



Memorandum

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

Through: Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EK*

From: Douglas W. Ranney II, P.E., County Engineer *DWR*
James E. Lee, P.E., Specials Programs Manager *JEL*

Date: March 24, 2026

Re: Ferry Boat Program Federal Funds for Lummi Island Ferry Operating Costs
Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus

Enclosed for your review and signature are two (2) originals each of a Federal Aid Project Prospectus and one (1) original of the Local Agency Agreement between the Washington State Department of Transportation and Whatcom County. The final documents will be provided to the Executive after finalization by WSDOT.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into an agreement with WSDOT to obligate \$1,536,333 in federal Ferry Boat Program (FBP) funds for Lummi Island Ferry operating costs.

Please sign the Local Agency Agreement in **blue ink** and return the original to my office for further processing. We will return a fully executed copy following signature by WSDOT. Please keep one original of the Project Prospectus for your files and return the other original to my office, as it requires no signatures from WSDOT.

Background and Purpose

The scope for this project will entail the use of 2023 and 2024 federal FBP funding awards for a portion of Whatcom County's Lummi Island Ferry's operating costs which will include ferry staffing expenses. This Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus are required to obligate these FBP funds.

Funding Amount and Source

The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$1,920,916 with \$1,536,333 of federal FBP funds and \$384,583 of local funds. Please contact James Lee at ext. 6264 if you have any questions regarding this request.