

LUMMI ISLAND FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**January 3, 2017, starting at 6:30 p.m.
at the Lummi Island Fire Hall
Legoe Bay Road
Lummi Island, WA**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN SESSION

During open session attendees can speak on any topic. Each speaker will state his or her name for the record and will have three (3) minutes to address the Committee. The Committee requests that individuals intending to speak during public comments please submit the comments in writing for a compilation of public records.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12/4/16 regular meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update from Rob Ney, Public Works Special Programs Manager, Ferry Division
2. Discussion of revisions to Proposed LOS Resolution and proposed LOS Policy Statement prepared by Roland Middleton, Public Works Special Programs Manager

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final review and edit of the LOS resolution
2. Draft scope of work for LOS study
 1. Proposed title for RFQ: *Lummi Island Ferry System Level of Service Alternatives Analysis*

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PROPOSED BY: _____

INTRODUCED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ESTABLISHING A NEW LEVEL OF SERVICE
FOR THE LUMMI ISLAND FERRY SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee was established to review and provide recommendations on proposed changes to ferry operations and fares; and,

WHEREAS, the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee was established to assist the county in collecting information from ferry riders on actual and desired ferry services, concerns, and ideas for improved service; and,

WHEREAS, the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee was established to analyze and develop recommendations to continue and improve the cost effective operation of ferry service to Lummi Island; and,

WHEREAS, the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee was established to research, review, and make recommendations regarding ferry replacement, long-term planning, parking, transportation to and from ferry docks, alternative docking locations, alternative funding sources, and other major capital and operational issues regarding ferry service to Lummi Island; and,

WHEREAS, the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee is continuing to work with Whatcom County Public Works to establish a quantified measurement for Level of Service; and,

WHEREAS, the Whatcom Chief is nearing the expected life span of 60 years as set by the Washington State Ferries; and,

WHEREAS, components of the Gooseberry Point approach span are reaching the end of their design life that may result in the current weight restrictions on the system to be increased, resulting in lowering the allowed vehicle weight; and,

WHEREAS, a completion target date will assist the Whatcom County Public Works Department in capital improvements and maintenance scheduling; and,

WHEREAS, the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee is continuing to work with Whatcom County Public Works to propose an action plan to accomplish the new Level of Service; and,

WHEREAS, Policy 6C-8 of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan identifies the need for a ferry feasibility study to prepare planning, engineering, design and cost details for a replacement ferry and provides context for the resolution.

WHEREAS, the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee has recommended a new Level of Service for the Lummi Island Ferry System to include, but not limited to (exhibit A).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Whatcom County Council approves the Level of Service for the Lummi Island Ferry Service as shown on the attachment hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the replacement vessel and other needed improvements in meeting the new Level of Service is to be accomplished by December 31, 2026.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel L. Gibson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Exhibit A
Lummi Island Ferry Service LOS

1. The Level of Service (LOS) for the Lummi Island Ferry System:

- a. Provide a vessel that will:
 - i. Meet current US Coast Guard safety standards
 - ii. Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
 - iii. Optimize vehicle demand, deck space, and trip to have no more than 2 boat-wait times (approximately 40 minutes) during typical peak times.
 - iv. Accommodate all walk-on passengers during typical peak times.
 - v. To the greatest extent possible, provide a carbon neutral vessel.
- b. Provide parking spaces at both landings to accommodate dry dock times as well as peak walk-on commuters.
- c. Provide an alternative location on Gooseberry Point for the current landing site.
- d. Build and maintain all infrastructures to accommodate 100-year sea level rise prediction by NOAA.

2. Draft an LOS Ferry System Action Plan for the Whatcom County Council:

- a. The plan is to be completed prior to December 31, 2017.
- b. The action plan will include:
 - i. Quantified measurements for the adopted LOS.
 - ii. Specific recommendations for service facilities to include but not limited to:
 - a. Restrooms
 - b. Off-ferry ticketing kiosks
 - c. Parking area security
 - iii. Preliminary estimated costs to complete the improvements for the adopted LOS.
 - iv. Preliminary alternatives in funding the necessary improvements.
 - v. Give direction and draft Scope of Work for a consultant to prepare the Ferry Feasibility Study to include but not limited to:
 - a. Alternatives analysis for a Gooseberry Landing location.
 - b. Analysis of the impact of climate change on the ferry system.
 - c. Alternatives analysis for preliminary design of vessel to meet the LOS.
 - d. Alternatives analysis for the addition of a second vehicle vessel for use during dry dock or as a back-up during emergencies.
 - e. Cost analysis for all alternatives
 - f. Funding alternatives to meet the LOS