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MEMORANDUM

TO: Multimodal Committee

FROM: Jack Cahoon, Director
Ferry Division

SUBJECT: Ferry Update on Programs and Initiatives

The purpose of this memo is to provide an outline of current North Carolina Ferry Division programs and initiatives. I will be happy to provide any additional information and details if requested.

- **Traffic- Attachment A**
See attached traffic report. In comparison with last year the traffic figures are 404,872 which is 22,586 less than last year or down – **5.28%**. The passenger figures for the year are 1,008,304 which is 51,054 less than last year or a decrease of **-4.82%**. All locations show a decrease in vehicular traffic of 4% to 20% except the Hatteras to Ocracoke run which had a 7% increase for year to date.
- **Monthly Analysis of Ferry Operations- Attachment B (See attached sheet)**
Expenditures for current month are \$ 2,188,905.19 or \$ 1,053,364.72 less than same month last year. The current expenditures for this fiscal year-to-date are \$ 10,177,847.75 as compared to last year at this time \$ 13,862,814.20 or a decrease of \$ 3,684,966.45. Labor and fuel cost account for the decrease, however repair parts continue to exceed last year's cost.
- **Rescue** – On October 23rd, as the M/V Silver Lake was on its run from Cedar Island to Ocracoke at about 7:00 pm the Captain noticed a dim light waving on the water. When the vessel arrived at the scene the Captain discovered an overturned boat with (3) three people clinging to the bottom. He rotated his spot light and discovered (2) two more people approximately 200 feet from the overturned boat holding on to styrofoam floats. A rescue boat was launched and the (2) two people hanging on the styrofoam boards were rescued first and then they proceeded to rescue the other (3) three hanging on to the overturned boat. When all were safely secured on the M/V Silver Lake the crew proceeded with safety precautions giving them warm liquids and blankets. All members of the rescue group seemed to be in good condition.

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