

# September 2020 Ridership and Fare Revenue Forecasts

## Washington State Ferries

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# Presentation Outline

- Update on WSF ridership and fare revenues
- Forecast development process
- Results of this forecast cycle
- Next forecast update – November

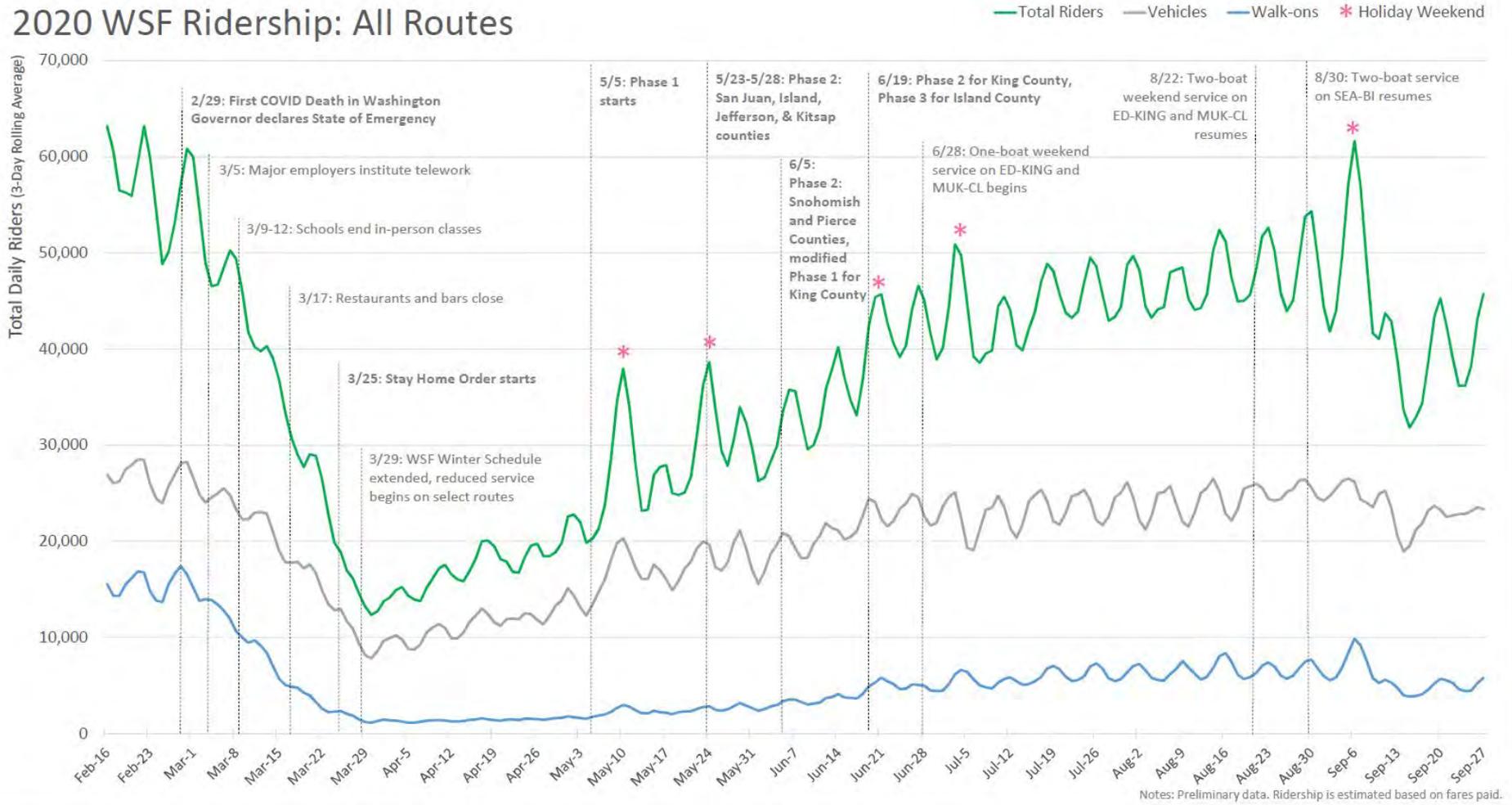
# Current Status of Service

## Current Status (3rd week of October)

- No service between Anacortes and Sidney, B.C.
- San Juan Islands on baseline winter schedule
- Two routes on reduced service – Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth, Seattle/Bremerton, and reduced late night service on other routes
- Restoration of base service on these routes dependent upon the following:
  - Vessel availability – deferred maintenance work is now underway
  - Crewing availability
  - Ridership
  - Budget

