



Mission

To provide safe, reliable, efficient, environmentally sound, customer-friendly, and fiscally responsible passenger-only ferry services to the public and establish waterborne transportation as a viable alternative mode of transportation in support of regional mobility and a high quality of life in King County.

Agency Overview

The King County Department of Transportation Marine Division currently operates the King County Water Taxi. The Marine Division is responsible for the operations, moorage, and maintenance of the vessels that provide ferry services. Passenger-only ferry services are provided from Pier 50 in downtown Seattle, with service to Vashon Island and West Seattle.

Performance Metrics			
Category	Vashon Island	West Seattle	System
Passengers Served	221,546	380,396	601,942
Trips	3,076	10,515	13,591
Miles Traveled	30,760	20,740	51,500
Days of Service	251	315	566
Service Hours	1,538	3,548	5,086
On-Time Performance	99.3%	98.0%	98.6%
Service Reliability	99.7%	100.0%	99.9%

Passenger Ferry Operations

Category	Vashon Island Year-Round	West Seattle	
		Winter November through March	Peak April through October
Distance	10 miles	2 miles	2 miles
Time	22 minutes	10 minutes	10-15 minutes
Speed	28 knots	22 knots	10-22 knots
Sailings per day	6 round trips	13 round trips	12-23 round trips
Diesel fuel used (gallons)	126,323	95,789	
Service	Weekdays only- morning and evening commutes	Weekdays only- morning and evening commutes	7 days per week 11-16 hours per day
Adult One Way Fare	\$6.25	\$5.25	
Vessels	M/V Sally Fox	M/V Doc Maynard	
Capacity	278 passengers	278 passengers	
Terminals (Home- Pier 50 adjacent to Colman Dock)	Vashon Terminal- adjacent to auto ferry dock leased from WSF	Seacrest Dock- leased from City of Seattle Parks	
Transit connections	Metro routes #118 and 119 on Vashon WSF Vashon - Southworth route	Metro shuttles #773 and 775 to Alki Beach and West Seattle	

2016 Marine Division Highlights

- Delivered additional service for 9 day Viaduct closure
- Constructed a passenger cover for Vashon Dock
- Biennial budget request approved increasing levy for sustainable funding
- Implemented a Water Taxi on-line news feed; the Captain's Blog
- Completed 90% design on new King County Ferry Terminal in Seattle
- Conducted a successful college marketing internship program

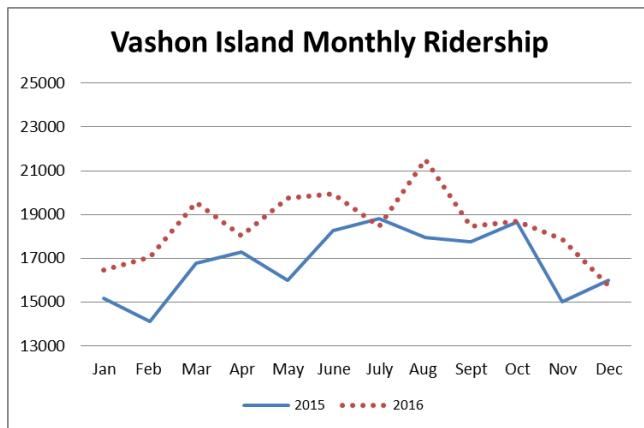
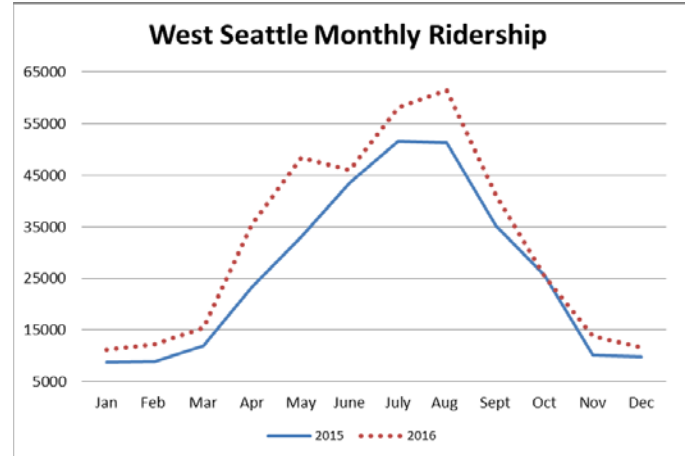
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Ridership

In 2016, the Water Taxi served 601,942 passengers system wide, bringing the total passengers to over 3.7 million since inception of the King County Ferry District in 2008.

West Seattle Route

West Seattle experienced record annual ridership with a 21% increase in ridership in 2016 compared to 2015, with over 380,000 passengers served. Part of this success was attributed to growth in our year round commute ridership. Additionally, a nine day Viaduct closure put commute pressure on this route and many found relief by using the Water Taxi. The college internship program continued to focus on marketing the West Seattle route through the internet (including creating an Instagram account), building relationships with tourism venues, and continued public outreach.



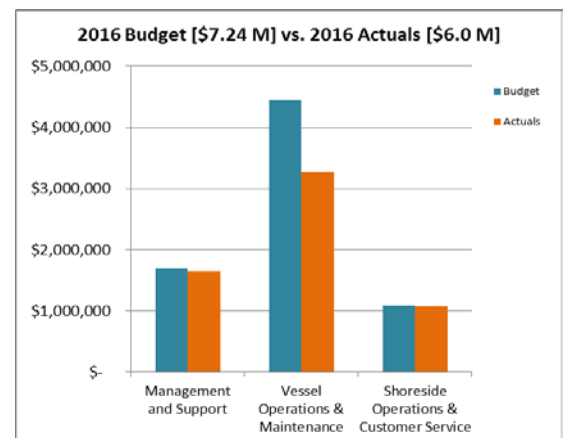
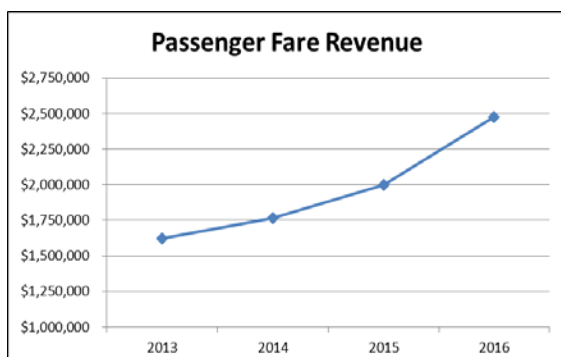
Vashon Island

In 2016, the Vashon Island route served 221,546 passengers, an increase of 10.7% from 2015. This is the second year the route has exceeded 200,000 annual riders. This route's ridership continues to grow each year and makes the case that the Water Taxi is the best direct connection from Vashon Island to downtown Seattle.

Finance

The Marine Division successfully monitored expenses in 2016 to stay within the annual operating budget. Total operating expenditures were \$6,000,403, which was 17% under budget.

Passenger fare revenue increased 24% over 2015 for a total of \$2,477,372. This is the highest fare revenue collections to date and reflects the strong increase in ridership. This represents a Farebox Recovery rate of 41.3% for operations.



The primary source of fares is ORCA, the regional fare collection system, which has risen to 70% of the total fare revenue collected. Cash and ticket sales are 27% of the total fare revenues received, a decrease of 4% from 2015.

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