Kitsap Transit’s Fast-Ferry Plan
The Fast-Ferry Plan: How we got here

Extensive research, analysis over a decade

Result: A business plan for reliable, sustainable and easy-to-use ferry service
The Fast-Ferry Plan: How we got here

**Wake research in Rich Passage**

2005: Kitsap Transit assumes Rich Passage wake research study from Washington State

Research from 2005 to 2013 included modeling of wave generation, beach monitoring and design and construction of a test vessel, the Rich Passage 1.

2012: Trial service of Rich Passage 1 from June to November

2013: Final report on feasibility of high-speed, low-wake ferry service through Rich Passage, after nearly a decade of study.
The Fast-Ferry Plan: How we got here

Phase 1: Initial Plan

Key elements:

- Three routes identified with route-dependent fares
  - Launch Southworth route in 2023 due to need to build new terminal
- Commuter schedule (3 roundtrips in AM, 3 roundtrips in PM)
- Funded by 2/10 of 1 percent countywide sales tax
The Fast-Ferry Plan: How we got here

Public outreach

2005

2013 2014 2015 2016

- Stakeholder interviews
- Ferry Connections website launched
- Public opinion surveys of 800 residents
- Focus groups in August
The Fast-Ferry Plan: How we got here

Phase 2: Final plan


Key elements:

- Three routes with common fare ($12)
  - Launch Southworth route four years sooner by using existing WSF dock
- Commuter schedule (Oct-April), extended service (May-Sept)
- Funded by 3/10 of 1 percent countywide sales tax
The Fast-Ferry Plan: How we got here

Board sends plan to voters


November general election ballot
- All Kitsap County registered voters
- Yes/No on a 3/10 of 1 percent added sales tax to fund the fast-ferry plan
**Proposed cross-sound fast-ferry service is faster than current travel options.**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Travel Time Today</th>
<th>Fast Ferry Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BREMERTON</td>
<td>60 Minutes Today*</td>
<td>28 Minutes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KINGSTON</td>
<td>80 Minutes Today*</td>
<td>33 Minutes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOUTHWORTH</td>
<td>74 Minutes Today*</td>
<td>23 Minutes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Based on lowest-priced route on Washington State Ferries and other public transit.*
# Fare comparison

## Frequent-riders

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Leg of Trip</th>
<th>Kitsap Transit</th>
<th>WA State Ferries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KT bus to ferry terminal</td>
<td>$2</td>
<td>$2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ferry to Seattle</td>
<td>free transfer</td>
<td>no eastbound charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ferry to Kitsap County</td>
<td>$8.50</td>
<td>$6.61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KT bus to home/P&amp;R</td>
<td>free transfer</td>
<td>$2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total Cost to Rider**

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Kitsap Transit</th>
<th>WA State Ferries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$10.50</td>
<td>$10.61</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

## Reduced-fare riders

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Kitsap Transit</th>
<th>WA State Ferries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>One roundtrip reduced fare</td>
<td>$6</td>
<td>$4.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monthly pass (reduced fare)</td>
<td>$84</td>
<td>not available</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Senior**, **Disabled**, **Medicare**, **Youth**, **Low-Income**:

- Kitsap Transit: ✓
- WA State Ferries: ✓

Kitsap Transit proposes commuter-focused service October to April with added day and evening service May to September.

**May-September**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>5AM</th>
<th>9AM</th>
<th>12PM</th>
<th>5PM</th>
<th>8PM</th>
<th>11PM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Saturday**

**Friday**

**Monday-Thursday**

---

**October-April**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>5AM</th>
<th>9AM</th>
<th>12PM</th>
<th>5PM</th>
<th>8PM</th>
<th>11PM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Monday-Friday**
Why Fast Ferry?

**Convenient**
- Get directly to downtown Seattle in half the time.
- More frequent sailings from Kitsap Peninsula mean more choices for travelers.

