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Memorandum

To: **Planning Commission**

From: Michael Cerbone, AICP
Nick Schmeck, Long Range Planning Intern

Date: July 25, 2019

Re: **Planning Commission Workshop Follow up – Docket Item C-1**

This is a supplemental staff report outlines questions from planning commissioners from the July 2, 2019 Planning Commission workshop on docket item C-1. Questions and responses from staff are outlined below.

Overview from the Ferry Operations Division Manager: The total project cost is currently estimated at \$18.9 million for a 28-car, 150-passenger replacement ferry. We have secured \$10.4 million in federal, state and local funding, and we still need \$8.5 million for construction. We have several grant applications in the works to get the remaining project funds secured.

Question: Who are the key players for the electric ferry project?

Response: The key players for the Guemes Island Electric ferry are; Glosten – “our naval architecture firm is working on preliminary design. As of right now, they have hired PND Engineers as their sub-contractor for the shore-side terminal improvements piece of the project. We have not yet selected shore-side charging infrastructure, battery, or propulsion systems vendors. We also have not selected a shipyard” (Rachel Rowe, Ferry Operations Division Manager).

County Staff overseeing the project:

Dan Berentson - Public Works Director

Paul Randall-Grutter – Public Works Engineer

Rachel Rowe – Ferry Operations Division Manager / Captain

Question: Where are we in the process?

Response: The Skagit County ferry team has secured \$10.4 million in federal, state and local funding for the new electric ferry. They are in the process of selecting the terminal location as well as the shoreside charging infrastructure needed for the project to move forward. About \$8.5 million is needed to continue with construction and several grant applications are in the works.

Question: What are the next steps for the electric ferry?

Response: The next steps are:

- 1) Finishing preliminary design; and
- 2) Obtaining the remaining \$8.5 million for construction.