Virtual community meetings just days away

We’re just two days away from our first ever online community webinars! Join the WSF Executive Team and me at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 or 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, for a brief presentation on highlights of 2019 and what’s next for implementation of our 2040 Long Range Plan. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and submit comments. To participate, please register in advance. Hope to hear from you!

If you are unable to join, meeting materials and recordings will be posted online after each virtual community meeting.

December 5, 2019

Thankful for our hard-working employees

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! While many of us spent the holiday with family and friends, many of our employees were hard at work making sure our customers get to and from their holiday destinations safely. I would like to recognize our dispatchers, terminal staff, vessel crews and engineers who worked over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The WSF Executive Team and I held our first ever employee webinar today. It was great to answer questions and hear comments from our incredible workforce.

Tokyo delegates tour Colman Dock, Tacoma ferry

Three delegates from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Bureau of Environment are in Seattle this week to learn more about the environmental review process for

Many of our employees worked over Thanksgiving weekend so nearly 350,000 customers could take a ferry to travel for the holiday.

Without the hard work and dedication of our employees, we would not have been able to carry more than 342,000 people
transportation projects. After a tour of the State Route 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program, the group visited our Colman Dock construction project this afternoon before boarding Tacoma for a ride to Bainbridge Island and back, which included a tour of the pilothouse.

The delegates with our Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Program Manager Kevin Bartoy (left) and Environmental & Permitting Lead Marsha Tolon (right center).

Night work at new Mukilteo terminal site begins Dec. 9

Crews working on the Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal Project will be working at night starting this month. This in-water work requires welding in areas accessible only during extremely low tides, which only occur during the overnight hours this time of year. That means, for 16 nonconsecutive nights from Dec. 9 through Jan. 25, nearby neighbors may see and hear welding operations, small hand and power tools, and the engine of the derrick crane from 8 p.m. to about 6 a.m. Noise will be equivalent to a passing car or bus -- and will gradually dissipate for people 600 to 1,500 feet away. There will be no night work on Sundays and holidays.

That’s an increase of about 60,000 from the previous Wednesday through Sunday and about 4,000 than the same period in 2018!

“[… I wanted to make mention of my appreciation of […] Eddie [Reyes, Terminal Attendant], who is a traffic attendant that works early mornings at Colman Dock. Often as a K-9 handler we can get stuck in the load of vehicles […]. We try to be clear when loading begins, but it is not always feasible. On several occasions, I have observed Eddie watch me, communicate and/or hold traffic until I am clear the lanes even with me not needing to say anything. […] With the partnership between WSF and WSP, I think Eddie exemplifies that relationship by being aware and concerned for everyone’s safety. It is appreciated!”

- Washington State Patrol Trooper Kevin Fortino
Our contractor Manson Construction is at work on the marine elements of the Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal Project.

Amy Scarton
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WSP Trooper Kevin Fortino with his K-9 Luna and Terminal Attendant Eddie Reyes at Colman Dock in Seattle.