



## MEMORANDUM

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

**Through:** Elizabeth Kosa, Director *EK*

**From:** Laura Frolich, Assistant Director

**Date:** June 17, 2025

**Re:** GCC-1234 Interagency Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Transportation and Whatcom County, renewal of youth zero fare policy

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Enclosed for your review and signature is a copy of Interagency Agreement GCC-1234, between the State of Washington Department of Transportation and Whatcom County.

### Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests the County Executive approve and sign the Interagency Agreement.

### Background and Purpose

Interagency Agreement GCC-1234, provides \$68,500 of state appropriated funds to support the Whatcom County Ferry with a youth zero-fare policy. As directed in the 25-27 Transportation Budget Supplemental, ESSB 5161, this agreement is intended to support local ferries eliminate fares for passengers eighteen years (18) years of age and younger.

### Funding Amount and Source

The total annual reimbursable amount is \$68,500. This agreement is funded by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 25-27 Transportation Budget Supplemental, ESSB 5161.

This reimbursement opportunity with WSDOT will provide additional funding to the Ferry Fund (cost center 49001001) to support the Lummi Island ferry operations.

Reimbursement for youth fares will be processed upon invoicing provided to WSDOT per the terms in the agreement.

Please contact Public Works Assistant Director, Laura Frolich, at extension 6205, or Accounting Supervisor, Julia Green, at extension 6313 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.