# WSF Ridership Since COVID-19

## 2020 WSF Ridership: All Routes



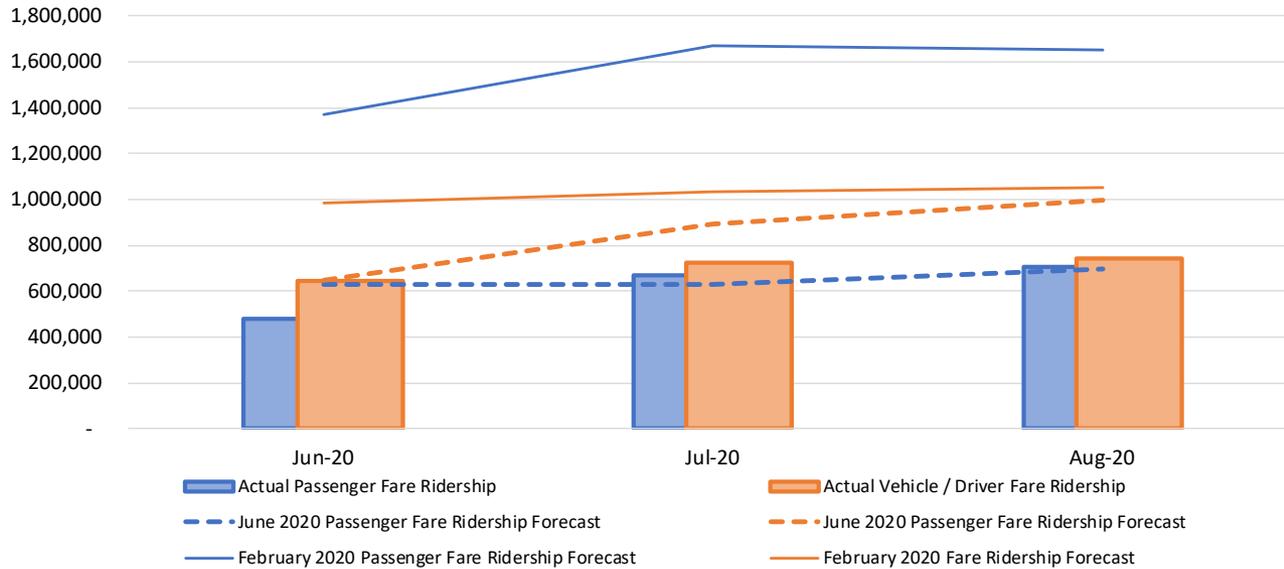
# Fare Revenue and Ridership

## WSF Ridership and Fare Revenue Performance Comparison of June, July and August 2020 Actuals to June 2020 Forecasts

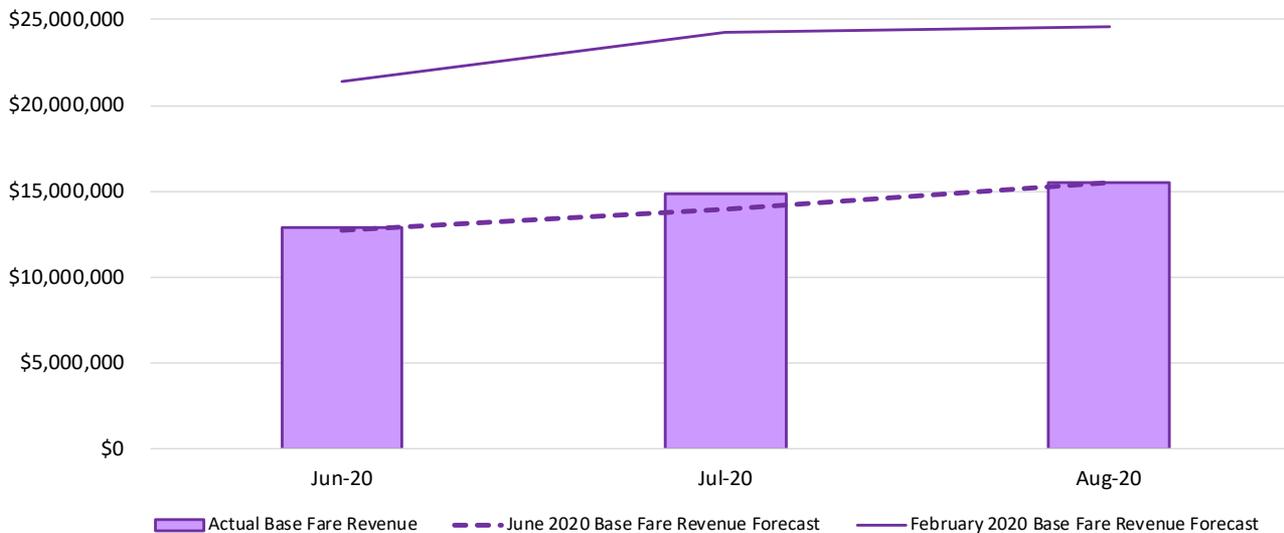
	June Forecast	Actual	Difference	% Difference
June Ridership	1.28 million	1.12 million	-0.16 million	-12.4%
July Ridership	1.52 million	1.39 million	-0.13 million	-8.4%
August Ridership	1.69 million	1.45 million	-0.25 million	-14.6%
June Fare Revenue	\$12.74 million	\$12.87 million	+\$0.14 million	+1.1%
July Fare Revenue	\$14.00 million	\$14.89 million	+\$0.89 million	+6.4%
August Fare Revenue	\$15.55 million	\$15.55 million	+\$0.006 million	+0.0%

# Fare Revenue and Ridership

June and February 2020 Forecasts vs. Actual Ridership



June and February 2020 Forecasts vs. Actual Fare Revenues



# WSF Ridership and Fare Revenue Forecasts

- WSF uses complex econometric models to forecast ridership and fare revenue
- Forecasts updated quarterly for adoption by the Transportation Revenue Forecast Council
- The September forecast was slightly less than the June forecast through the end of CY 2022, and slightly higher thereafter; both forecasts dropped considerably from February's pre-COVID projections
- Many uncertainties about the duration and intensity of COVID-19 impacts

	<b>September Forecast</b>	<b>June Forecast</b>	<b>Difference</b>
2019/2021 Biennium Fare Revenues	\$312.2 million	\$313.8 million	-\$1.6 million
2021/2023 Biennium Fare Revenues	\$395.1 million	\$395.6 million	-\$0.7 million

