



WSDOT Ferries Division (WSF) - Nation's Largest Ferry System

Key system facts

- Created June 1, 1951.
- Largest ferry system in the U.S. and fourth largest in the world.
- More than 22 million riders per year.
- Largest ferry system in the world for number of vehicles carried (10 million per year).
- Fleet of 22 auto-passenger ferries.
- Operates 20 terminals on 10 routes.
- 450 departures per day.
- Approximately 1800 employees.
- Nine unions and 11 collective bargaining agreements (2011-2013).

Transit agency

- Third largest transit system in Washington (#1 King County Metro, #2 Sound Transit).
- Busiest route: Seattle/Bainbridge Island (6 million riders per year).
- Largest ferries: Jumbo Mark II class
 - 2,500 passengers.
 - 202 vehicles.
- Smallest ferry: Hiyu
 - 200 passengers.
 - 34 vehicles.

Marine highway

- Part of state highway network, serving eight counties and British Columbia, Canada.
- Critical links between urban areas on the east side of Puget Sound and growing communities on the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas and San Juan Islands.
- For the communities of Vashon Island and the San Juan Islands, provides the only practical link for vehicles – personal and commercial – to the mainland.

Link in region's multi-modal connections

- Priority loading for freight, bicycles, vanpools and carpools.
- Park and ride lots at or near ferry terminals.
- Schedule integration with our transit partners.
- Vehicle reservations on three routes.

Mover of freight and goods

- WSF vessels are specially constructed to accommodate commercial vehicles.
- Sole link for goods and services to Vashon Island and the San Juan Islands.
- Priority loading reservation system for commercial vehicles in San Juan Islands.

Tourism, economic development

- Major tourist attraction and icon of Washington state.
- Gateway to San Juan Islands, British Columbia and the Olympic Peninsula.
- Critical link between more affordable housing on the west side of Puget Sound and key employment centers on the east side.

Safe, secure travel

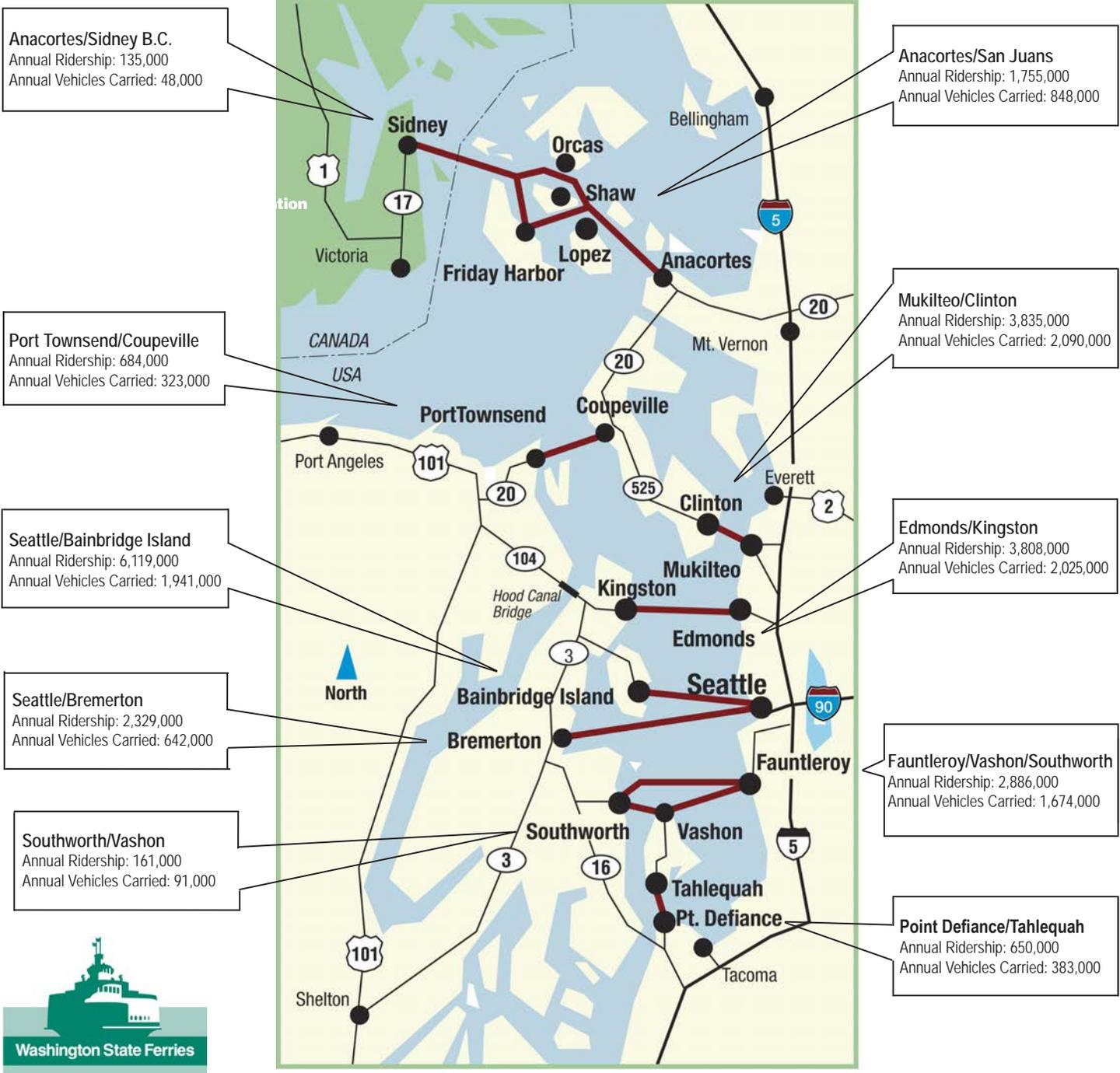
- WSF works with the Washington State Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard to implement security measures to ensure the safety and security of passengers.
- As a port of entry and border crossing, WSF works with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to ensure the security of the U.S. border.



For more information visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries.



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Ridership numbers are based on 2012 statistics

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