

# Washington State Ferries 2040 Long Range Plan

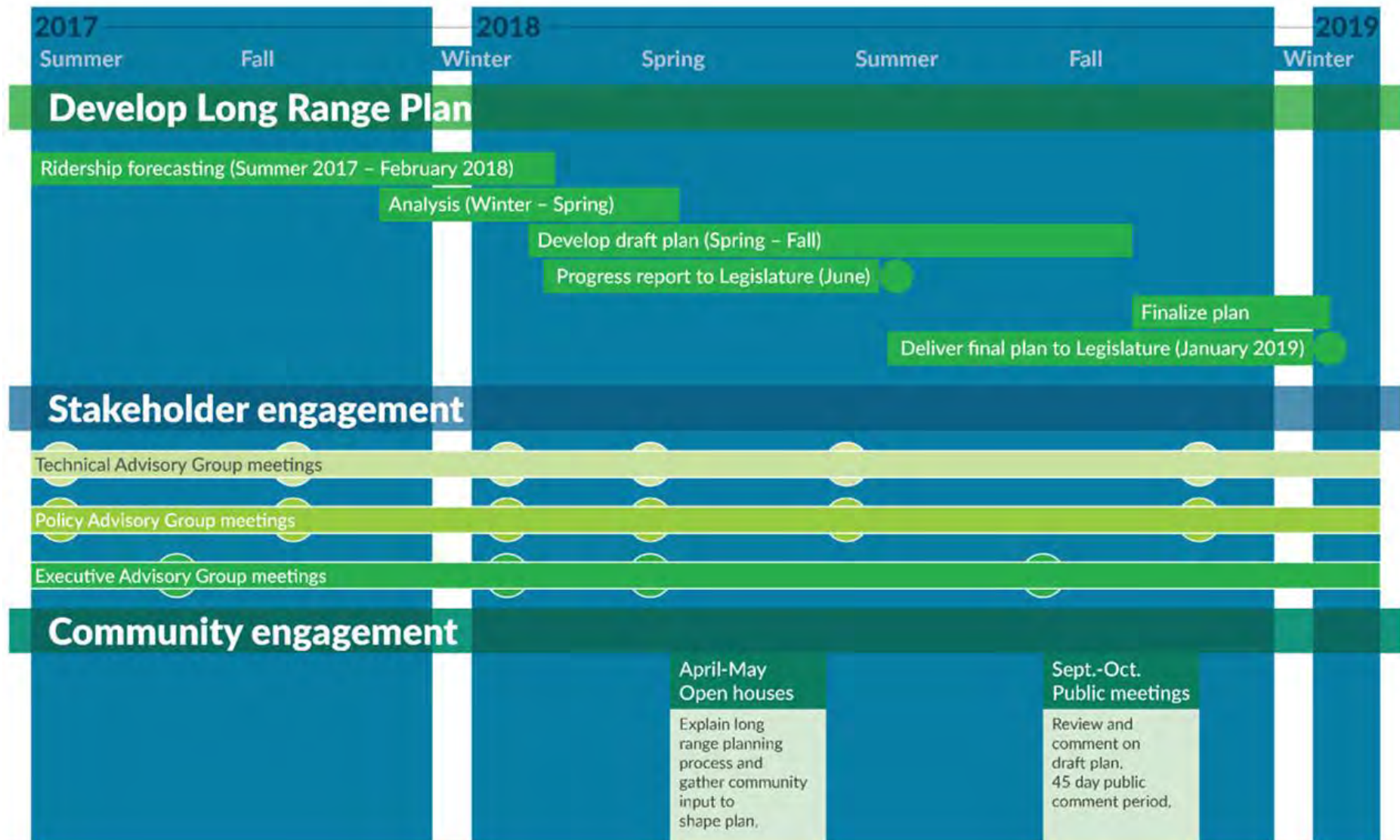
## Washington State Transportation Commission

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# Agenda

- Status update
- Community engagement summary
- Modifications to the final Plan
- Implementation
- Next steps

# Timeline



# Reliable service

- Replace aging vessel and invest in new vessels to maintain reliable service.
- Preserve and improve terminals to enhance safety and operations .
- Invest in attracting, retaining, and strengthening the workforce .

# Customer experience

- Provide better trip planning information.
- Reduce customer wait times.
- Enhance multimodal connections and accessibility.

# Manage growth

- Increase walk-on ridership.
- Spread out demand and maximize existing assets.

# Sustainability and resilience

- Green the fleet and reduce our environmental footprint.
- Plan for emergencies and climate change to sustain reliable service through 2040.

