

# Washington State Ferries 2040 Long Range Plan

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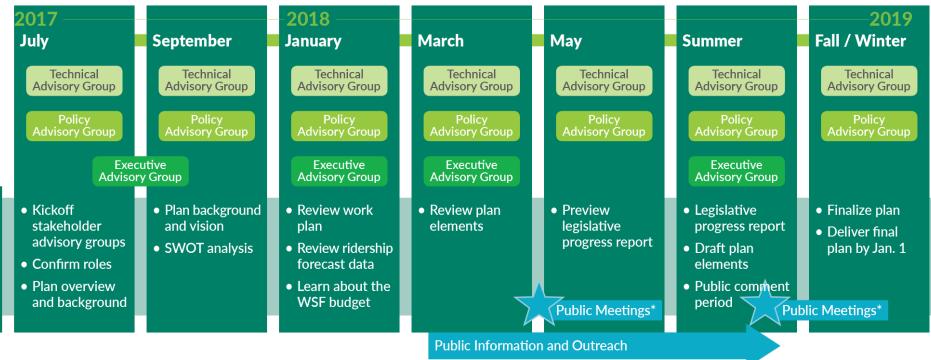
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- Welcome and introductions
- Meet the project team and review work plan
- Ridership forecast results
- Next steps

### Long Range Plan Stakeholder and Community Outreach



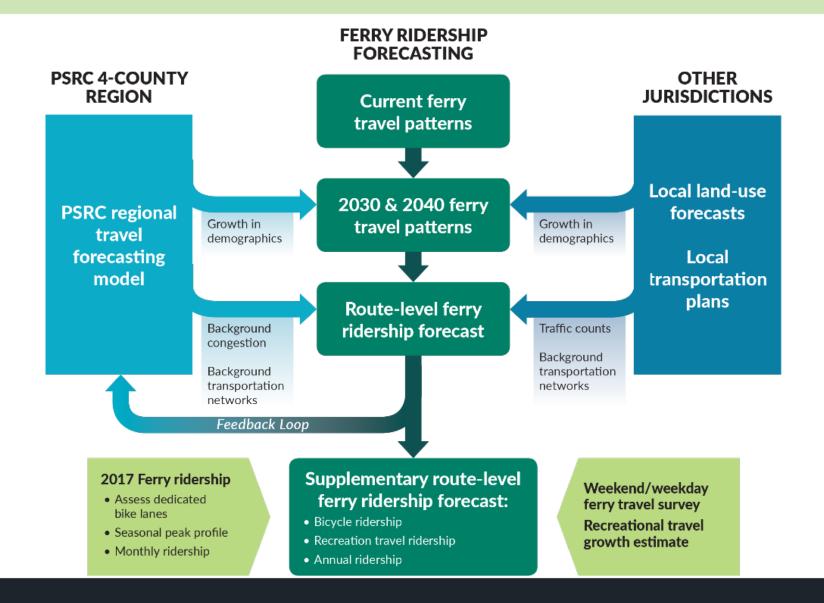
\*Rounds of public meetings in ferry served communities and online open house.

Key Milestones

**WSDOT** 

## **Ridership Forecast Model**





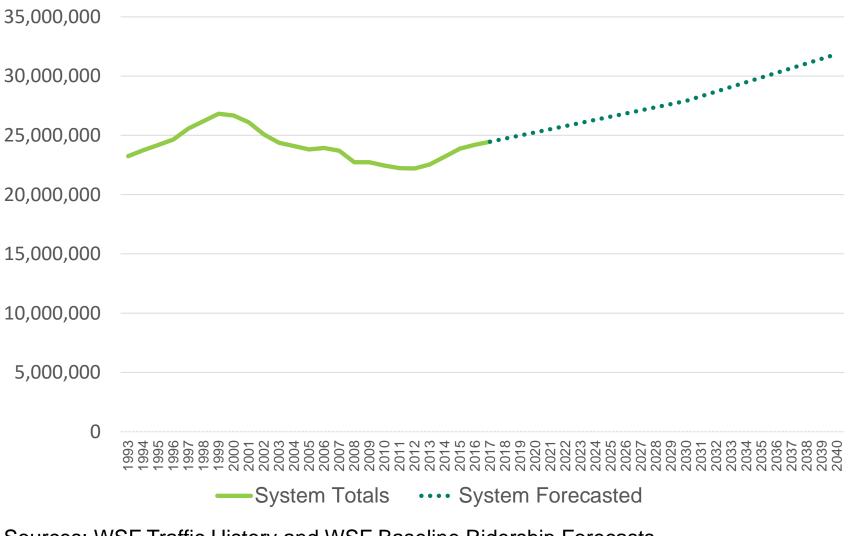
# **Preliminary Ridership Forecast**



## **Key Findings**

- The last 15 years, yearly ferry ridership growth between -4 and +2.9 percent
- Annual growth forecasts by 2040:
  - Population: 1 percent
  - Households: 1.2 percent
  - Employment: 1.3 percent
  - Ferry ridership: 1.2 percent
- Overall ferry ridership growth by 2040: 30 percent

