

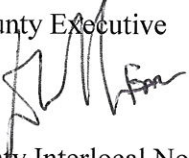
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Bill Elfo, Sheriff 
RE: 2021 Skagit County Interlocal Northwest Minichain Agreement
DATE: December 3, 2020

Enclosed are two (2) originals of the 2021 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Mini-Chain Services between Whatcom County and Skagit County for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County runs the northern leg of the Northwest Shuttle Transport System down the I-5 corridor. This system, part of an informal statewide relay system that began in 1970 to move offenders who were wanted in one county but who had been arrested in another, allows us to generate revenues to help off-set the costs of moving these offenders. Prior to the creation of the Shuttle system, the individual Counties were responsible for retrieving offenders throughout the State who were wanted in their County. This meant that deputies from multiple agencies were traveling to other jurisdictions, sometimes on a daily basis.

As part of the overall shuttle, approximately 15 years ago Whatcom County began contracting with the Counties north of Seattle, and some smaller cities, to move their offenders to and from a central hub. In 2011, Snohomish County decided to discontinue contracting with us, leading us to some changes in the way the northern leg was operated. We continue to contract with Oak Harbor, Skagit County, Island County, and Marysville and receive in-kind support from Snohomish County. This agreement allows for Skagit County to pay for inmates being transported for their agency.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This revenue is paid to Whatcom County for services rendered. It is based on Skagit County's estimated percentage of the total County cost of running this system. This year's contract with Skagit County will be a total of \$177,725.00.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is an increase of \$24,314.00 from last year.

Please contact Wendy Jones at extension 6505, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.