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The capital budget requests support the university priorities and strategies currently in place to serve the higher education needs of the region. Funding for projects such as classroom renewal and infrastructure preservation is essential to the success of the university. The projects below are presented in priority order.

Science I, Design and Build – $71,843,000

Eastern's top priority capital request is funding to design and build the proposed Science I Building to house the departments of physics, chemistry, and biochemistry. EWU expects student population will grow by 12% in the next decade, and a large proportion seeking healthcare-related degrees. EWU trails markedly behind peer institutions in the state relating to age, quality, and size of university science facilities, and requests improvement to the quantity and quality of teaching labs, research labs, and lab support space in basic sciences to meet the increased demand in these highly competitive areas.

Science II, Design – $5,691,000

The Science II building will house the biology department and address the need for quality biology and microbiology labs, appropriate research capability, and lab support space to meet the increased need for biological sciences.

Infrastructure Renewal Project, Design and Construction – $26,350,000

Eastern’s Cheney campus consists of 2,700,000 gross square feet of academic and student support facilities maintained by mission-critical, university-owned infrastructure. This request includes actions to reduce failures, lower maintenance costs, increase efficiencies, and facilitate long-range planning of that infrastructure.

Science Renovation, Pre-Design – $350,000

This request will evaluate the existing Science Building and program the space for use by departments and academic programs located in less functional buildings. The buildings vacated by this project are planned for removal from university inventory.

Washington Street, Design and Construction – $10,000,000

The university sponsors intercollegiate sports as learning opportunities and enhancements to student and community life. This request supports the current NCAA requirement to add a women’s sport to EWU’s
athletic offerings. The project will be funded by Certificates of Participation (COPs) state treasury financing.

**Minor Works Projects- $35,000,000**

Minor Works projects focus on changing or improving existing space to meet new requirements or creating new facilities. Preservation projects concentrate on maintenance of existing space and assets, while programmatic projects concentrate on program goals such as improving the use of existing space, or creating a new asset.

**Preventive Maintenance and Deferred Maintenance Backlog Reduction – $2,217,000**

Preventive maintenance actions are taken on a scheduled basis to reduce service interruptions, reduce the premature failure of facilities, systems, and equipment, and continue efficient operations.