



**Washington State
Department of Transportation**

Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth Schedule Revision

Summer 2013

2012 Triangle Route Ridership

Vehicles/Drivers

Fauntleroy-Vashon	1,105,064
Fauntleroy-Southworth	478,000
Southworth-Vashon	91,100
Total	1,674,168

Vehicle Passengers

Fauntleroy-Vashon	572,414
Fauntleroy-Southworth	215,662
Southworth-Vashon	4,738
Total	792,814

Walk-on Passengers

Fauntleroy-Vashon	250,328
Fauntleroy-Southworth	103,916
Southworth-Vashon	65,240
Total	419,484

Total Riders

Fauntleroy-Vashon	1,927,806
Fauntleroy-Southworth	797,582
Southworth-Vashon	161,078
Total	2,886,466

Why is WSF revising the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth (Triangle) route schedule?

We need a revised schedule due to an upcoming change in vessels assigned to this route and to reduce route operational problems. The Triangle schedule was last updated in 2003 and many factors have changed since then. We anticipate possible implementation by summer 2014.

What are the planned vessel reassignments?

Due to the arrival of the new 144-car *Tokitae* up-Sound, the Triangle route will operate with two 124-car Issaquah class vessels plus one 87-car Evergreen State class vessel. This 37-car capacity increase will require additional loading and unloading times.

What are the challenges of the Triangle route?

The Triangle route has some unique challenges. The current schedule is very "fragile." Small issues (delayed departures, emergency medical transports, vessel performance, weather) can cause cascading delays that often affect the peak commute. The limitations of the Fauntleroy dock and approach roadways are also major issues.

In addition, like other routes, the Triangle schedule must take into account

rush hour connections, the hours of service deployed, and 24-hour vessel availability.

What are the benefits of a revised schedule?

A revised schedule will allow WSF to best use the increased capacity of the second Issaquah class vessel, provide reliable and on-time departures, provide more resilience in the event of a service disruption, and meet the reality of today's travel patterns.

Who is involved in this process?

Guiding this process is a steering committee, including representatives from:

- Ferry Advisory Committees and the communities:
 - Vashon FAC Chair
 - Vashon resident
 - Southworth FAC Chair
 - Southworth resident
 - Fauntleroy FAC Chair
 - Fauntleroy resident
- WSF staff in the areas of Planning, Operations, Terminals, Communications, Customer Service, and Vessel Maintenance
- King County Metro Transit and Kitsap Transit

We consult with other entities such as the King County Ferry District/Vashon Water Taxi and Vashon Island School District as the process continues.



What questions will guide the steering committee?

- How can we balance the need to modify a schedule that so many people depend on?
- What are the effects from the increase in capacity on loading and unloading?
- How can service be deployed for current and expected travel patterns?
- How do we ensure on-time departures when so many factors affect schedule reliability?



What is the timeline?

The Steering Committee will be working during the course of 2013 to discuss and develop a revised schedule by January 2014 so that King County Metro and other agencies will be able to implement a coordinated set of changes for the summer 2014 sailing season.

Public meetings in green.

2013

January 2013 Staff research and data collection	February 2013 Staff research and data collection	March 2013 Staff research and data collection	April 2013 Develop schedule values
May 2013 Review data from current route operations	June 2013 Seek community input on schedule needs as part of regular WSF community meeting	July 2013 Consider initial draft schedule based on community input	August 2013 Revise draft schedule
September 2013 Present draft schedule to community/riders at special meeting and ride-alongs	October 2013 Review schedule per community comments	November 2013 Present updated schedule to community as part of regular WSF community meeting	December 2013 Present updated schedule to community as part of regular WSF community meeting

2014

January 2014 Finalize schedule and transmit within WSF and to partners (King County Metro, Vashon Water Taxi)	February 2014	March 2014	April 2014
May 2014	June 2014 Implement revised schedule		

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