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## Ferry Rate Increase Notification

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Dear Valued Customers,

Beginning March 15, 2021, Marion County will implement a fee change affecting the Buena Vista and Wheatland ferries.

When ferry improvements are needed, Marion County actively pursues grant monies to fund those improvements. Those costs are not passed on to ferry riders. However, the cost of day-to-day operations relies on the revenues generated from ridership fees. The Marion County ferry program operates at a loss each year. The upcoming fee increases will not make the ferry program profitable, but are designed to keep operating losses to a manageable level while keeping rider fees as low as possible. This will be the first rate increase for the Wheatland Ferry in 12 years.

Below is our current rate structure for both the Wheatland and Buena Vista Ferries and the new rates that will go into effect March 15, 2021. Once the change is implemented, ridership fees for both ferries will be the same.

Current Ferry Rates	Wheatland	Buena Vista	New Rates - Both Ferries
Pedestrian	Free	Free	Free
Bicycle	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Motorcycle	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Vehicle < 22 ft.	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Vehicle 22 ft. – 42 ft.	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Vehicle > 42 ft.	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Single Load Vehicle	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00

We appreciate your use and support of Marion County ferries. The ferries play an important role in providing alternative travel options to local communities. If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming fee changes, please email your comments to [MCDPW@co.marion.or.us](mailto:MCDPW@co.marion.or.us).