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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 *RM*

DATE: March 9, 2021

RE: BUILD Grant application for the Lummi Island Ferry Modernization
and Preservation project

Requested Action

On behalf of the County Council's Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee and the Ferry Funding Working Group of the County Council, Whatcom County Public Works Department is requesting the Council to approve a resolution to seek funding for the Lummi Island Ferry Modernization and Preservation project. In addition, the resolution includes a request to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program.

Background and Purpose

The County Council adopted a new Level of Service Ferry System Action Plan with Resolution 2018-026. The Action Plan instructs the design and construction of a 34-car vessel with flexibility for future electric conversion, and terminal improvements. The Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee and the Ferry Funding Working Group of the County Council, working with the consulting firm of kpff, has developed a Financial Plan to fund the project. A critical element towards the success of the project is funding through the BUILD grant program.

Please contact Roland Middleton at extension 6212, if you have any questions or concerns.

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