



### Meeting with Pacific Northwest ferry operators

Representatives from BC Ferries, Black Ball Ferry Line, Clipper Vacations and our local passenger-only service providers (King and Kitsap counties) are in our offices today for a meeting of ferry operators. The purpose of this meeting is to share experiences, best practices and information with our region's ferry agencies. Some of the topics we're discussing today include workforce development, operational efficiencies and community engagement.

Tomorrow, Aug. 23, we will be taking participants on a tour of one of our vessels, [Colman Dock](#) and our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility. I'm looking forward to showing the other agencies how we operate and hope we all continue to share best practices.

### South Jackson Street closed near Colman Dock

Continue to plan for extra drive time in or out of our Seattle terminal! South Jackson Street is now closed east of Alaskan Way South for [viaduct demolition work](#). People driving to our vehicle entrance to Colman Dock should continue to use northbound or southbound Alaskan Way South to reach the vehicle holding area at Pier 48. Alaskan Way South remains reduced to one lane in each direction between Yesler Way and South King Street.

### August 22, 2019

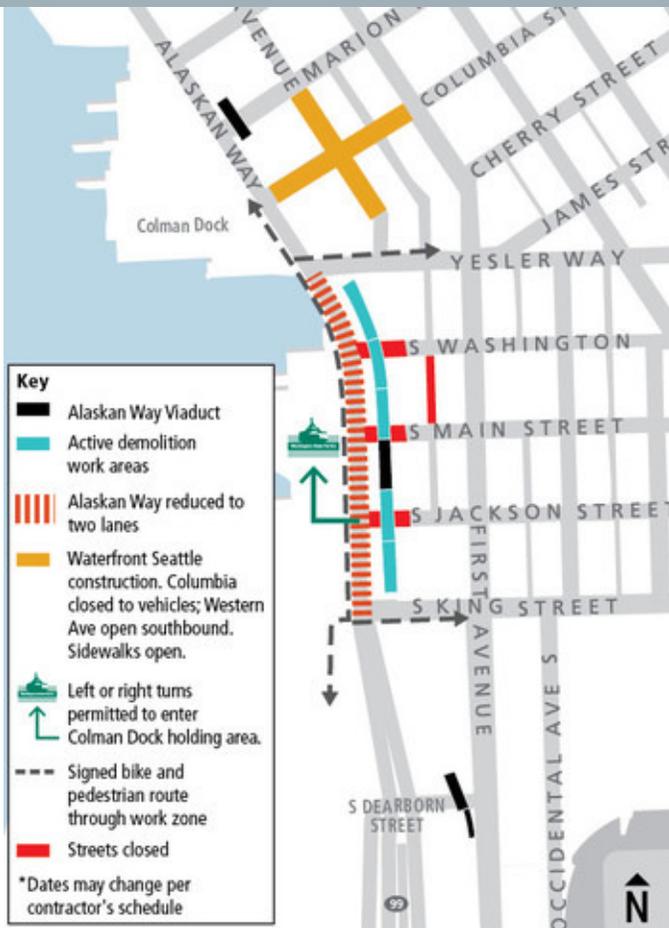
#### Thousands heading to Port Townsend for weekend festival

Many of our routes may be extra busy this weekend, especially Edmonds/Kingston and Port Townsend/Coupeville, as thousands gather in Port Townsend for the inaugural [THING music and arts festival](#).



*THING is expected to bring up to 5,000 people to historic Fort Warden on Saturday, Aug. 24, and again on Sunday, Aug. 25.*

In addition, all state and national parks are free on Sunday in celebration of National Park Service's 103rd birthday and the



*Yesler Way and South King Street both reopened earlier this week ahead of Wednesday's closure of South Jackson Street near the vehicle entrance to Colman Dock.*

**Amy Scarton**

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

[Kitsap County Fair & Stampede](#) runs through Sunday. If you're driving on a ferry, plan for long waits. Thanks for your patience!

**Exploring partnerships for Anacortes terminal improvements**

We are partnering with the Port and City of Anacortes to explore innovative public-private partnerships to [enhance our terminal site](#) through commercial ventures such as retail operations, lodging and food service. Share your ideas and input in our [online survey](#) through Aug. 30! Thank you to the many who have already provided feedback.



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