



## 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:** May 28, 2026

**Re:** Amendment to WCC 202507029 GCC-1234 Interagency Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Transportation, Local Programs and Whatcom County, renewal of youth zero fare policy

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Enclosed for your review and signature is the second amendment of WCC contract 202507029 of Inter-agency Agreement GCC-1234, between the State of Washington Department of Transportation, Local Programs and Whatcom County.

### **Requested Action**

Public Works respectfully requests the County Executive approve and sign the Inter-agency Amended Agreement.

### **Background and Purpose**

Inter-agency Agreement GCC-1234, originally provided \$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 to eliminate fares for passengers eighteen years (18) years of age and younger.

### **Funding Amount and Source**

The amended agreement adds \$260,250 to the original reimbursable amount of \$68,500. The first amendment increased the total reimbursement amount to \$102,750. The total reimbursement amount is now \$363,000. 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 Financial Services Manager, Julia Green, at extension 6313 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.