



WSDOT Ferries Division

Revised Ridership Forecasts

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Overview

The ferry system was directed by the State Legislature to reconsider the methodology used to forecast ridership. The updated forecasts reflect a redesigned modeling process and take into account new information, such as the results from the 2006 Origin and Destination survey.

System-wide Results

During peak periods:

- Overall rate of growth in ridership is expected to be 1.34 % per year – or 37.5 % by 2030.
- Overall rate of growth in vehicles is expected to grow slower than overall ridership – 1% per year – or 29% by 2030.
- Overall rate of growth in passengers is expected to grow faster than overall ridership – 1.5 % per year – or 43% by 2030.

Vehicle Demand Forecasts

Moderate Growth Routes

Some routes are anticipated to grow at a moderate rate, between 15% and 25% by 2030:

- Seattle/Bremerton
- Fauntleroy/Vashon
- Point Defiance/Tahlequah
- Mukilteo/Clinton
- Anacortes/Sidney, B.C.

Fast Growth Routes

Some routes are anticipated to grow at a faster rate, approximately 33-39% by 2030:

- Edmonds/Kingston
- Seattle/Bainbridge
- Anacortes/San Juan Islands

Faster Growth Routes

The fastest growing routes are anticipated to grow 58-63% by 2030:

- Fauntleroy/Southworth
- Port Townsend/Keystone
- San Juan Inter-island