



**PROPOSAL to COUNTY COUNCIL  
December 1, 2014**

**Amendment of Fare Structure Ordinance on Lummi Island Ferry  
for Multi-Ride Tickets (core ridership)**

LIFAC, after nearly a year of careful, detailed study by multiple sources, including Public Works, and including multiple public sessions, and with further revisions after public input at its November meeting, recommends the following modifications:

1. Passengers/Pedestrians, 25-ride RT ticket - \$75.
2. Needs-Based Passengers/Pedestrian, 10-ride RT ticket - \$28
3. [Eliminate Needs-Based P/P 25-ride \$92 RT ticket.]
4. Post High School 25-ride RT ticket - \$50
5. Vehicle/Driver 25-ride RT ticket - \$170
6. Vehicle/Driver 10-ride RT ticket - \$80
7. Needs-Based Vehicle/Driver 10-ride RT ticket - \$60

The recommendations come from work starting last March, using an interactive Excel model originally developed for the 2011 Ferry Task Force and brought forward with 2014 data.

**Benefits of the modifications:**

- Significant, fiscally responsible relief for the most users.
- Sustains the \$1.5 million Ferry Fund, and meets the 55% target applied from fares to overall ferry operations costs.
- LIFAC utilized information from a meeting with Public Works administration and finance personnel, who thoroughly explained the Ferry Fund and other budget practices. PW also submitted data upon request, vital to this process.
- LIFAC considered modifications to cash fares and found those changes would not support the budget requirements. Instead, a modified discount to multi-ride users – a best practice in transportation – does.
- Also, fiscal responsibility does not support an across-the-board fare adjustment. The Ferry Fund has been replenished, and it's time to provide relief for core ridership.

Sincerely,

Mike McKenzie, Chair, LIFAC

Stu Clark, Vice Chair; Greg Brown, Secretary; Charles Antholt, Robert Busch, Crispin Colburn, Byron Moyer