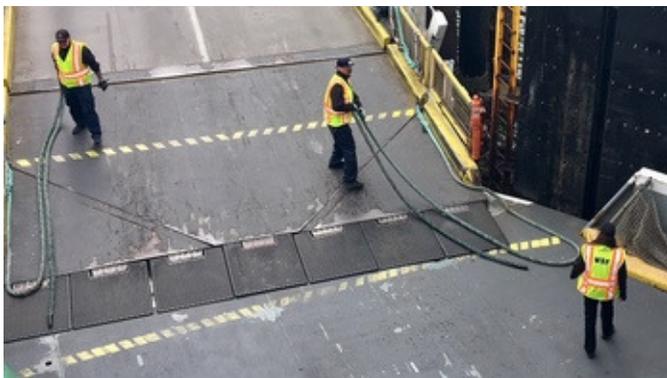




Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2019! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Many of us would not have been able to spend this special time with loved ones if it were not for our dedicated employees who worked over the holidays.



Thanks to all our employees who sacrificed time with family and friends this holiday season to make sure our customers got to where they needed to be safely!

2040 Long Range Plan released today

We have much to look forward to in the New Year, beginning with today's release of our 2040 Long Range Plan! Updated once a decade, the Plan recommends a set of investments and service enhancements to be implemented over the next 20 years. A major highlight is the recommendation that we must build more ferries immediately. More than half of the state's 23-vessel fleet is scheduled to be retired by 2040. WSF needs to build 16 new vessels in the next 20 years, including 13 ferries to replace vessels due for retirement and three additional vessels to fill in when other ferries are out for maintenance and to respond to growth.

January 3, 2019

Winter schedule begins Sunday, Jan. 6

Don't forget to pick up your copy of our blue [Winter 2019 Sailing Schedule](#)! The [schedule](#) starts this Sunday, Jan. 6, and runs through March 30. The image on the cover is from our [#FerryFotoContest](#) winner Jim Reitz ([@jimre](#)). His shot received the most "likes" on our [@wsferries](#) Twitter feed during the October contest.

The start of the new sailing season also means new galley hours for some of our routes. To check each route's galley hours, visit their respective [terminal pages](#).

The plan reflects extensive input from ferry customers, the public and stakeholders, including nearly 900 comments. More than 7,500 people participated in 32 public meetings on land and on board ferries and in two online open houses over the last 18 months. Thank you to everyone for their feedback!

I encourage you to read the full plan [here](#).



The Plan reflects extensive input we received from the public during dozens of community open houses like this one in Mukilteo, as well as an online open house.

Plan for SR 99 Alaskan Way Viaduct closure

How do you plan to commute to Colman Dock during the three-week State Route 99 [Alaskan Way Viaduct closure](#) in Seattle starting next Friday, Jan. 11? With 90,000 vehicles expected to divert to Seattle streets, now is the perfect time to try a car-free alternative on both sides of the water. Representatives from WSF and Kitsap Transit will be available in the Seattle terminal and on board our vessels next week to provide information and answer questions:

- 3:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, inside the Seattle ferry terminal building
- 2:50 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the galley on the Seattle/Bremerton ferries
- 3:50 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, in the galley on the Seattle/Bainbridge Island ferries



Our Winter 2019 Sailing Schedule with image by our #FerryFotoContest winner.

Public meeting Jan. 9 in Friday Harbor

We are co-hosting a public meeting with the San Juan County Ferry Advisory Committee next week to answer your ferry questions! Join the WSF Executive Team and me from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Brickworks (150 Nichols St.) in Friday Harbor. While the focus of the meeting will be on our recently released [2040 Long Range Plan](#) and how it sets a course for a more reliable and environmentally sustainable future, there will also be a question and answer session on any ferry-related issues.

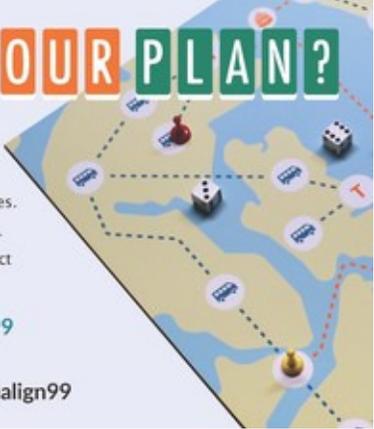


WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

Avoid the stress of driving.
Consider buses, ferries, bike share and other car-free alternatives.
The SR 99 closure in Seattle Jan 11 through early February is the perfect time to give it a go.

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Amy Scarton
Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

"Hi, I am the morning ferry monitor for Chautauqua Elementary School. I just wanted to let you know how awesome and patient your employees are with our students. I especially want to let you know that Bridget [Soto, Ordinary Seaman] and Connor [Murphy, Able-Bodied Seaman] are always SOOOO awesome and give the kids fist bumps and welcome them when they come on the ferry every morning. The kids are always excited to do this! They are always friendly and have a smile when we board the boat. Hopefully you know how awesome they are and how much we appreciate them!!"

-Fauntleroy/Vashon customer



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