



Labor Day weekend ferry travel

If your holiday weekend travel plans include a ride on our ferries, double check our [sailing schedules](#) and plan for long waits if coming aboard in a vehicle. Several routes are still operating on [modified schedules](#) dependent on our [COVID Response Service Plan](#). As many take advantage of the great weather forecast over the long holiday weekend, I remind everyone that most counties remain under essential or limited non-essential travel orders under the [Safe Start reopening plan](#). I continue to ask that you ride our ferries only if absolutely necessary.



For anyone not inside a vehicle, a face covering is required on all our ferries. Anyone in a vehicle should put on a mask if they have to exit their vehicle during the sailing.

If you have to catch a ferry right now, I suggest signing up for [email alerts](#), checking [terminal conditions](#), reading our [COVID-19 travel updates](#) and making a reservation for our

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35-year service award

We presented a 35-year service award to Captain Dave Cole last week. He is a master on our Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route. To mark the amazing milestone, Dave received a compass and certificate. Congratulations Dave and thank you for your service and dedication over the years!



Port Captain Jay Mooney (left) presents Captain Dave Cole with a compass and certificate in honor of his 35 years of service with WSF.

Mukilteo pedestrian trail closed Sept. 4 and 8

The pedestrian trail through our [new Mukilteo terminal](#) site will be closed from 6:30

Anacortes/San Juan Islands or Port Townsend/Coupeville routes.

New mask signs going up on ferries, at terminals

We're working to increase compliance of the state's [facial coverings order](#) aboard our ferries and at our terminals. We are replacing the posted Centers for Disease Control-provided signs with one that specifically states that masks are required at our all our facilities and on our vessels – inside or outside.



This sign is going up throughout our fleet and facilities. We are also working to get this message to people coming to our terminal tollbooths and making frequent announcements about mask wearing and safe physical distancing.

While we're not an enforcement agency and can neither cite riders who refuse to wear a mask nor deny them passage on our sailings, which are part of the state highway system, we are working to educate our customers on the importance of following state health directives.

Nearly \$2 million in fuel savings

We have saved nearly \$2 million in fuel over the past two years thanks to the work of our captains and chief engineers! In response to a 2018 [executive order](#) from the governor, which challenges Washington State Ferries to implement operational improvements to conserve energy, our crews worked to optimize the speed of our vessels to reduce fuel consumption. Since then, we have saved more than one million gallons of fuel with minimal effects to on-time performance. Thank you to all involved for helping us meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals and save money during our current COVID-19 budget constraints.

a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 4, and on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The closures are needed so contractor crews can pave the final sections of the new First Street. The path will remain open throughout the long Labor Day weekend. A longer closure of the trail is needed later in the month for additional work ahead of the opening of the permanent path later this year.



Contractor crews will close the pedestrian trail at our new Mukilteo terminal site on Sept. 4 and 8, for paving work.

More overnight closures of northbound SR 99 Duwamish River Bridge

There's a road closure to be aware of if you need to head north after arriving into our Fautleroy terminal on a late-night or early morning sailing. Another round of northbound [State Route 99 Duwamish River Bridge](#) closures is currently underway. Between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. tonight, Sept. 3, and again Tuesday night, Sept. 8, through the morning of Thursday, Sept. 10, the northbound lanes of the bridge – also known as the First Avenue South Bridge – will be closed. On other



Reducing the speed of our on-time vessels by just one knot has resulted in a decrease of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

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weeknights, up to three lanes of the northbound span may be closed. Several [alternate routes](#) are available.



Contractor crews are currently replacing grid deck panels on the northbound span of the SR 99 Duwamish River Bridge.



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