



# Memorandum

**To:** The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and  
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**Through:** Elizabeth Kosa, Director

**From:** Douglas W. Ranney II, P.E., County Engineer **DWR**  
James E. Lee, P.E., Engineering Manager *JEL*

**Date:** August 17, 2023

**Re:** Lummi Island Ferry Replacement & System Modernization Project  
CRP No. 919008  
**County Ferry Capital Improvement Program Reimbursement Agreement**

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Enclosed for your review and signature are three (3) originals each of a County Ferry Capital Improvement Program Project Reimbursement Agreement between the Washington State County Road Administration Board (CRAB) and Whatcom County for the Lummi Island Ferry Replacement and System Modernization Project, CRP No. 919008.

## Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council authorize the County Executive to enter into an agreement with CRAB to receive \$10,000,000.00 in state funding for the above-referenced project.

Please sign the three (3) unaltered original agreements where indicated and return the originals to my office for further processing. We will return a fully executed copy following signature by CRAB.

## Background and Purpose

In July of 2018 the Whatcom County Council approved resolution 2018-026 which established a level of service for the Lummi Island Ferry System and included the Lummi Island Ferry Service Action Plan. Elements of the action plan include construction of a new hybrid diesel-electric ferry vessel, modifications to the existing terminals to accommodate the new vessel, and upland improvements at the Lummi Island terminal including modified queuing and loading lanes, new ADA compliant restrooms and other ancillary improvements. Preliminary engineering work has begun on this project, but significant engineering and environmental permitting work remains to be completed prior to the construction phase of this project.

Whatcom County has been approved for a total of \$10 million in state funds through the County Ferry Capital Improvement Program (CFCIP) for this project. These funds will be distributed to Whatcom County in 20 annual payments of \$500,000.00 with the first payment scheduled to occur in 2023.

## Funding Amount and Source

This CRAB agreement will provide for a total of \$10 million in state funds for this project. This project is listed as Item No. 44 on the 2023 Annual Construction Program.

Please contact James Lee at extension 6264 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.