access.

Minor Capital Request Items (Preservation: $14.96 million; Program: $12.9 million)
As in previous biennial requests, our Minor Works Preservation and Minor Works Program omnibus categories are for requests for projects ranging in size from $25,000 to $2 million. Historically, the projects range from roofing replacements to exterior renewal to fire alarm upgrades to office renovations.

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