



PIERCE COUNTY WATERBORNE TRANSPORTATION STUDY

COMMENT FORM PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 11, 2015

Pierce County Public Works and Utilities is interested in your comments on draft recommendations from the Waterborne Transportation Study. Please provide comments below or online at www.piercecountywa.org/ferry by June 26th. Comments can be mailed to: BERK Consulting, Attn: Melanie Mayock, 2025 First Ave, Suite 800, Seattle, WA 98121. See handout for details on each recommendation.

A. OVERALL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	Support	Do Not Support	Unsure	Comments
Long-Term Financial Sustainability				
1) Implement a formula-based fare revenue target.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Work to broaden funding base	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3) Pursue other non-fare operating revenues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Level of Service				
1) Add flexibility to Level of Service language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Develop a summer Level of Service standard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Technology and System Investments				
1a) Acquire new fare collection system with reservations ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1b) Acquire new fare collection system with account-based fares	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Improved communication system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
County Ferry Operators Group				
1) Share investment costs, such as fare collection system or communications platforms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Formalize emergency vessel replacement plans, including options to tap outside resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3) Lease the 2 nd boat for dry-dock maintenance periods if the vessel is not otherwise in use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

B. SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS (WITHIN 5 YEARS)

Recommendation	Support	Do Not Support	Unsure	Comments
Fares: Policy				
1) Gradually increase vehicle-passenger fare ratio to 4.0:1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Develop a fuel surcharge policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fares: Vehicles				
1) Add a small car fare category	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Standardize oversize fares on a linear per foot basis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3) Increase summer surcharge on vehicles from 25% to 30%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fares: Passengers				
1) Change youth fare to 50% of full passenger fare (from 64%)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Introduce a monthly passenger pass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Steilacoom Terminal				
1) Work with Pierce Transit to align schedules	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Establish a formal drop off/pick up procedure and support with signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3) Improve signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4) Improve signage (and possibly the grade crossing barriers) to prepare for increasing rail traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5) Evaluate the potential for kiosk sales at the same time the fare collection system is being specified.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Anderson Island Terminal				
1) Establish a formal drop off/pick up procedure and support with signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Add signage to minimize conflicts during busy and overflow situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Short-Term Service Recommendations with Cost/Revenue Implications

Adding service requires new funding. Because county, state, and federal funding sources are uncertain, it's likely that some portion of the cost of additional service would come from local sources – either fare revenue or a local Ferry District property tax for island residents.

Please indicate below whether you would support each recommendation based on particular funding sources.

Recommendation	Cost per Year (approx.)	I would support this if funded by (check all that apply):	Comments
1) Add one early morning weekday run, Monday-Friday	\$175,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Fare increase <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry District <input type="checkbox"/> The County <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Do not support in any case <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
2) Add one evening run Monday-Wednesday	\$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Fare increase <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry District <input type="checkbox"/> The County <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Do not support in any case <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
3) Add a new afternoon triangle run to improve frequency to Ketron	\$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Fare increase <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry District <input type="checkbox"/> The County <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Do not support in any case <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
4) Add two-boat service in July and August, Fridays & Sundays, 12-8pm	\$75,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Fare increase <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry District <input type="checkbox"/> The County <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Do not support in any case <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	

C. LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DEMAND

Recommendation	Support	Do Not Support	Unsure	Comments
Demand Management				
1) Use demand management as a first resort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Service Expansion				
1) Expand service as a second resort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Investment Needs				
1) Steilacoom terminal expansion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Automated measurement and fare determination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3) Remote parking facilities in Steilacoom supported with shuttle services and/or shared parking at existing public facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

OVERALL COMMENTS

Please provide any additional comments in this space.

Additional Ways to Comment

To submit your comments another way or to learn more about the Study options, please contact Pierce County:
 Web: www.piercecountywa.org/ferry; Email: pcferry@co.pierce.wa.us. The County will consider your feedback and present recommendations to the County Executive and then County Council in July.

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