## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-38**

A RESOLUTION OF KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING, KITSAP TRANSIT TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) TO SOLICIT A CONSULTANT TO CREATE AN INTRA-COUNTY FERRY FEASIBILITY STUDY, COSTS, AND BUSINESS PLAN

**WHEREAS**, Kitsap Transit has implemented its cross-sound ferry program in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the public and the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners have requested that Kitsap Transit investigate the feasibility of creating an intra-county ferry system; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature has identified a funding allocation to Kitsap Transit for three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for Kitsap Transit to study the feasibility of the program, costs, and create a business plan for a new intra-county service; and

**WHEREAS**, Kitsap Transit requires assistance in creating this plan to ensure all aspects of a new ferry service are identified, researched and documented; and

**WHEREAS**, Kitsap Transit anticipates the cost of engaging such a consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study and business plan to be approximately three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000); and

**WHEREAS**, this request for expenditure is unbudgeted in the 2024 budget and staff is requesting the legislative awarded funding be added to the ferry operating budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the feasibility study, costs, and business plan will be shared with the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners prior to any further action on the program.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners hereby authorize Kitsap Transit to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit a

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qualified consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive intra-county passenger-only ferry feasibility study, costs, and business plan.

**ADOPTED** by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of June, 2024.

Greg Wheeler, Chairperson

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