



Check out our new ferry paint job



April Fools!

Governor Inslee signs supplemental transportation budget

Last week, Governor Inslee signed the 2015-2017 supplemental transportation budget. This compromise between the House and Senate, with strong input from the governor's office, contains good news for WSF. The highlights are funding for:

- A standby vessel, allowing us to retire the small *Hiyu*
- Additional maintenance staff at Eagle Harbor
- Additional non-routine vessel maintenance
- Operation of the third Olympic Class ferry, the *Chimacum*
- Continuation of the Seattle and Mukilteo terminal projects

Combined with last year's "[Connecting Washington](#)" funding, these supplemental dollars will allow us to continue providing safe and reliable service to millions of customers each year.

Maintenance work at the Vashon terminal next week

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Mukilteo Station South Platform Completion

On Monday, Director of Terminal Engineering Nicole McIntosh joined Sound Transit at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mukilteo Station South Platform project. WSF has worked closely with Sound Transit in Mukilteo to strengthen the connection between the ferry terminal and the Sounder Station to improve multimodal options in the area. I am delighted to have such a great working relationship with all our transit partners and I'm looking forward to the opening of our [new Mukilteo ferry terminal](#) in 2019.

Kingston terminal staff earns lifesaving

We're installing a new fender and making repairs to one of the slips at the Vashon terminal next week. The work will happen between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, April 4, through Thursday, April 7. Fenders help prevent our ferries from making steel-to-steel contact when pulling into the dock. Please plan ahead as there may be some service delays on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route during this work. Please check [Vessel Watch](#) before heading out. We also will send [email and text alerts](#) with more specific information as it becomes available.

Tsunami emergency response training

On Tuesday, my executive team and I participated in an all day tsunami emergency response training at WSDOT's Northwest Region offices in Shoreline. The training provided WSF employees and emergency operations center responders with information on the impacts earthquakes have on our technical operations as well as a review of best practices. It also helped us understand what WSF can do to prepare in the event of an earthquake or tsunami occurring in the Cascadia subduction zone.

award

For the first time, terminal staff have earned a WSF Life Ring Award for their heroic response providing aid to a customer who suffered a medical event while waiting to board the ferry at the Kingston terminal last month. I wish to commend terminal employees Paula Abel, Sara Newton and Vera Crocker, along with Second Mate Joel Michelson, for their swift response that directly contributed to saving a life. I am so proud!

Customer compliment

"I wish to compliment Tony Patterson, [terminal attendant], on the excellent customer service he provided to me last week when my car broke down on the [Fauntleroy/Southworth route]. Tony was very courteous and helpful. He went out of his way to try to get my car going again. I appreciated his service very much and wanted to let you know that in Tony, you have a good example of great customer service." -

Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth
ferry rider



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