

Cross-Sound Fast-Ferry Program

Moving Forward

Thank you, Kitsap County voters! With Proposition 1 approved, Kitsap Transit will expand its ferry services to include cross-sound passenger-only ferry service to downtown Seattle. Service from Bremerton is expected to begin in July 2017, Kingston in July 2018 and Southworth in July 2020.



TRANSIT BOARD ACTION

December agenda:

- Authorize County Treasurer to create new account to track ferry revenue separately.
- Direct collection of new 0.3% tax to support ferry program.
- Approve new POF operations director position and consultants.
- Approve inter-fund loan of transit dollars for POF startup. Repayment with interest to begin in late 2017.

Future board action to approve:

- Revised 2017 agency budget
- New organizational chart
- Terminal lease/use agreements:
 - » Pier 50
 - » Kingston
 - » Southworth
- New Kitsap Transit fare policy
- Grant applications for vessels and improvements to terminals
- Owner's Representative for vessel construction
- Purchase of new vessels
- Partnership with King County
- Expansion of bus service

Kitsap Transit is charting a course to launch the new service.

BOATS, CREWS & TERMINALS

Kitsap Transit has one fast ferry and one dock in Bremerton.

Develop partnership agreements:

- King County Marine Division for operation/maintenance of boats
- Washington State Ferries, Port of Kingston for use of docks

Build the fleet:

- Select vendor for Kingston boat
- Acquire second RP-class boat

Staff ferry department:

- Recruit Marine Director

FUNDING

Revenue from the new 0.3% sales tax can support only ferry-related service and will start coming in next summer.

Be accountable and transparent:

- Open new ferry funds account with County Treasurer
- Build and approve an amended 2017 budget including ferry service
- Design, implement chart of accounts

Manage cash flow:

- Inter-fund loan for startup; begin repayment, with interest, in late 2017
- Apply for federal Small Starts grants

RIDERSHIP

The new service must meet customers' need for reliability, predictability, and convenience.

Create a smooth rider experience:

- Develop rider communications plan
- Develop fare collection and online reservation systems

Engage the community:

- Solicit feedback on fare collection, schedules and reservation policies
- Educate public on the new service
- Address customer-service needs before, during, and after launch

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