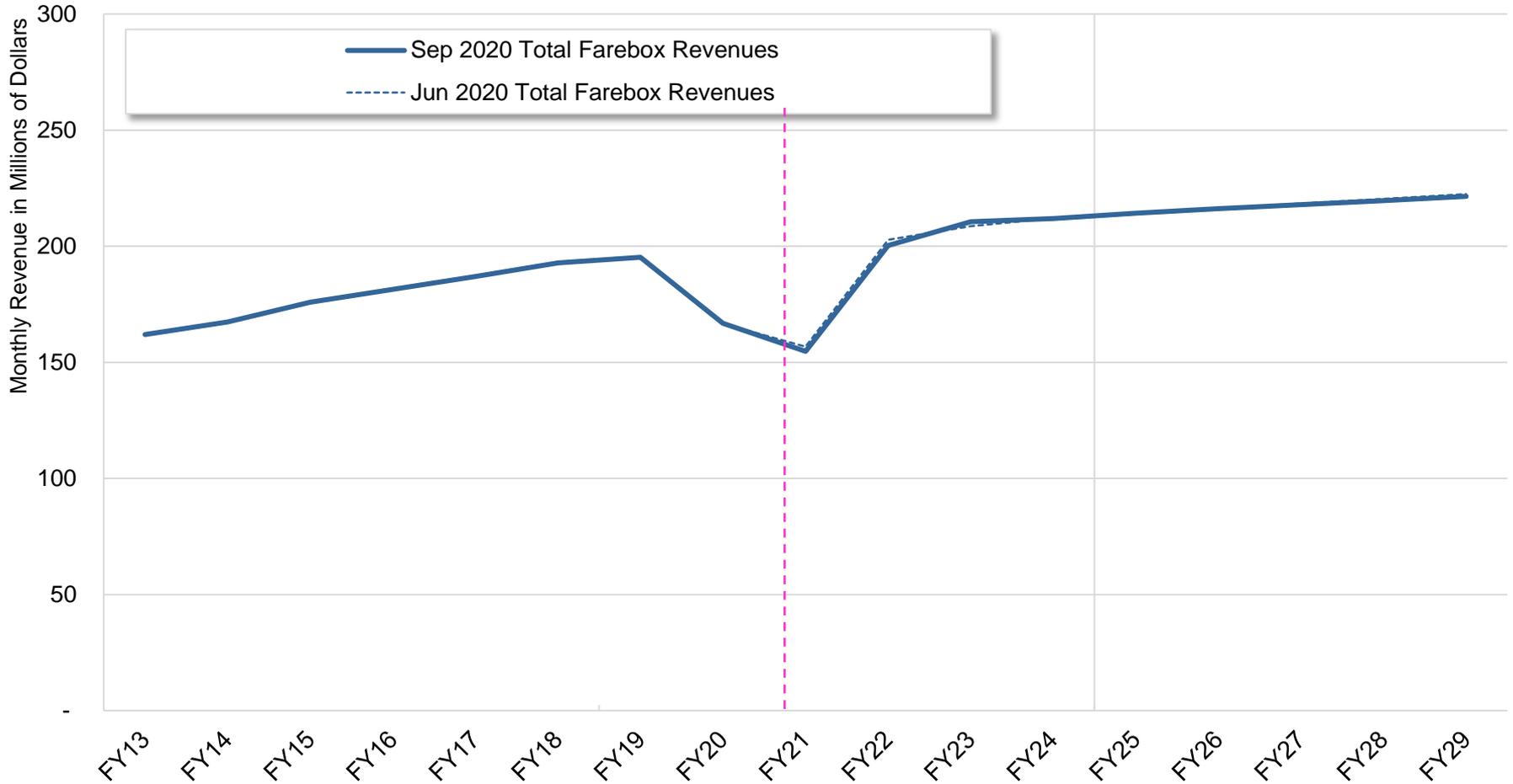
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Quarterly Ridership | Baseline September 2020 Forecast | Seasonally Adjusted



