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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

FROM: Roland Middleton, Special Programs Manager

DATE: February 22, 2021

RE: Capital Surcharge for Lummi Island Ferry Fares

Requested Action

The County Council's Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (LIFAC) requests that the Council authorize a one-dollar (\$1.00) ferry replacement surcharge on all fares except special needs-based fares, special senior/disabled fares, and student multi-ride cards. The authorizing ordinance will amend WCC 10.34.020 Ferry Rates and the Unified Fee Schedule.

Background and Purpose

County Council Resolution 2018-026 adopted a new Ferry System Level of Service Action Plan. The Action Plan instructs design and construction of (1) a hybrid 34-car replacement vessel capable of future electric conversion and (2) corresponding terminal improvements. On February 10, 2021 LIFAC unanimously proposed a one-dollar capital surcharge to apply to all fares except "needs-based", "senior/disabled" and "student multi-ride" fares. LIFAC requests the capital surcharge to be exclusively used for the construction of a new ferry vessel and improvements to the ferry terminals.

Please contact Roland Middleton at extension 6212, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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