

LICA ferry meeting community comments/questions “Whiteboard”

1. Please talk about Affordability
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 - a) I'm concerned about the proposed 6 month break in ferry service while the ferry is being replaced. Is there a plan in place that is more reasonable?
 - b) An island community cannot be isolated with no ferry service for 4 to 5 months in the middle of winter.
3. Definition of operating expense vs capital expense.
4. What restrictions does the council have to consider when making decisions.
5. What confidence can we have in the Dept. of Public works and Council members given recent history?
6. Why do Islanders and tourists pay the same amount for a round trip?
7. What is it that keeps us (LI) from communicating with County and Public works
8. How do we re-populate LIFAC with experts with qualifications that are needed to move forward productively.
9. \$52M grant has a expiration date. Of these is \$16M is from Whatcom Co. We don't want to poison the relationship.
10. capital expenses vs. operating expenses and how is that being allocated?
11. what are top issues and recommendations for next version of ferry ordinance.
12.
 - a) how to have more transparent communication with County (not productive to be blindsided so often, works against building trust),
 - b) identify solutions for he most cost effective capital and operational strategies and policies for operating the ferry
13. Capital expenses vs. operating expenses and how is that being allocated?
14. Does the Lummi Nation have say in any of this?
15. What can we do as Islanders to get our ideas and info across to the county as they decide whether to support the veto or overturn it.
16. What is the relationship between the \$2M surplus and the expenses that are coming up?
17. Explore broader ideas to operate the ferry. WTA or all county ferry district.
18. What is the status of the new ferry ordinance that was approved by the County Council in July and has been vetoed by the County Executive?