



## New Seattle terminal, pedestrian bridge now open

It's been an exciting week here at Washington State Ferries! On Sunday, we [opened the first section](#) of our new Seattle terminal building that connects to the [new temporary pedestrian bridge](#) over Alaskan Way between Colman Dock and First Avenue. The new elevators near the passenger-only ferry facility at Pier 50 are scheduled to open soon. Access remains unchanged for people heading to the dock in a vehicle, bicycle or motorcycle.



*The opening of the first section of our new flagship Seattle terminal marks a major milestone in our work to replace the old [seismically vulnerable terminal](#) at Colman Dock.*

Because the new terminal is only part of the [final building](#), space is limited. During busy times, people will line up and wait in a new enclosed elevated walkway between Alaskan Way and the new facility. Walk-on passengers should plan to arrive no more than 15 minutes before departure to avoid

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Fall schedule begins  
Sunday, Sept. 29

I'm sure you've already felt the chill in the air, spotted something pumpkin spice flavored and heard someone talk about the Seahawks. That can only mean one thing – autumn is nearly here and so is our fall [sailing schedule](#), which begins next Sunday, Sept. 29. Then, on Tuesday, Oct. 1, new fares go into effect due to a Washington State Transportation Commission [rate increase](#) and the end of the peak season surcharge. Use our calendar feature to [calculate your fares](#) for the days you'll be traveling.

standing in line for long periods of time. This walkway, along with the smaller facility and temporary pedestrian bridge will remain in use until construction of the remainder of the new terminal is complete in 2023.

### **Celebrating Seattle's new passenger-only ferry facility**

I joined King County and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) officials on Tuesday to celebrate [King County Metro Transit's](#) 10 years of Water Taxi service, along with the opening of their new passenger-only ferry facility at Seattle's Colman Dock! Like the new pedestrian bridge that connects their facility to our new terminal, our shared goal is to keep our customers connected through the transformation of Colman Dock into a multimodal hub. This partnership is important as we both serve a growing customer base with safe and reliable transportation options for many years to come. Congratulations to King County Metro Transit Water Taxi!



*King County Executive Dow Constantine, Councilmember Joe McDermott, FTA Deputy Regional Administrator Ken Feldman and I shared celebratory speeches Tuesday.*

### **South Dearborn Street reopens near Colman Dock**

Just south of Colman Dock, South Dearborn Street between First Avenue South and Alaskan Way South [reopened ahead of schedule](#) yesterday as viaduct demolition work was completed faster than expected. There is now one remaining span of viaduct in front of our Seattle terminal. Also yesterday, Alaskan Way was reduced to one lane in each



Our [Fall 2019 Sailing Schedule](#) features *Seahawks fans arriving in Seattle from Bremerton aboard Kaleetan.*

### **Lots of motorcycles and bicycles on our ferries this weekend**

The [38th Annual Oyster Run](#) in Anacortes will attract many motorcycles onto our ferries Sunday, Sept. 22, especially on our Mukilteo/Clinton and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes. Motorcyclists arriving at our Mukilteo and Clinton terminals may be required to line up with all other vehicles and load on a first-come/first-served basis on Sunday due to high demand. For those traveling on the Port Townsend/Coupeville route, a [motorcycle reservation](#) is strongly encouraged.



direction at Marion Street so crews can take down this final section. Give yourself extra time if driving in, out or around Colman Dock!



*Alaskan Way is currently narrowed to one lane in each direction in front of our Seattle terminal for viaduct demolition work at Marion Street.*

### **Promoting environmental conservation and innovation**

Our Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Program and employees from WSDOT's Air Quality, Noise & Energy group hosted representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) last week to discuss the effects of underwater construction noise on the marine environment. This is one of several ways we partner with FHWA and FTA to promote conservation and innovation in our environmental efforts to "leave it better" for future generations of Washingtonians!

*Expect hundreds of motorcycles on our Mukilteo/Clinton and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes Sunday for the Oyster Run.*

Also on Sunday, bicyclists will be packing onto our Edmonds/Kingston route for the [26th Annual Kitsap Color Classic](#). Plan for delays and limited vehicle capacity.



*Most of the bicycle traffic will be on our morning sailings out of Edmonds, then Kingston departures in the afternoon.*

### **US 101 four-hour delays near Lake Crescent resume next week**

Following a break for the busy summer travel season, four-hour delays on US 101 for [Olympic National Park road work](#) are about to resume. If you're planning a drive to or from the coast over the next month, plan to use State Route 112 and SR 113 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each Monday through Thursday, starting next week. 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.



Guests from FHWA, FTA and MaineDOT took a round trip sailing between Seattle and Bainbridge Island aboard Tacoma, followed by a tour of Colman Dock construction.

### Writer-in-residence on San Juan Islands interisland route

Love to write in a scenic environment? Our first Writer-in-Residence Iris Graville is [looking for someone](#) to continue her role on our San Juan Islands interisland ferry. Iris took her final ride as writer-in-residence on Aug. 26. She says [her residency](#) was “enjoyable and productive.” Iris hopes to find her replacement by early October. Thank you, Iris, for starting this creative program on our ferries!



Over the past year, our Writer-in-Residence Iris Graville wrote aboard our San Juan Islands interisland ferry once or twice a week.

### Amy Scarton

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division



Four-hour delays are returning to US 101 near Lake Crescent next week for Olympic National Park road work.

### Changes coming to Olympic Drive at Bainbridge terminal

With the City of Bainbridge Island entering the final phase of construction on its [Olympic Drive project](#), now is a good time to [review changes](#) coming for people walking, biking or driving on or off our ferries. When the project is complete in a few weeks, there will be wider sidewalks, new bike lanes and several other safety and accessibility improvements.



Artist rendering of Olympic Drive after completion of the City of Bainbridge Island's project, looking toward our terminal.

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