

Washington State Ferries Weekly Update



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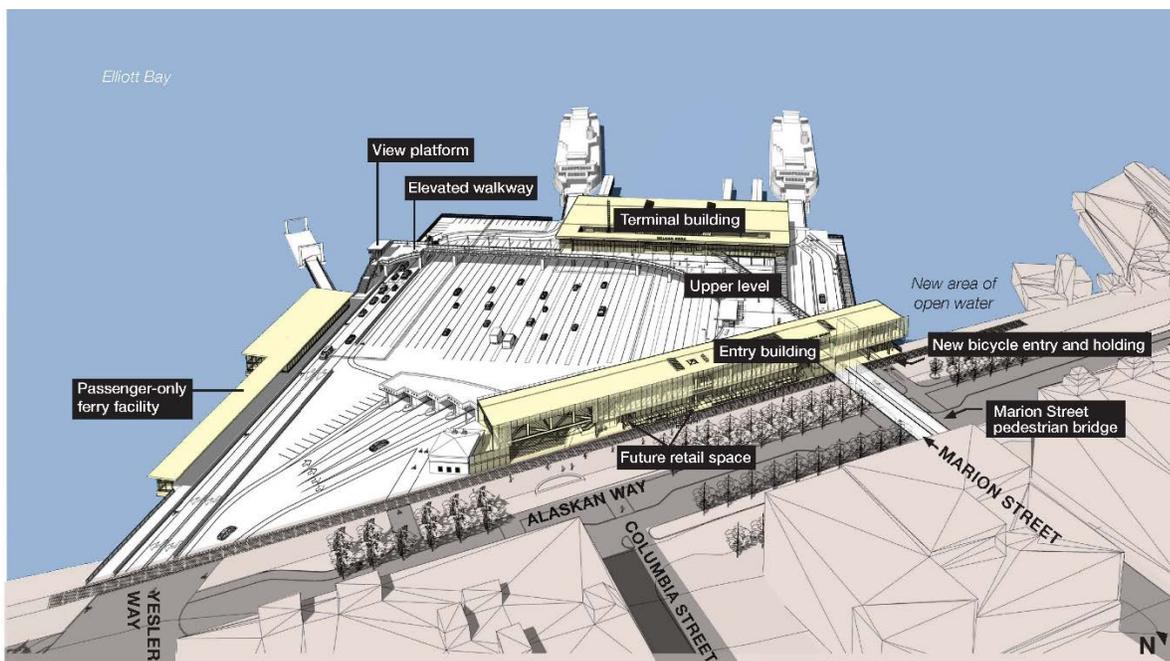
- *Puyallup* repairs
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***Puyallup* repairs**

Puyallup, one of our largest Jumbo Mark II ferries that typically serves the Seattle/Bainbridge Island route, is out of service until further notice. A diver inspection Tuesday night revealed significant damage to the propeller shaft seal. We expect repairs to take several weeks, as the vessel will need to be put into dry dock to assess the damage and make repairs. This is a tough situation since one of the other Jumbo Mark II ferries, the *Wenatchee*, is also out of service for maintenance. It's scheduled to return to service the week of Dec. 21. We will do everything we can to accelerate that work, but until then several of our routes will be operating with reduced capacity. If you're planning to travel on the Seattle/Bainbridge route, allow extra time, prepare for delays and plan to walk on if possible. We have been providing frequent service updates on our [website](#) and Twitter (@wsferries). We will continue to do so as information becomes available.

Seattle Colman Dock project reaches major milestone

I am happy to report that our partners, the Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration, have determined that our project to replace the aging and seismically vulnerable components of Colman Dock will have no significant adverse impact on the environment. As such, on Nov. 24 they published a Finding of No Significant Impact, marking the completion of the environmental review process. This is a major milestone and allows our team to finalize the design and begin planning for construction. Construction will begin in summer 2017 with completion expected in early 2023. We plan to keep Colman Dock open throughout construction. We are planning another round of public outreach at terminals and aboard vessels in early 2016 – stay tuned for details. To learn more, visit the [project website](#).



Service award presentations continue

Our port captains continue to present awards to longtime employees. In the last two weeks, we've given awards to Able Seamen John Rasmussen, Ollie McCall and Roger Baker. All three have worked for WSF for 30 years. I applaud their service and dedication!

Lynne Griffith
Assistant Secretary WSDOT/Ferries Division

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