



## Public Service Recognition Week

It's Public Service Recognition Week and this year we need to pay extra tribute to the women and men who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. I want to say how impressed I am with all of my coworkers who have kept our vital transportation link operational during the current COVID-19 pandemic. What we do is indeed vital to the people of Washington and the communities we serve. We continue to carry first responders, food, supplies and other necessities to people that in many cases are in isolated areas.



*Marine Operations Watch Supervisor Jordan Light teleworking from home alongside some furry companions.*

I hope all of my fellow coworkers know what an important role they have in ensuring that reliable ferry service is sustained during these uncertain times. I encourage our customers in joining me in recognizing and thanking all our employees. I couldn't be more proud of our team!

**May 7, 2020**

### SR 305 Agate Pass Bridge delays

If you use our Seattle/Bainbridge route, you may want to schedule additional travel time if you cross the State Route 305 Agate Pass Bridge. Starting today, drivers may experience 10-minute delays due to bridge repainting work. The bridge will be reduced to one alternating lane of traffic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. each Monday through Saturday until further notice.



*One-way traffic will alternate across SR 305 Agate Pass Bridge for repainting work Monday through Saturday until further notice.*

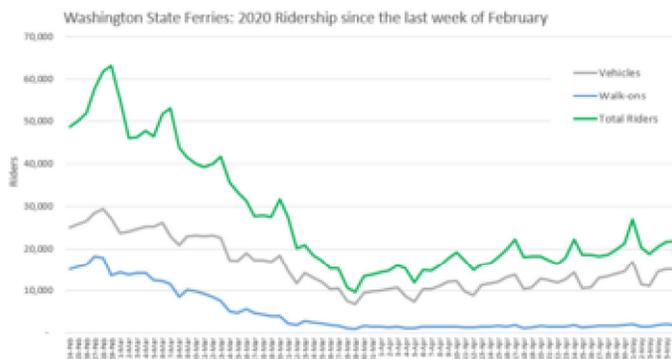
**Second holding lane to be added on SR 104 before Edmonds terminal**



*Dispatch Coordinator Shannon Zivkovich teleworking from home.*

### **Mother's Day weekend travel**

Mother's Day weekend normally kicks off our busy travel season. But this is no normal year. The governor's "[Stay Home, Stay Healthy](#)" emergency order remains in effect. While the weather is forecast to be sunny and warm this weekend, I encourage everyone to ride our ferries for essential purposes only and if possible, celebrate with mom virtually. Happy Mother's Day!



*Our daily ridership is slowly on the rise after bottoming off in late-March. Customers coming aboard in vehicles are encouraged to remain in their vehicles.*

As a reminder, we remain on our [winter sailing schedules](#) so we will not be adding a second boat to our Port Townsend/ Coupeville route this weekend.

Customers driving aboard a ferry at our Edmonds terminal will soon get some congestion relief on SR 104 prior to the toll booths. On Saturday, May 9, WSDOT maintenance crews will begin work to create a second vehicle holding lane between Pine and Dayton streets. Work is expected to take up to eight months and may require lane closures at times.



*The overflow ferry holding lane (right) on SR 104 near our Edmonds terminal will be turned into a second permanent holding lane.*



*"I want to express my appreciation for the clockwork-type timeliness of the ferry sailings (Point Defiance to Tahlequah). I catch the first ferry of the day from Tahlequah (at 5:30 a.m.), and work with patients at a Tacoma hospital, so really need to get to work on time at 6:15 a.m.*

*"[... As a] frontline healthcare provider, I LOVE the three horn blasts that I hear right outside my house every night at 8 p.m.! I live on the Tahlequah side of the*

Customers can sign up for [email rider alerts](#), check [WSF COVID-19 travel updates](#) and follow WSF on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for notification of resumption of regular service and other rider information.

**Amy Scarton**

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

*Point Defiance/Tahlequah ferry. Thank you so much, it makes me smile in appreciation of your appreciation, and my husband calls it my 'warrior horn.'*

-Point Defiance/Tahlequah customer



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