



Jon Hutchings
Director

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, and
Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

Through: Jon Hutchings, Director *JH*

From: Joseph P. Rutan, P.E., County Engineer/Assistant Director *JPR*
James Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager *JEL*

Date: July 15, 2019

Re: Lummi Island Terminal Preservation, CRP 919020
Federal Aid Project Prospectus and Local Agency Agreement

Enclosed for your review and signature are two (2) originals each of a Federal Aid Project Prospectus and Local Agency Agreement between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Whatcom County for the above referenced Project.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency Agreement and Project Prospectus to receive federal Ferry Boat Program (FBP) funds for the Lummi Island Preservation Project.

Please keep **one** original of the Project Prospectus for your files and return the other original to my office. Please return **both** originals of the Local Agency Agreement to my office for further processing. We will return a fully executed original to you once they are signed by WSDOT.

Background and Purpose

The coating system on the towers, transfer span and apron at the Lummi Island Terminal are deteriorated and the structural steel is beginning to corrode due to age and the effects of the harsh saltwater environment. This preservation project will replace corroded high strength bolts, remove and replace the transfer span paint system and overcoat the tower and apron paint systems.

Whatcom County has been awarded a total of \$1,250,759 in federal FBP funds that must be obligated by September 15, 2019. These FBP funds were originally slated for the Lummi Island Breakwater Replacement project; however, delays in the federal permitting of marine projects have caused unanticipated delays for this project. In an effort to utilize these FBP funds prior to the obligation deadline, Whatcom County, in coordination with WSDOT, is shifting a portion of the FBP funds to the Lummi Preservation Project. Future awards of FBP funds will be earmarked for the construction phase of the Lummi Breakwater Replacement.

Funding Amount and Source

The attached Local Agency Agreement will obligate \$656,000 of federal FBP funds for the construction phase of this project. The required 20% local match of \$164,000 will come from the road fund for a total construction phase cost of \$820,000. The Lummi Island Terminal Preservation Project is included in Item No. 33, Ferry Terminal Painting and Structural Repair, on the approved 2019 Annual Construction Program.

Please contact James Lee at extension 6264 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.