Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock Project

Over 9 million people move through Colman Dock every year and it’s aging and vulnerable to earthquakes. Major construction to replace the terminal began in August 2017 and will continue through early 2023.

What to expect during construction – out with the old, in with the new

Ferry operations will be maintained
Colman Dock will remain in operation with no reduction in service, but Bremerton and Bainbridge Island sailing schedules will change starting in January 2018.

Changes to vehicle holding on the dock and traffic movements on Alaskan Way
While the contractor will complete most of the work from barges on the water, construction work zones on the dock will limit the number of vehicle holding lanes. Ferry holding space off the dock is needed, especially on busy weekends and during the summer.

Changes for walk-on passengers
Throughout construction, WSF will maintain a terminal building for customers and elevated pedestrian connections between the terminal building, the Marion Street Bridge and the street. All facilities will be ADA-accessible. An elevator will be available but the location will change.

Construction noise, vibration and odor
The noisiest construction activity will be pile driving necessary to build the new dock. This work will be limited to daylight hours, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., August through mid-February. Other nighttime work activities may also be needed. Removal of creosote-coated timber piles can also cause vibration and odors. Our contractor will use best management practices to minimize these impacts.

Construction schedule (summer 2017 - early 2023)
Access during the first year of construction

**Washington State Ferries customers**

**Drivers**
- Most vehicles enter new ferry access lanes from the intersection of Alaskan Way and Madison Street.
- Northbound left turn at Yesler Way allowed for trucks over 40 feet, vanpools and motorcycles.
- Vehicle exits remain at Yesler Way or Marion Street.

**People on bicycles**
- Continue to use bicycle entry north of Yesler Way.

**Walk-on passengers**
- Marion Street Bridge from First Avenue is open.
- Terminal building, elevator and stairs are open.
- Pick-up and drop-off spaces are available near the dock.

**King County Water Taxi and Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry customers**

- In August 2017, the passenger-only ferry facility was temporarily relocated to the north side of Colman Dock. Passengers enter from Alaskan Way between Madison and Marion streets. A fence and barriers separate walk-on passengers from the WSF vehicle holding area.
- The new passenger-only ferry facility is scheduled to open on the south side of Colman Dock in fall 2018.

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**Diagram:**

- **Vehicle routes**
- **Bicycle routes**
- **Pedestrian routes**
- **Passenger pick-up area**
- **Elevator**
- **Construction work zone**

Preliminary, subject to change. For illustrative purposes only, map not to scale.

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Sailing schedule changes start January 2018 due to construction

As construction progresses in 2018, the terminal building will be much smaller and will not have enough space to accommodate passengers leaving for Bainbridge Island and Bremerton at the same time. To reduce the number of passengers loading at one time, WSF needs to change the sailing schedule so that only one vessel arrives and departs Colman Dock at a time.

Both vessels are docked in Seattle several times throughout the day. For example, on an average weekday, more than 1,500 walk-on passengers use the terminal building for the 5:30 p.m. sailing to Bainbridge Island and the 5:35 p.m. sailing to Bremerton.

Proposed sailing schedule changes

The proposed schedule would change some but not all sailings for both Bremerton and Bainbridge Island.

- Departure times to Bremerton typically shift 5 to 15 minutes earlier.
- Departure times to Bainbridge Island typically shift 5 to 15 minutes later.

The proposed schedule provides the most time between sailings, the main driver for these changes during construction. Throughout construction, WSF will regularly evaluate how the schedule is operating and work with customers if we need to make any changes.

Proposed sailing schedules are available online at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/colmanmultimodalterminal

Terminal space during construction

August 2017: Existing terminal building open when major construction begins

March 2018: About half of terminal building is demolished

Summer 2019: Even less space available (using 1/3 of the new terminal building)
Project design
For more than a decade, we have been working with our federal partners to develop a plan for replacing Colman Dock. Stakeholder groups and ferry riders have provided input at key milestones during the environmental phase and development of the project design.

Key project elements
- Replacing the existing timber trestle with a new concrete and steel trestle.
- Replacing the main terminal building.
- Replacing the passenger-only ferry facility (with funding from King County).
- Replacing the overhead loading facility on the northernmost slip.
- Constructing a new elevated walkway between the terminal building and the passenger-only ferry facility.
- Adding a bicycle entry and holding area north of Marion Street.
- Maintaining an elevated connection between the terminal building and the Marion Street Bridge.
- Providing stairs and elevators to connect the facility to Alaskan Way.

Project funding
$350 million dollars in federal, state and local funding has been appropriated for this project. King County provided funding for replacement of the passenger-only ferry facility. With secured funding, WSF can move forward with replacing the seismically-vulnerable elements of the facility to preserve Colman Dock’s core functions. In addition, the legislature directed WSDOT’s Office of Innovative Partnerships to complete a study of public-private financing opportunities for the proposed entry building by November 2017.