The Carver Academic Facility, located in the middle of Western’s campus, is the vibrant hub for many large-volume academic programs and campus life activities. Carver is the most heavily used building on campus, with facilities ranging from specialized laboratories to multi-use gym space for instruction and activities. However, substandard seismic and life safety conditions are documented and must be addressed if this building is to serve students now and in the near future.

The project is ready and makes sense:
• OFM ranks Carver as the top major construction priority among the six baccalaureate institutions for the 2015-17 biennium.
• The state has already invested $7.3 million in Predesign and Design.
• The latest delay has already increased the cost of the construction phase from $69.3 million to $73 million.

A dying building:

Carver urgently needs seismic repair
• Critical areas of Carver would likely fail in a Nisqually-sized earthquake, according to a consultant study.
• Parts of Carver scored five points out of 100 for seismic stability.
• Deferred maintenance totals more than $21 million – 16 percent of Western’s total backlog.
• Piping failures have dumped thousands of gallons of raw sewage under the building.
• Aged mechanical systems are shut down because of breakage and unavailable replacement parts.
• Restrooms provide only 40 percent of code-required fixtures.
• There is no ADA access to classrooms and labs above the first floor.

A world of opportunity:

• 308 academic classes and labs are taught in Carver each academic year.
• There are 798 student majors in Carver, a number that has increased by 127 percent since 2002.
• Carver houses the largest and fastest-growing academic program at Western and meets critical unmet needs in the state’s workforce with programs in:
  – Pre-Physical Therapy
  – Pre-Health Care Professionals
  – Health and Fitness Specialist
  – Sport Psychology
  – P-12 Teacher Education/Health Teacher Education
  – Community Health
  – Movement Studies
  – Recreation
• The renovation will add new classrooms and labs to support an additional 185 graduates per year.