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# Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock

## Why is Colman Dock important?

Colman Dock in Seattle provides an important transportation link between downtown Seattle and communities in Kitsap County and the Olympic Peninsula.

The Seattle Ferry Terminal is the largest in Washington State Ferries (WSF) system, supporting general purpose and commercial traffic, high occupancy vehicles, transit, bicycles and pedestrians. In 2011 alone, Colman Dock served 8.5 million riders, including 4.2 million foot passengers.

## Why does Colman Dock need to be replaced?

Key components of Colman Dock are aging, deteriorating and structurally deficient. The layout of today's facility also creates safety concerns due to conflicts between vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrian traffic. Significant work is needed at Colman Dock to ensure the facility can continue to support safe and reliable ferry service into the future.

The Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock Project would:

- Address safety concerns by replacing aging and seismically vulnerable components of the facility.
- Improve safety by reducing conflicts between vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrian traffic.
- Improve existing pedestrian connections from the terminal to Alaskan Way.
- Improve accessibility by designing the facility to meet current standards for serving people with disabilities.
- Maintain current vehicle holding capacity and overwater coverage (the project will not expand the facility).

Environmental benefits include removal of large quantities of creosote-treated timber piles from Elliott Bay, improved treatment for stormwater runoff, and a new area of shoreline and nearshore habitat where the north holding area is located today.

## Project schedule

| Task | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 - 2020 |
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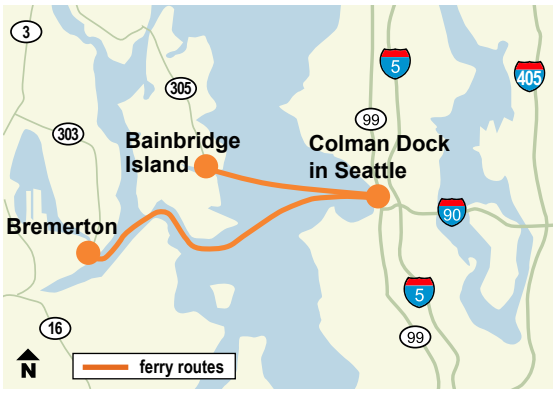
| Environmental analysis and preliminary engineering | | | | | | |
| Final design | | | | | | |
| Construction* | | | | | | |

**WSF ferry operations will be maintained throughout construction*



*Wood pile from Colman Dock that has been removed and replaced due to deterioration.*

## What's happening now?

WSF, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) just completed the first step of the environmental review process called "scoping," where the public was invited to provide comments to help shape the project. Comments received will be considered as apart of the environmental review.

## How is the project funded?

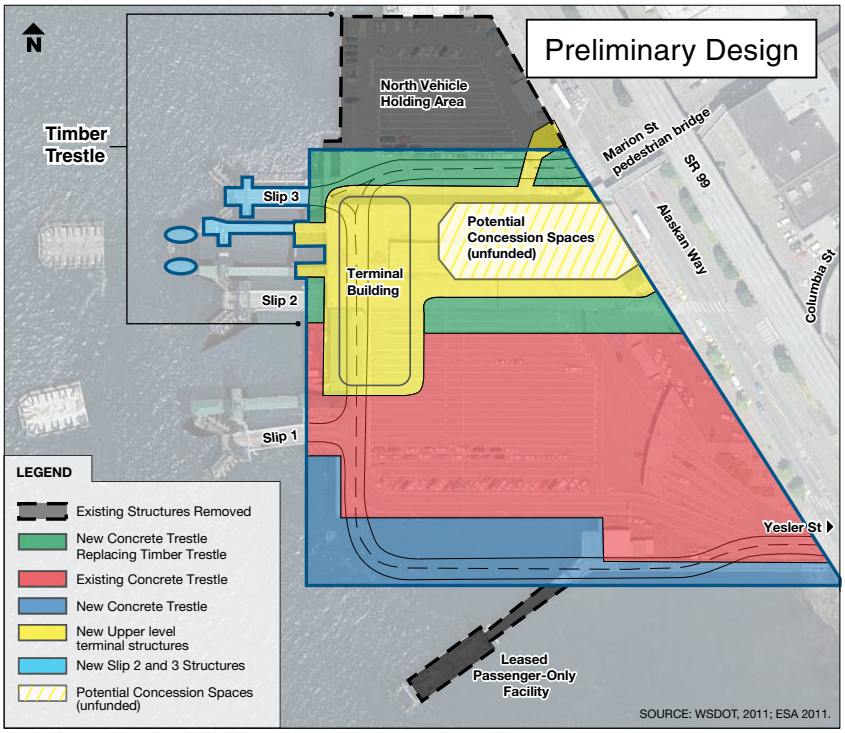
The project budget is $210 million and relies on a combination of state and federal funding sources. Secured funding will support completion of the environmental review.

## What work is included in the project?

The focus of the project is on preserving and maintaining the function of Colman Dock. Project elements include:

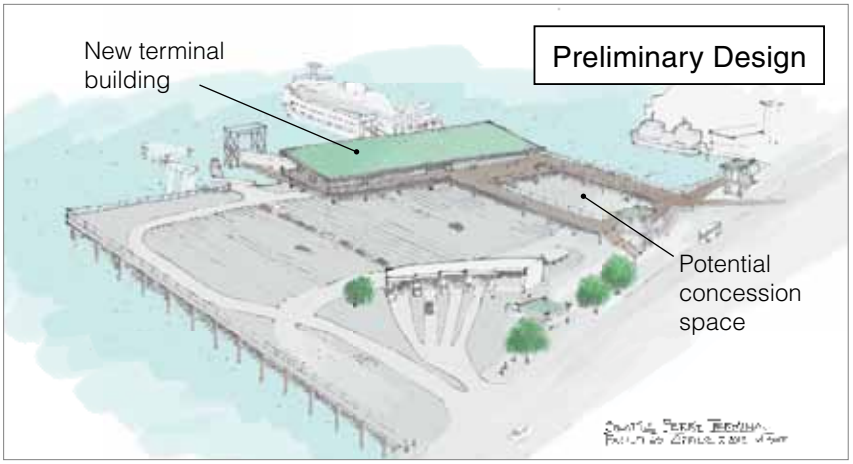
- Removal of the timber trestle portion of the dock
- New concrete/steel trestle
- New main terminal building
- Reconfigured dock layout
- New vehicle transfer span and overhead loading structures (Slip 3)
- New vessel landing aids (Slips 2 and 3)
- Improved pedestrian connections

Following the scoping period, WSF is coordinating with passenger-only operators on a plan to include a replacement passenger only facility near Colman Dock.




## What about other projects along the waterfront?

Washington State Ferries is working to coordinate construction, traffic impacts and project design with other projects planned for Seattle's waterfront, including the Alaskan Way Viaduct Program, the Seawall Replacement Project, and the Waterfront Seattle Project. The Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock project will be designed to not preclude the City of Seattle's future plans for open space above Colman Dock.

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