Draft  
Plan

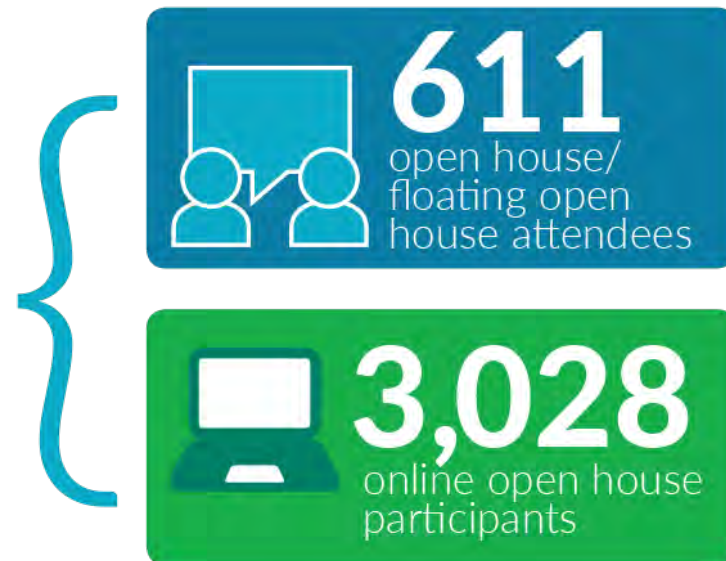


# Implementation and investment planning

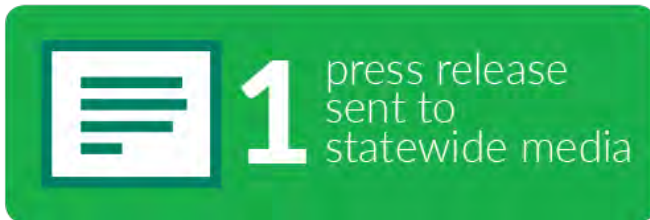
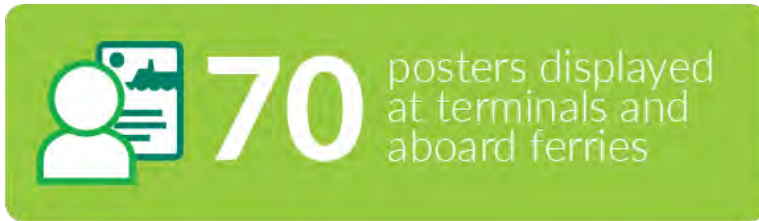
- **Near term (0-2 years)—stabilizing the system**
- **Medium term (3-7 years)—building the infrastructure**
- **Long term (8-20 years)—responding to growth**



# Fall community engagement



# Getting the word out



# What we heard

- Prioritize reliable service through **building new vessels**.
- Use **technology** to improve operational efficiencies and accessibility.
- Encourage **multimodal transportation** through transit connections and improved amenities.
- Provide system **capacity enhancements** to meet growing ridership demands.
- Define new **metrics** and implement **strategies** to manage growth.
- Design **resilient** and **environmentally friendly** vessels and terminal areas.





# Who we heard from

## The following agencies and organizations provided feedback:

### Ferry Advisory Committees (FAC)

- Bainbridge Island FAC
- Clinton FAC
- FAC Executive Council
- Kingston FAC
- Mukilteo FAC
- San Juan County FAC

City of Port Townsend

City of Tacoma

Community Transit

Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce

Island County Board of Commissioners

Jefferson County/Port Townsend FAC

Jefferson County Commission

King County Water Taxi

Kingston Citizens Advisory Council

Kitsap County Department of Public Works

Kitsap Economic Development Alliance

Kitsap Transit

Management of Mobility Division, WSDOT

Pierce Transit

San Juan County Council

San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau

Save Our Marsh

Seattle Department of Transportation

Sound Transit



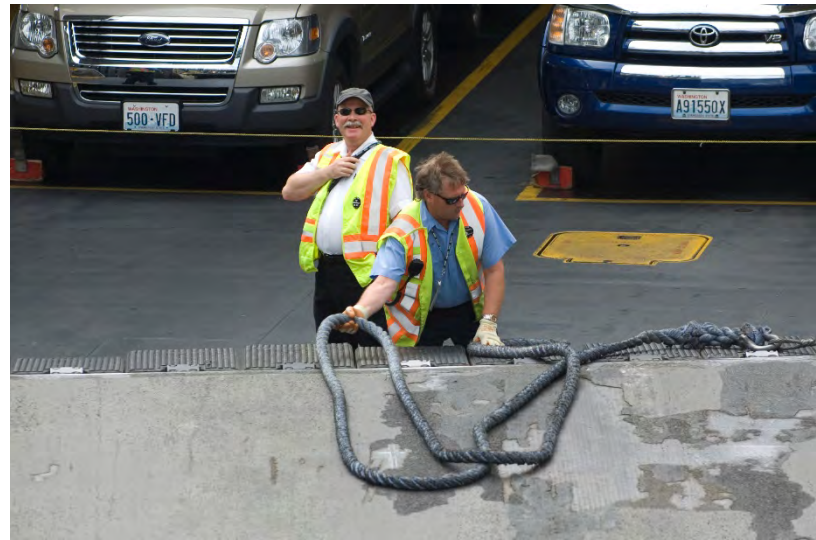
# Modifications to the final Plan

- Add strategies based on feedback from advisory groups and organizations:
  - Revise performance metrics.
  - Pursue partnerships with mobility on-demand services.
  - Re-examine scheduling as a tool for enhancing on-time performance.
  - Re-examine opportunities to enhance shipyard availability to support rapid building of vessels.



