Washington State Ferries
2040 Long Range Plan

Washington State Transportation Commission

Stephanie Cirkovich, WSF Community Services and Planning Director
Ray Deardorf, WSF Senior Planning Manager

September 19, 2017
Agenda

• Background and Long Range Plan overview
  – System overview
  – Long Range Plan background
  – Progress report
  – 2040 plan requirements
  – Operational strategies
  – Legislative guidance
  – Stakeholder engagement
Washington State Ferries
Overview

The largest ferry system in the U.S.
• Third largest transit system in Washington State

One of the largest auto ferry systems in the world
• 23 auto-passenger ferries
• 10 routes serving 20 terminals
• 24.2 million annual riders
• 10.5 million annual vehicles
• 450 sailings per day
• 1,800 employees
In 2007, the legislature directed WSF to develop Long Range Plan with emphasis on maximizing existing resources by:

- Identifying adaptive management strategies
- Proposing a capital program for vessel replacement
- Adopting new level of service standards

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WSF Plan Date</th>
<th>Horizon</th>
<th>Emphasis</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1999</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>• Expanding the system</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>2030</td>
<td>• Maximize use of existing resources</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>2040</td>
<td>• Scoping process underway</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Progress Report

2009 Long Range Plan presented a vision for the future of the ferry system. What we have accomplished:

- Studied and implemented vehicle reservation systems
- Improved customer web experience for easier trip planning
- Building Mukilteo and Colman Dock ferry terminals
- Implemented pricing strategies to maximize use of vehicles space
- Built new vessels
What is required in the 2040 plan?

- 2009 WSF Long Range Plan
- 2007 & 2017 Legislative Directive
- 2017/2019 Transportation Budget
- WSDOT Plans and Emphasis Areas
- 2013 Origin-destination survey results
Operational Strategies

ESHB 2358, Session Law 2007, guides WSF’s planning efforts. RCW 47.60.327 includes:

• “The department shall develop, and the commission shall review, operational strategies to ensure that existing assets are fully utilized and to guide future investment decisions.”

• “After the commission reviews recommendations by the department, the commission and department shall make joint recommendations to the legislature for the improvement of operational strategies.”

• “Operational strategies must be reevaluated periodically and, at a minimum, before developing a new capital [long range] plan.”
2017 Legislative Guidance

Legislative proviso in 2017 transportation budget includes:

- Changes in demographics
- Propose adjustments to ferry routes
- Identify most appropriate replacement vessels
- Review dry dock needs
- Assess seismic vulnerability
- Evaluate strategies to spread peak demand
- Identify cost reduction opportunities
Stakeholder Engagement

- Executive Advisory Group
- Ferry Advisory Committees
- WSF/WSDOT Teams
- Technical Advisory Group
- General Public
- Policy Advisory Group

Long Range Plan
## Timeline

### 2017
- **Summer**
  - Charter stakeholders groups
  - Confirm plan scope
- **Policy Advisory Group**
- **Technical Advisory Group**
- **Executive Advisory Group**

### 2018
- **Summer/Fall**
  - Develop ridership forecast
  - Strategy Development
- **Technical Advisory Group**
- **Policy Advisory Group**

### 2019
- **January**
  - Final plan delivered to Legislature (January 1)
- **Executive Advisory Group**

### 2017
- **Winter**
  - Ridership forecast
  - Analysis of plan options
- **Technical Advisory Group**
- **Policy Advisory Group**

### 2018
- **Spring**
  - Draft plan
- **Technical Advisory Group**
- **Policy Advisory Group**
- **Executive Advisory Group**
- **Public Outreach**

### 2017
- **Technical Advisory Group**
- **Policy Advisory Group**
- **Executive Advisory Group**
- **Public Outreach**

---

WSF Executive Team

Public Information and Outreach
Look ahead

• WSF finalizes plan scope and hires consultant

• Next TAG/PAG meetings: September 21

• Next EAG meeting: December
Questions?

For more information on the Washington State Ferries 2040 Long Range Plan, please contact:

Stephanie Cirkovich, WSF Community Services and Planning Director  
(206) 515-3460 or CirkovS@wsdot.wa.gov

Or

Ray Deardorf, WSF Senior Planning Manager  
(206) 515-3491 or Deardorf@wsdot.wa.gov