

June 20th, 2023 Council Discussion on
Resolution to interpret ambiguous language
in WCC 10.34

Funding Sources

- Ferry Deficit Reimbursement: Received from the state directly based off of the operating deficit for the ferry each year. This funding is written into RCW and comes directly from Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax proceeds before any of the 39 counties get their distribution
- Motor Vehicle Fuel tax attributable to Ferry Operations: Funded by MVFT, this distribution is calculated by the County Road Administration board and is made annually based on all of the factors that cost the county money for their transportation system. CRAB looks at maintenance and capital costs of road miles and types, bridges, and ferries. After they determine the allocation for each county they take a second pass at the allocation and determine what it would look like if they did not include ferries. They do this so that they can add this amount to the Ferry Deficit Calculation.

Monsen Memo excerpt

Summary:

- Ferry Fares are dedicated ferry revenues
- The "ferry deficit reimbursement" is a dedicated state MVFT ferry revenue
- The MVFT "attributable" to the ferry is not a dedicated state MVFT ferry revenue, but can be declared as a dedicated revenue by Whatcom County if it chooses to do so for their own purposes

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Attribution of Ferry Fund Balance at 2022 Year

End

Current Practice

With Resolution Applied