# Total Ferry Revenues: September vs June Forecasts

Monthly Farebox Revenue | September 2020 vs. June 2020 Baseline Forecasts



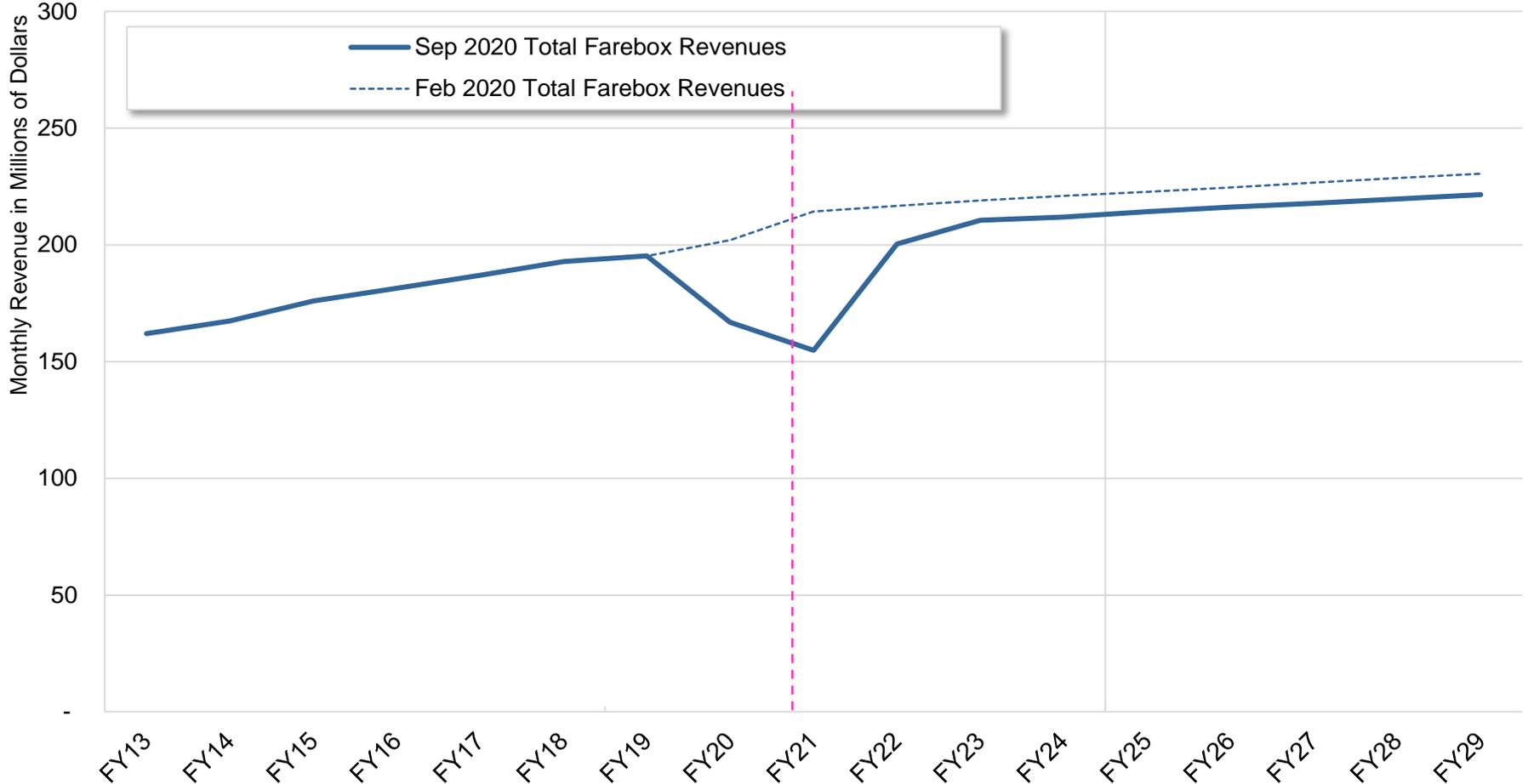
# Total Ferry Ridership Demand: September vs February Forecasts

Quarterly Ridership | Baseline September 2020 Forecast | Seasonally Adjusted



# Total Ferry Revenues: September vs February Forecasts

Monthly Farebox Revenue | September 2020 vs. February 2020 Baseline Forecasts



# Next Forecast Cycle – November 2020

- Actual ridership and fare revenue through October
- Updated employment and other economic variables
- More clarity on COVID service impacts

# Questions?

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Ridership and Fare Revenue Forecasts,

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