



MAYOR'S REPORT

October 5, 2022

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Bremerton Ferry Route Update

Efforts gathering steam for temporary expansion of Kitsap Transit fast ferry service to fill gaps in state ferry service for Bremerton-Seattle route:

- Kitsap Transit recently sent a letter to Governor Inslee proposing several new fast ferry sailings during the week and on Saturday
- IFPTE, Local 12 has announced its support and is preparing a letter to the Governor
- Following Mayor Wheeler's letter to Governor on Sept. 16, multiple organizations have pledged their support and sent letters to Governor Inslee over the past two weeks, including the Port of Bremerton, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance, and Bremerton Metal Trades Council.



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Kitsap Transit Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority
Temporary Expansion of Passenger-Only Ferry Service on Bremerton/Seattle Route

Proposal Summary

Kitsap Transit (KT) proposes the temporary expansion of its passenger-only ferry schedule on the Bremerton/Seattle route to address the community's needs and fill a void left by Washington State Ferries (WSF), which scaled back to a one-boat schedule on the route during the pandemic. Due to the short-term nature of this expansion, KT proposes a monthly rate for reimbursement. KT cannot fund the proposal without subsidy from the state. KT would need at least two weeks' notice before a start date and at least three weeks' notice before an end date.

Cost Proposal

Kitsap Transit estimates the monthly cost of operating the additional sailings at \$234,000.

Proposed Sailing Schedule

The additional temporary sailings are highlighted below.

WEEKDAYS	
Depart Bremerton	Depart Seattle
AM 4:40	AM 5:20
5:25	6:05
6:05	6:45
6:45	7:25
7:25	8:00
8:05	8:40
8:35	9:10
9:15	9:50
9:45	10:20
10:25	11:00
PM 1:50	PM 2:25
3:05	3:45
3:45	4:25
4:25	5:05
5:00	5:40
5:45	6:25
6:20	7:00
7:05	7:40
7:40	8:20
9:00	9:40

SATURDAYS	
Depart Bremerton	Depart Seattle
AM 10:50	AM 11:30
PM 12:10	PM 12:50
1:30	2:10
2:50	3:30
5:10	5:50
6:30	7:10
7:50	8:30

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September 20, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee
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Dear Governor Inslee:

The Port of Bremerton (POB) is strongly in support of the letter sent to you from Bremerton Mayor, Greg Wheeler, for temporary expansion of Kitsap Transit passenger-only ferry service on the current Washington State Ferry (WSF) Bremerton-Seattle route.

The WSF plays a vital role in Kitsap County's economic infrastructure. For over 70 years, WSF has provided essential access to connect communities, including the City of Bremerton. The dependence on the ferry system impacts our residents, commuters, trade, and visitors. Recent WSF service cuts due to a lack of workers, increased retirements, vessel maintenance, among other issues have created significant complications on ferry travel.

Reduced WSF capacity significantly impacts all Kitsap communities, and the Bremerton route

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September 23, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee
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Dear Governor Inslee:

The Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) strongly supports a proposal by Bremerton Mayor, Greg Wheeler, and the board of Kitsap Transit for temporary expansion of Kitsap Transit passenger-only ferry service on the current Washington State Ferry (WSF) Bremerton-Seattle route.

Kitsap's dependence on the ferry system impacts our residents, commuters, trade, and visitors. Waiting on the ferry is an accepted reality of living and doing business in Kitsap, but recent WSF service cuts due to a lack of workers, increased retirements, vessel maintenance, among other issues have created a chokehold on ferry travel.

Reduced WSF capacity significantly impacts all Kitsap communities, and the Bremerton route has felt the greatest deficit. The Bremerton ferry one-boat service creates hour-long gaps between sailings, which is expected to continue until at least 2023. Hundreds of thousands of passengers that depend on a stable and reliable WSF Bremerton marine highway are encountering serious hardship and financial impacts due to reduced service levels.

This situation acutely impacts Bremerton's low-income and traditionally underserved citizens who have fewer transportation and employment opportunities.

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September 26, 2022

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Good morning Governor,

I am writing to you in support of the letter sent to you from Bremerton Mayor, Greg Wheeler requesting temporary expansion of Kitsap Transit passenger-only ferry service on the current Washington State Ferry (WSF) Bremerton-Seattle route.

As the President of the Bremerton Metal Trades Council (BMTTC) at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, (PSNS/IMF) our Union

Joint Compatibility Transportation Plan Open House

Members of the Bremerton community and people who commute to Bremerton are invited to attend an online open house on **October 11, 2022** from **6pm to 7:30pm**.

Project staff will review proposed solutions to traffic, parking, PSNS access, and livability needs in Bremerton, followed by a Q and A session. To learn more, visit the project webpage at BremertonWA.gov/jctp.

Joint Compatibility Transportation Plan

A transportation study focused on Bremerton commuters and Shipyard access.

YOU'RE INVITED!

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE

October 11, 2022
6pm to 7:30pm

Hosted By:



ZOOM MEETING LINK:

type the link into your web browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86504740950?pwd=WXJ4MTA1N3B0a05kb2xKRnpNcXg2Zz09>

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Cruise Ships in Bremerton

The City of Bremerton continues to be a destination. The American Constellation cruise ships returned to Bremerton in 2022 docking at the Bremerton Marina with passengers visiting our local attractions. The cruise line is expected to return with additional trips in 2023!