



## New severe weather schedules released

Our recently released [severe weather schedules](#) came in handy during last week's wintry conditions. Our San Juan Islands route switched over to them on Wednesday, Jan. 15, after a foot of snow fell at our Anacortes terminal. The schedules are the result of snowstorms last February, when we carried nearly 300,000 fewer customers than the same month in 2018. The new timetables provide appropriate service to match demand during storms. We'll let you know through ferry alerts and social media whenever a route switches over to the severe weather schedules.



*A foot of snow fell at our Anacortes terminal in the early morning of Jan. 15. Thanks to terminal staff and vessel crews, the facility was up and running following a few delays.*

Snow in 2019 was a big reason why our [annual ridership](#) dropped for the first time in seven years. Construction in and around some of our terminals, as well as increased ferry and

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### 2020 legislative session begins

The state legislature began its 60-day session in Olympia last week and Transportation Secretary Roger Millar gave "State of Transportation" addresses to the Senate and House Transportation Committees.



*WSDOT Secretary Roger Millar delivers his "State of Transportation" address to the Senate Transportation Committee last week.*

To preserve current service, the [governor's supplemental budget proposal](#) makes an additional investment to WSF's operating budget. Because of the extensive steel work and deferred maintenance necessary to keep the *Elwha* in service, the governor's budget proposes to retire the 52-year-old vessel, which has

transit options also contributed to a decrease in riders to 23.9 million.



*Our annual ridership dropped 3.2% in 2019. The largest decrease came on the Seattle/Bremerton route, while the largest jump came on the Southworth/Vashon run.*

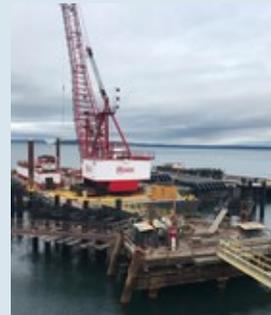
#### **Bainbridge, Bremerton routes back on regular schedule**

All ferries in and out of our Seattle terminal returned to their [regular schedule](#) on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Our Bremerton vessels are now using Slip 3. Bainbridge boats will continue to dock at Slip 1. Vehicle staging areas have been adjusted for both routes on the dock in Seattle. Thank you again for your understanding and patience during the 16-day temporary one-slip schedule as we work to [improve all aspects of safety at our flagship terminal](#).

been out of service for several months. I look forward to working with legislators as they develop their supplemental transportation budget and make final decisions on ferry service.

#### **Additional night work at new Mukilteo terminal site**

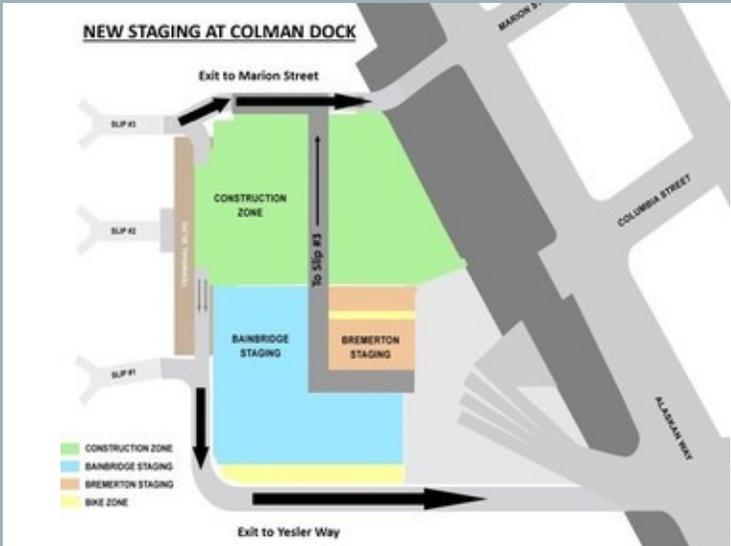
Contractor crews working on our [Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal Project](#) will work an additional 18 nights between Jan. 27 and Feb. 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 a.m. to take advantage of low tides to weld the wingwalls. This continues the night work that began on Dec. 9. The goal is to complete as much in-water work as possible within the fish window – a time when migrating salmon are less likely to be around. There will be no night work on Sundays or holidays.



*There will be 18 additional nights of construction at our new Mukilteo terminal site between Jan. 27 and Feb. 15 for in-water work.*

#### **Vehicle reservations for spring schedule available Wednesday, Jan. 29**

The first round of [vehicle reservations](#) for our spring



sailings will go live at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29. Set your alarm if you're planning a trip on our Anacortes/San Juan Islands/Sidney, British Columbia or Port Townsend/Coupeville routes between March 28 and June 20.

*Bainbridge and Bremerton vehicle staging areas have shifted at Colman Dock as crews tear down the remainder of our old Seattle terminal.*

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