

**Elizabeth Kosa**  
Director



**Administration**  
322 N. Commercial Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225-4042  
Phone: (360) 778-6210  
ekosa@co.whatcom.wa.us

## 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-1231 Interagency Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Transportation and Whatcom County, renewing the operating deficit agreement for the Whatcom County ferry

---

Enclosed for your review and signature is a copy of Interagency Agreement GCC-1231, 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**

The purpose of this agreement is to carry out the provision of RCW 47.56.725 regarding a distribution of the funds identified in RCW 46.68.090 (2) (h) and to replace existing interagency agreement GCB-3514 with interagency agreement GCC-1231.

It is mutually agreed that the continued operation of the Puget Sound county ferry system operated by Peirce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties is a benefit to the traveling public.

### **Funding Amount and Source**

Since 1976, the three counties, have received a subsidy of up to 50 percent of the county ferry maintenance and operating deficit up to the amount identified in RCW 47.56.725.

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.