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- Add focus areas based on public input and community engagement:
  - Explore parking opportunities at and near terminals.
  - Coordination with transit agencies that provide passenger-only service.
  - Additional considerations beyond the constraints of this Plan.
  - Consider the impact to service in the absence of long-range investment.

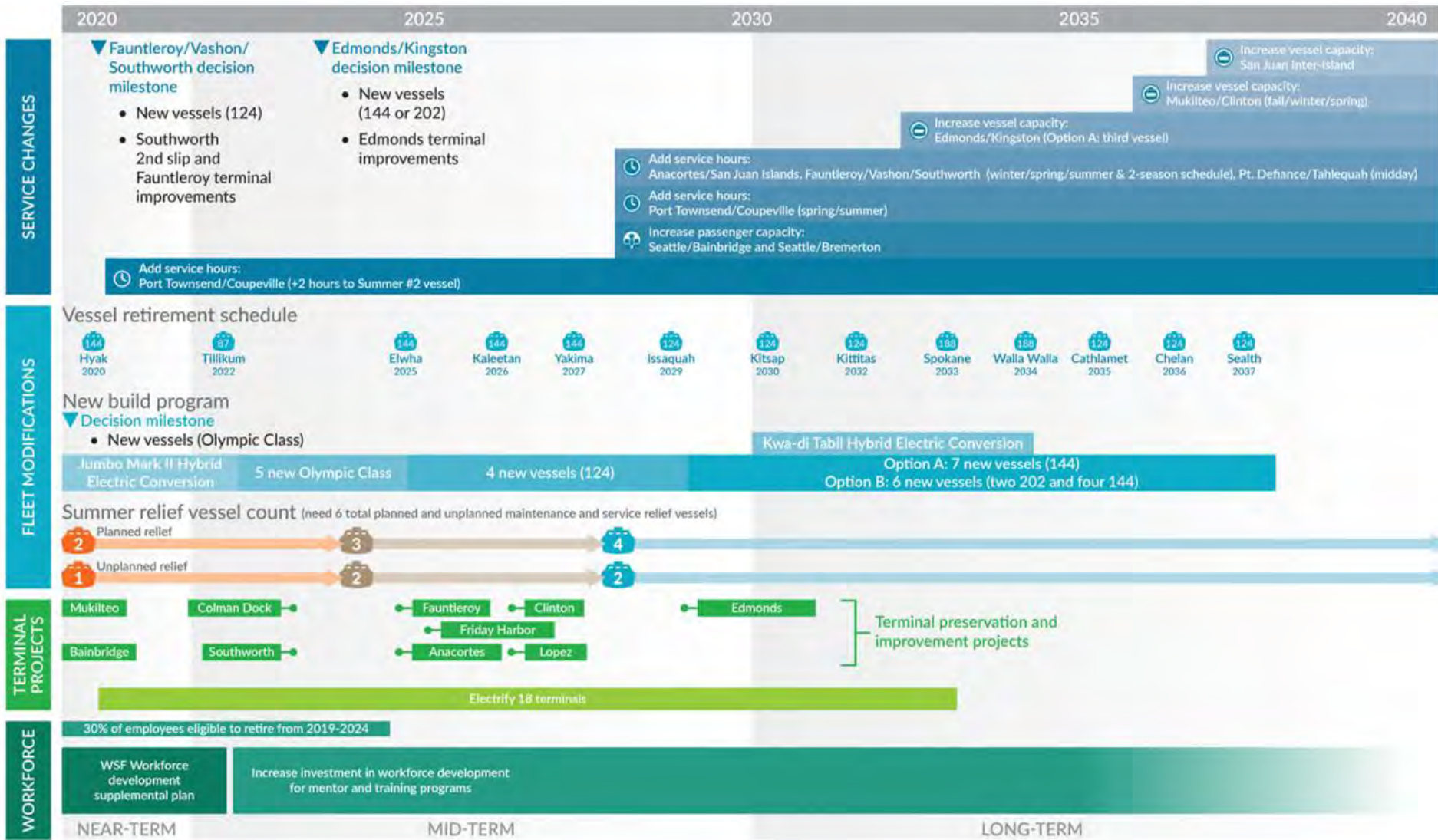


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- Clarify information presented in the Draft Plan:
  - Better illustrate the fleet composition and new vessels called for during the planning horizon.
  - Strengthen the discussion of accessibility, particularly with respect to multimodal connections and ADA needs.
  - Expand on strategies to manage growth, including service hour adjustments, freight traffic needs, parking, mode shift, and two-season schedule.
  - Expand on electrification and emergency response planning.
  - Identify and prioritize future studies and specify key decision milestones.



# Implementation timeline



Questions?