**Locally Controlled**
- Local funding means local control of service and fares.
- Frees up $1.5 million annually for buses by using the proposed ferry sales tax increase to fund existing, local foot ferry program.

**Connected**
- Greater access to jobs, higher education, entertainment and health care in Seattle.
- Other communities that have launched ferry service have experienced an increase in business investments. (*Citywide Ferry Study 2013,* New York City Economic Development Corp.)
How will we pay for fast-ferry service?

**Startup**
- $48 million
  - Grants 56%
  - Sales tax 44%

**Operations**
- $11 million (ann.)
  - Fares 28%
  - Sales tax 72%

All figures in 2016 dollars

Launching the system, such as buying vessels and setting up terminals, will cost about $48 million in the first six years.

Once all three routes are in service, about $8 million in local funds will supplement passenger fare revenue annually.
Vessels

- Each route would have at least one dedicated vessel
- Spare vessels would back up those coming in for maintenance
- Kitsap Transit owns one vessel, would need to buy five more

**Anticipated launch of vessels for fast-ferry service, by route**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Route</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2021</th>
<th>2022</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bremerton</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Rich Passage 1 (existing)</td>
<td>RP2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>118-passenger foil-assisted catamaran</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kingston</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>K1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>150-passenger catamaran</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southworth</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>SW1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>250-passenger, bow-loading catamaran</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Rich Passage 3 backs up vessels on Bremerton or Kingston routes and may support two-boat service on Bremerton route.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Southworth 2 backs up vessels on Southworth or Kingston routes</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
How does the fast ferry’s cost compare with other local transportation projects?

- Proposed KT fast ferry: $48.4 Million
- 2nd Tacoma Narrows Bridge*: $827.3 Million
- University Link Light Rail: $1.9 Billion
- SR 520 Bridge Replacement*: $4.56 Billion

How much would be collected in local taxes?

On average, an adult in Kitsap County would pay an additional $59 a year, or less than $5 a month, if 0.3% is added to local sales tax.

Sales tax isn’t collected on things like groceries, housing, heating, electricity, prescription drugs, or health care.

Examples of impact of tax increase on retail purchases

Buying a $10 shirt

3-cent increase

Buying a $25,000 car

$75 increase
Ferryboat agencies in urbanized areas, ranked by passenger trips, 2013

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**
1. WA State Ferries, 22.4 million
14. Kitsap Transit, 450,700
15. King County, 445,100
18. Pierce County, 182,800

**NORTHEAST**
2. Staten Island Ferry, 21.4 million
3. NY Waterway, 4 million
7. East River Ferry, 1.5 million
10. Port Authority, 1.2 million
11. Casco Bay Island, 946,000

**SF BAY AREA**
4. Golden Gate Ferry, 2.3 million
8. SF Bay Ferry, 1.5 million

**MIDWEST**
19. Corpus Christi, TX, 93,000
20. Davenport, IA, 27,500
21. Oklahoma City, OK, 6,800

**SOUTHEAST/MID- ATLANTIC**
5. La. DOT, 2.2 million
12. New Orleans, 897,000
13. Savannah, Ga., 677,500
16. Virginia Beach, Va., 336,800

Source: 2015 Public Transportation Fact Book, American Public Transportation Association
Sales tax would free up funds for bus service

Kitsap Transit’s proposed sales tax can only be spent on ferry service. If voters approve the tax, funding for Kitsap Transit’s existing foot ferries would be shifted to this new source of revenue.

That would free up about $1.5 million for bus service.

That would buy more than 23,000 hours of service annually.
Be informed before you vote in November.

Kitsap County voters will decide if they want to fund a new fast-ferry service from the Kitsap Peninsula to Seattle.

Learn more at KitsapFerries.com

KT’s one-stop resource on the fast-ferry plan
Questions?

Sanjay Bhatt
Public Information Officer
sanjayb@kitsaptransit.com
360-824-4926

@kitsaptransit