

DISCUSSION ITEM February 7, 2019

To: Transportation Policy Board

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Subject: Washington State Ferries Long-Range Plan

IN BRIEF

At its February 14 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will hear a report from Washington State Ferries (WSF) Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton on the 2040 WSF Long-Range Plan.

DISCUSSION

WSF operates the largest ferry system in the United States, carrying approximately 25 million passengers on 10 routes and through 20 terminals, and ridership is expected to reach 32 million passengers by 2040. However, infrastructure is aging and demands on the system require investment to meet this growth.

WSF recently completed its 2040 Long-Range Plan, which was submitted to the Legislature in early January. The plan recommends actions and investments for WSF to pursue over the next 20 years, including service and terminal improvements.

The plan went through an extensive public review, including in person meetings and online open houses. Four key themes from the community engagement process are reliability, customer experience, growth, and sustainability.

At its February 14 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will hear a briefing on the plan from WSF Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton. Additional details on the plan can be found online at: https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/long-range-plan/the-plan.

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