### WSF Ridership History (1993-2017) and **WSDOT** Preliminary Forecast (2018-2040)

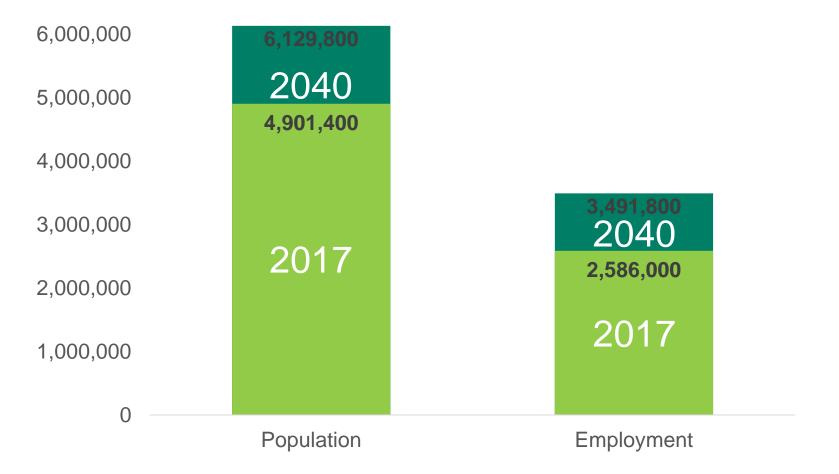


Sources: WSF Traffic History and WSF Baseline Ridership Forecasts

### Population and Employment in the 12 County Area for 2017 and 2040



7,000,000



#### WSF Service Area 12-County Age Demographics



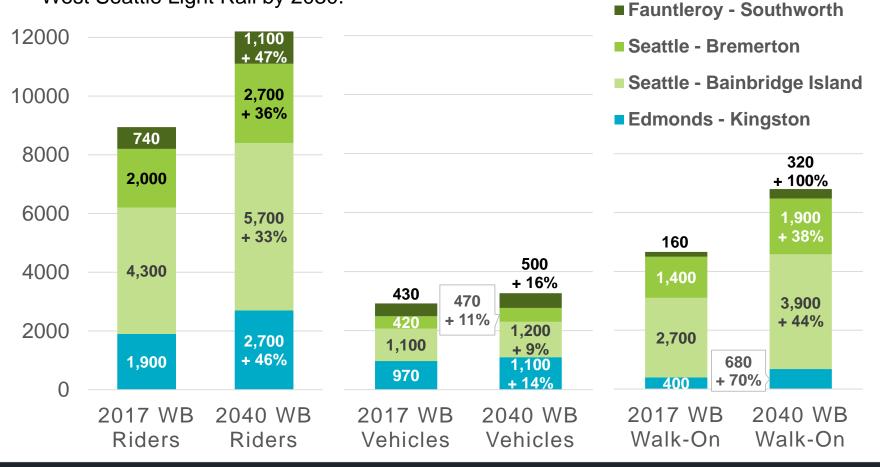


#### Source:

### Key findings: Kitsap Westbound PM Travel



- 2040 population and employment increases 41% from 2017.
- Riders 65+ fastest growing demographic.
- West Seattle Light Rail by 2030.



### Key Findings: Vashon Island PM Travel



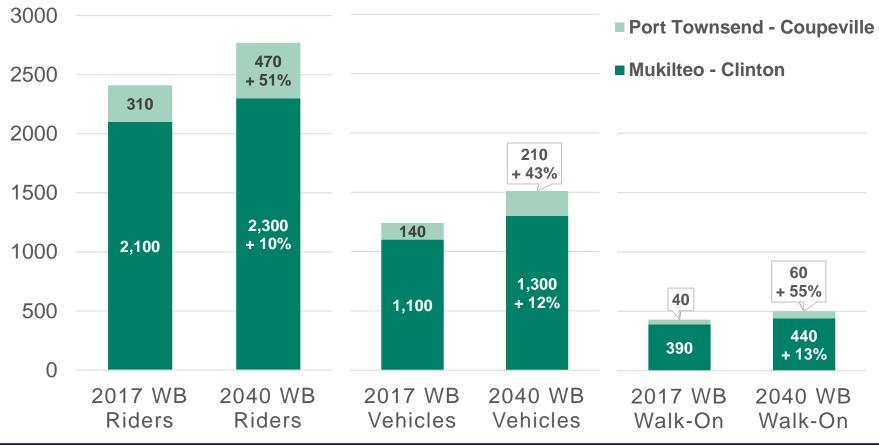
- Vashon Island 2040 population increases 18% from 2017.
- Employment increases 7% from 2017.
- Landside road changes impact travel.



### Key Findings: Whidbey Westbound PM Travel

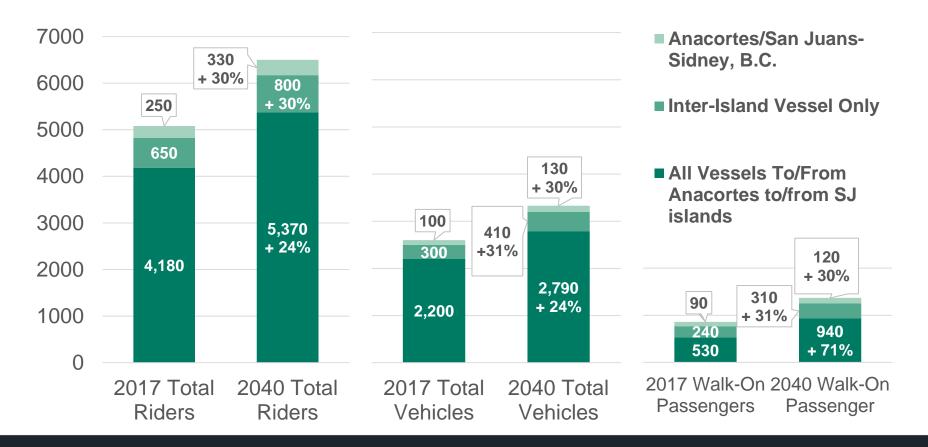


- Island County 2040 population increases 10% from 2017.
- Employment increases 9% from 2017.
- Population 65+ fastest growing demographic.



### Key Findings: San Juan Islands **WSDOT** Daily both Westbound and Eastbound

- 2040 population increases 18% from 2017.
- Employment increases 31% from 2017.



# Look ahead



- Review plan elements
- Next EAG meeting: March