

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025
1:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Ben Elenbaas
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Jon Scanlon, Mark Stremmler, and Ben Elenbaas

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Kaylee Galloway

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2025-352](#) Public Works Quarterly Update

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved that the council affirms the need to increase ferry fares to address solvency issues and ensure that fare box revenues are meeting the required 55% fare box recovery rate per WCC 10.34.03 and pursue other revenue options for the Ferry Fund. Further, the Council encourages the County Executive to increase ferry fares immediately to ensure solvency of the Ferry system annual operations, provided the rate increase is ample enough to meet the goals set forth in the code for fare box recovery and reserve fund contributions.

2. [AB2025-358](#) Presentation from Health and Community Services on housing program updates

PRESENTED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2025-328](#) Resolution adopting an amendment to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 3 - Scanlon, Stremmler, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment