

# Washington State Ferries 2040 Long Range Plan

## Washington State Transportation Commission

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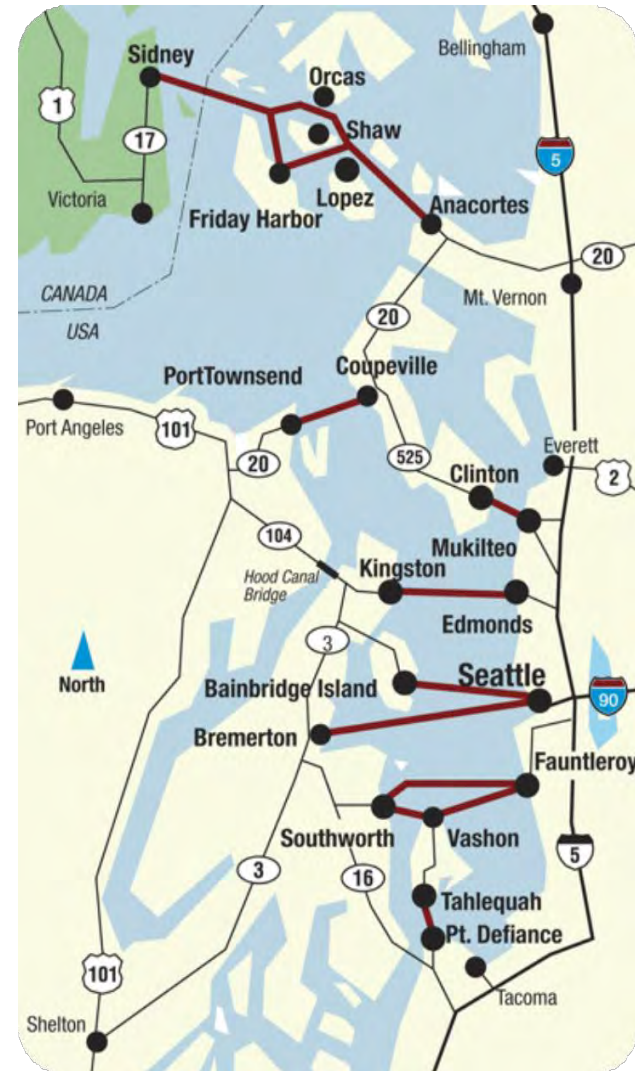
# Washington State Ferries Overview

## 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



# Long Range Plan Background

WSF Plan Date	Horizon	Emphasis
1999	2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expanding the system</li></ul>
2009	2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximize use of existing resources</li></ul>
2019	2040	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scoping process underway</li></ul>

**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

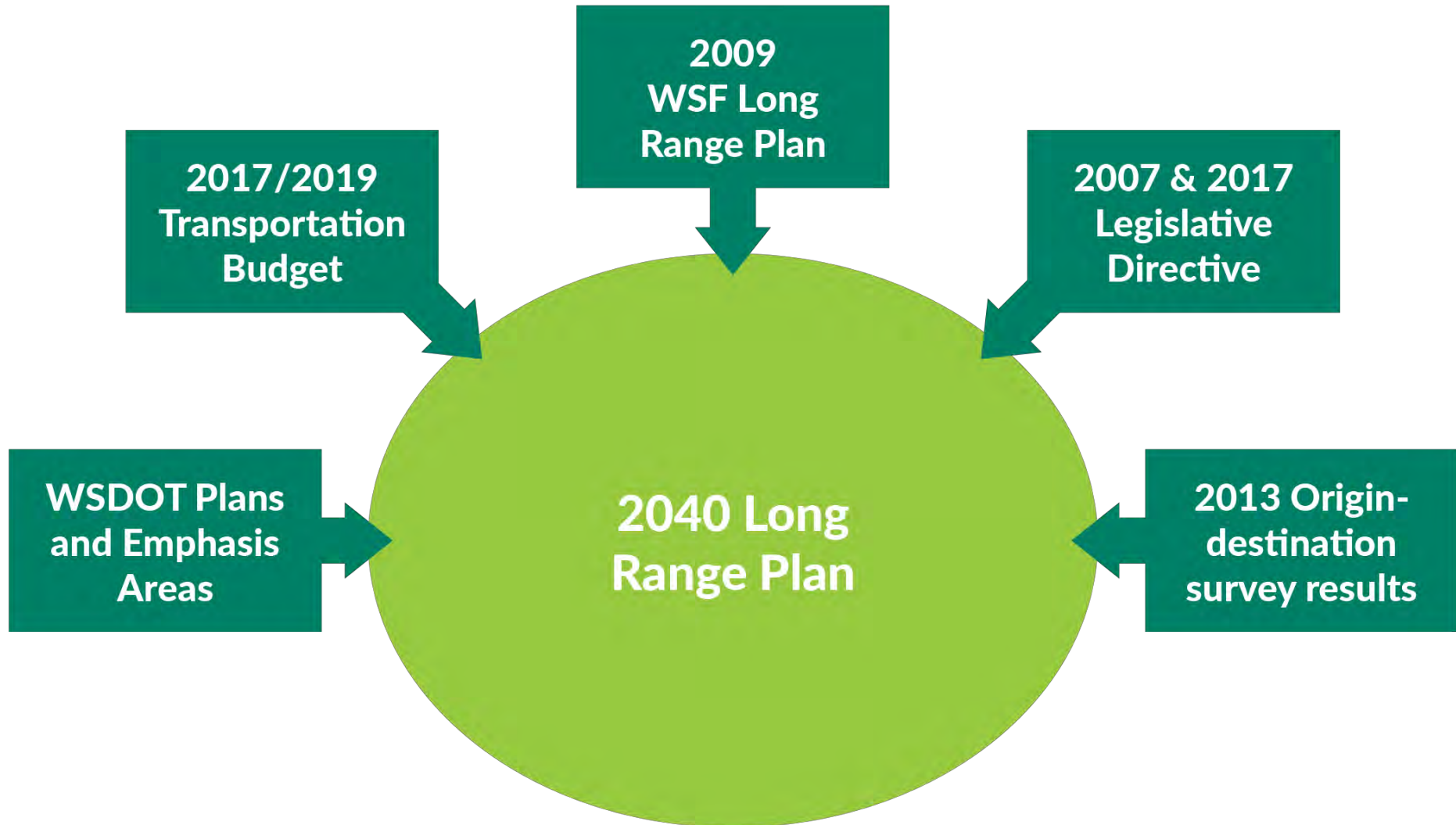
# Progress Report

**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?



# 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:**

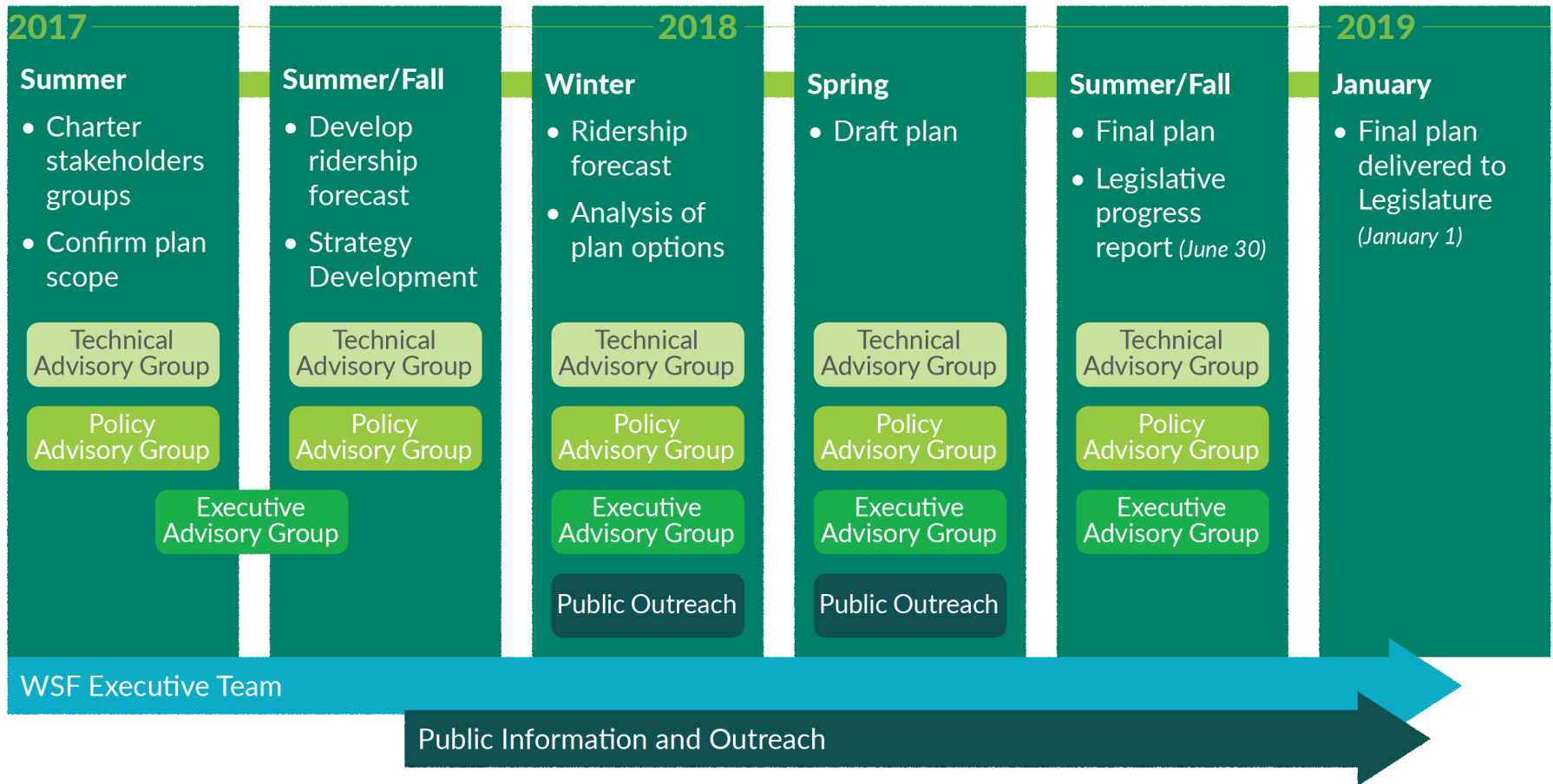
- Changes in demographics
- Propose adjustments to ferry routes
- Identify most appropriate replacement vessels
- Review dry dock needs
- Assess seismic vulnerability
- Evaluate strategies to spread peak demand
- Identify cost reduction opportunities



# Stakeholder Engagement



# Timeline



# Look ahead

- WSF finalizes plan scope and hires consultant
- Next TAG/PAG meetings: September 21
- Next EAG meeting: December

# Questions?

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