# Joint Transportation Committee

Feasibility of Private Auto Ferry Service between Washington State and Vancouver Island, B.C.

Study Update

September 17, 2020

## Agenda

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## Proviso ESHB 2322 §204(6)

- » Senate Bill
- » Feasibility of Private Ferry Service and Related Impacts

### Consultant Team

» KPFF Consulting Engineers

**Project Managers** 

» Progressions

Impacts to Washington State Ferries

» Elliott Bay Design Group

**Private Ferry Service Options** 

» Community Attributes Inc.

**Economic Impacts** 

» Collier Walsh Nakazawa

Legal counsel



## **Approach**

#### » Identify Feasible Private Ferry Service Model(s)

- Sufficient rate of return for investment
- Complies with federal regulatory restrictions
- Complies with State statues/regulations or amendments

### » Conduct Impact Analysis on Feasible Ferry Service Model(s)

- WSF ridership, revenue and expenditure impacts
- Service levels to the San Juan Islands
- Economic impacts to Anacortes and San Juan Islands
- Fares

#### Schedule

2020 2021 Jun Jul Aug Sept 0ct Nov Dec Jan Policy Staff Group Group Identify Feasibility. 7/21/20 8/5/20 Legal Analysis & Private Ferry Service Model(s) JTC Staff Policy Update Group Group Impact Analysis WSF, Communities, Other **Stakeholders** Staff Policy JTC Group Presentation Group Draft & Final Reports

Report Due:

2/1/21

### **Project Status**

- » Kick-off with Staff Workgroup and the Policy Panel
  - Policy Issues Chapter
- » Gathered information from private operators
  - Clipper, Hornblower, Black Ball Ferry, BC Ferries, Bay Ferries
- » Developed draft feasible ferry service models
- » Received data from WSF

### Next Steps

#### October Outreach

- 1. Staff Workgroup
- 2. Policy Panel

#### **Identify Feasibility**

- » Finalize feasible ferry service models
- » Complete legal analysis
- » Present to Staff Workgroup/Policy Panel

#### **Impact Analysis**

- » Assess impacts to WSF
- » Continue analyzing data for assumptions
- » Conduct impact analysis
- » Present update to Staff Workgroup/Policy Panel

## Questions?