

## Washington State Ferries 2040 Long Range Plan

Policy Advisory Group

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#### Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Background and legislative direction
- Long Range Plan overview
- Discussion
- Stakeholder engagement
- Timeline
- Review Policy Advisory Group roles
- Next steps



# **Meeting Objectives**

- 1. Kick-off the Washington State Ferries Long Range Plan Advisory Group
- 2. Clarify Long Range Plan focus and scope
- 3. Agreement on Policy Advisory Group roles
- 4. Gather input on key areas of interest and priorities for the plan



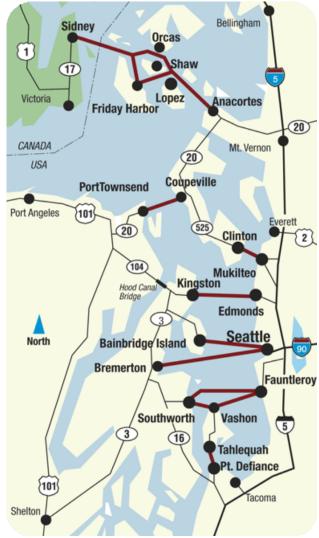
## Washington State Ferries Overview

#### 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

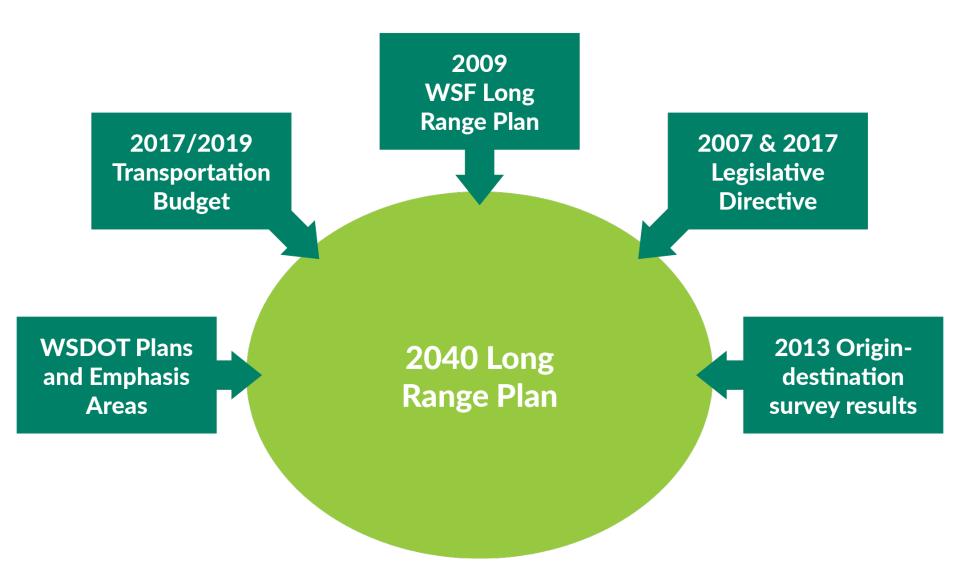
WSF Plan Date	Horizon	Emphasis
1999	2015	<ul> <li>Expanding the system</li> </ul>
2009	2030	<ul> <li>Maximize use of existing resources</li> </ul>
2019	2040	<ul> <li>Scoping process underway</li> </ul>

#### 2040 plan will focus on:

- Improving connections and planning for future cross sound transportation
- Developing practical solutions for future ferry service
- Managing vehicle demand before adding capacity



#### What is required in the 2040 plan?





#### **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



## **Potential Topics**





#### **Discussion Questions**

- Do you have any questions or comments on the overview information presented today?
- What are your key interests for the Washington State Ferries 2040 Long Range Plan?

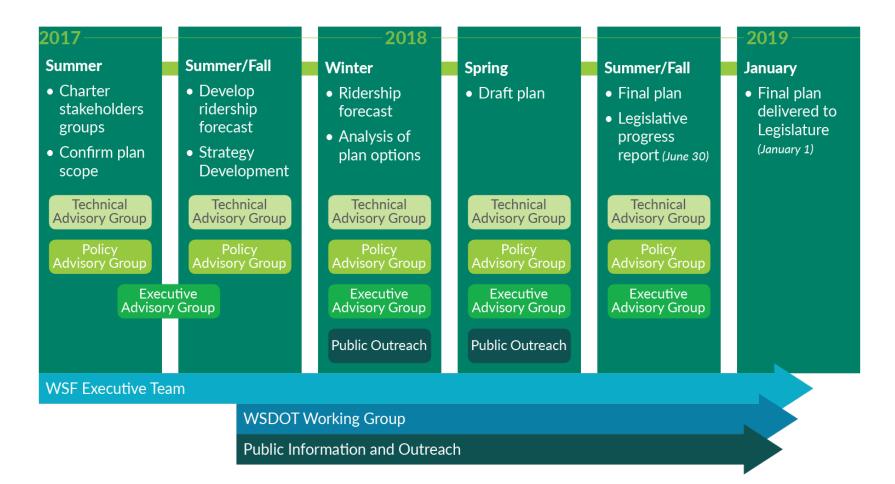


## **Stakeholder Engagement**





## Timeline





## **Policy Advisory Group Roles**

The role of the Policy Advisory Group is to:

- Provide strategic advice on how to prioritize needs
- Represent group's or communities' interests and concerns
- Help disseminate plan updates and public involvement opportunities to key audiences
- Review and provide feedback on draft plan elements
- Collaboratively engage with other PAG members
- Assist in building/maintaining support for the plan



# **Policy Advisory Group Roles**

The WSF project team will:

- Provide background materials, data, and public input
- Respond to questions and requests quickly and as thoroughly as possible
- Attend PAG meetings to answer questions and inform discussion
- Consider and address PAG input when developing the plan
- Report back to PAG members on how the project team considered and addressed input in the final plan



### Look ahead

- WSF develops plan scope and hires consultant
- Next PAG meeting: September

