



Kickoff ceremony toward a greener fleet

Greening our fleet is a major priority, and I'm proud to say we took a big step forward this week with the launch our [Hybrid-Electric Ferry Build Program](#)! Representatives from our many partners in the maritime industry gathered at Vigor's Seattle Shipyard on Monday to dedicate a sign marking the future construction site of the program.



WSDOT Secretary Roger Millar, Gov. Jay Inslee, Vigor CEO Frank Foti and I kicked off a new era of ferries with a symbolic sign attendees signed in show of support.

Earlier this year, state legislators and the governor authorized a contract extension for Vigor to build up to five 144-car [Olympic class](#) hybrid-electric ferries. They also approved funds for the construction of one of those vessels. Design and engineering work is currently underway. Construction is scheduled to start in late 2020, with service scheduled to begin in 2023.

Pedestrian detour in Seattle until new terminal opens

September 12, 2019

New Clinton terminal pickup and drop-off area nearly complete

Construction of the [new pickup and drop-off area](#) near our Clinton terminal is nearly complete! Crews are scheduled to pave and stripe Ferry Dock Road next week, but the work is weather dependent. Stay tuned for information about operational changes coming soon!



Crews are currently installing a block wall and finishing drainage, sidewalk and curb work on Ferry Dock Road in Clinton.

Seahawks Blue Friday pride

We partnered with the Seattle Seahawks to show some Blue Friday pride by handing out rally cards to

With the Marion Street Pedestrian Bridge at Colman Dock now closed for [viaduct demolition work](#), Seattle walk-on passengers must enter and exit the terminal from the sidewalk on Alaskan Way using the stairs, ramp or elevators. On weekdays, uniformed police officers will be at key locations to help pedestrians cross Alaskan Way. With Marion Street just west of Alaskan closed, your best option to and from First Avenue is Madison Street until the [new bridge](#) opens in conjunction with our [new Seattle terminal](#) in the days ahead. Access into Colman Dock remains unchanged for people driving, biking or riding a motorcycle.



A crane lifted away a section of the Marion Street Pedestrian Bridge in the early morning hours of September 6 in preparation for viaduct demolition work.

South Dearborn Street closed near Colman Dock

Just south of our Seattle terminal, there are two more small sections of the viaduct still standing near CenturyLink Field. In preparation for demolition, [South Dearborn Street](#) was closed early this morning and First Avenue South was reduced to two lanes at Dearborn. Give yourself extra time if driving to Colman Dock and consider using northbound or southbound Alaskan Way South, which has been restored to two lanes in each direction south of our terminal.

customers on our busy morning commute sailings from Bainbridge and Bremerton on Sept. 6. Thank you, Seahawks, for providing the rally cards and the 12 flag and for helping to get our riders pumped up for the season!



We draped a huge 12 flag on the bow of Tacoma during our 7:05 a.m. Sept. 6 Bainbridge to Seattle sailing for Blue Friday.

Captain John McMillen featured in *The Evergrey*

What's it like to drive one of our ferries? There's no person better to ask than one of our captains! Captain John McMillen is currently featured in a video called ["Ask a Ferry Captain"](#) on the digital news publication, *The Evergrey*. Check it out to hear a strange question someone once asked him about our ferries and how he worked his way up the ranks here at WSF!



Captain John McMillen says he enjoys watching people



*fall in love with riding ferries,
the reason he decided to
work for WSF.*

The closure of South Dearborn Street and narrowing of First Avenue South will be in place for up to ten days while crews remove the viaduct overhead.

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