



Public meetings in Anacortes and San Juan Islands

The fifth and sixth stops in our series of public meetings with local [Ferry Advisory Committees](#) took several WSF staff and Executive Team members to Anacortes and the San Juan Islands this week. Similar to our earlier meetings, we presented information and answered questions about general ferry topics like proposed changes to [fares](#) and the implementation of our [2040 Long Range Plan](#).



About 50 people attended our meeting on Orcas Island last night. Nearly 30 people came to our meeting in Anacortes Tuesday evening.

San Juan Islands residents will have another opportunity to comment on proposed changes to fares at a [Washington State Transportation Commission](#) (WSTC)-hosted meeting in Friday Harbor on Wednesday, May 29 from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the San Juan County Council Hearing Room (55 2nd St. N.). The WSTC is an appointed board who sets fares and fare policies for WSF. The meeting will include a brief presentation by WSF staff and the opportunity to provide comment. It will be streamed live on the [San Juan County](#)

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Training new employees on safety and security

Our number one priority is safety and security. That's why we recently reached out to Washington State Patrol Homeland Security Division Trooper Kevin Fortino to speak at our new employee orientations. He's come in on two occasions now, emphasizing the importance of "[If You See Something, Say Something](#)" – providing examples on what our employees can do to assist in keeping our customers safe. Kevin also brings along his K9 Luna, who has been a big hit in the classroom! Thank you Kevin and Luna!



WSP Trooper Kevin Fortino talks at our new employee orientation about what it takes to be a K9 handler for his dog Luna.

[website](#).

Next week, I'll join my colleagues in Southworth Tuesday evening, May 21, and in Mukilteo Thursday evening, May 23. All [upcoming meetings](#) will cover similar topics with additional issues specific to each community's route.

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Dozens of our employees brought their children to work this week for a special behind-the-scenes ferry tour. We split our annual [Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day](#) events into two days – aboard the *Puyallup* on the Edmonds/Kingston route Monday and on the *Chetzemoka* at Point Defiance/Tahlequah today. Each group had a chance to meet the crew, then tour of the wheelhouse and engine room. It's great that so many of our WSF children were able to see what their parents do every day!



Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day participants pose for a picture on the pickle fork of Puyallup while docked in Kingston on Monday.

Seattle Fire Department honors WSF crews for role in rescue

The Seattle Fire Department (SFD) presented several of our deck employees with a Certificate of Recognition for their help and coordination in a January 2018 rescue at a luncheon yesterday. The two deck crews were changing shifts aboard *Issaquah* around 5 a.m. in Fauntleroy when they assisted in transferring a [21-year-old near drowning victim](#) from a U.S. Coast Guard response boat onto the ferry and into a medic unit waiting on board.

Obey signs at new Mukilteo terminal site

The [pedestrian trail](#) that passes through the work site of our [new Mukilteo terminal](#) is closed through early fall so our contractor can build the new section of First Street. The closed portion begins at the Sounder station and runs through the end of the work zone.



Be cautious around the terminal work zone and do not cross the train tracks to access the Mukilteo shoreline.

Anacortes parking lot back open

Just in time for the start of our peak travel season, the parking lot closest to our Anacortes terminal building has reopened, following three weeks of repaving work.

If you're catching a ferry to the San Juan Islands or Sidney, BC this weekend, plan for extra travel time to make your sailing as the [Anacortes Boat & Yacht Show](#) may cause traffic delays.

4-hour delays on US 101 near Lake Crescent

Heads up if you're taking a road trip to the coast next week! Plan for four-hour



WSF employees honored by SFD for their role in a January 2018 rescue. Members of the U.S. Coast Guard and Harborview Medical Center were also recognized.

According to SFD, it would have been challenging to transfer the woman from boat to shore to beach and then into the medic unit. Capt. Victor Lotorto was ending his shift when he heard about the rescue on radio traffic and prepared the vessel to be ready to respond. I was happy to be at the luncheon to congratulate and thank these employees on a job well done for saving a life by working so well together with our agency partners!

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delays on US 101 near Lake Crescent between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 20-23, for [Olympic National Park road work](#). The primary alternate route is State Route 112 and SR 113. There will be no road work on Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day holiday. Outside of these scheduled four-hour delays, expect half-hour delays during weekday work hours. After work hours and on weekends, there will be an alternating single-lane of traffic controlled by temporary signals.



If your ferry travels include a drive to the coast, plan for daytime delays up to four hours on US 101 near Lake Crescent.



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