



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

Key system facts

- Created June 1, 1951.
- Largest ferry system in the U.S. and third largest in the world.
- Nearly 23 million riders per year.
- Largest ferry system in the world for number of vehicles carried (more than 10 million per year).
- Fleet of 20 auto-passenger ferries, and two passenger-only ferries.
- Operates 20 terminals on 9 routes.
- 450 trips per day.

Transit agency

- Largest ferry transit system in the U.S.
- Second largest transit system in Washington (largest is King County Metro).
- Busiest route: Seattle/Bainbridge Island (6 million riders per year).
- The largest ferries (Jumbo Mark II class)
 - 2,500 passengers.
 - 202 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.



Mover of freight and goods

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

Link in region's multi-modal connections

- Priority loading for freight, bicycles, vanpools and carpools.
- Park and ride lots at ferry terminals.
- Schedule integration with our transit partners.

Environmental steward

- WSF has begun implementing a fuel consumption and emissions reduction program.
- Installed energy-efficient engines and fuel injectors that are reducing fuel consumption.
- Slowing vessels and operating vessels on fewer engines where possible to conserve fuel and energy.

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 the 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.

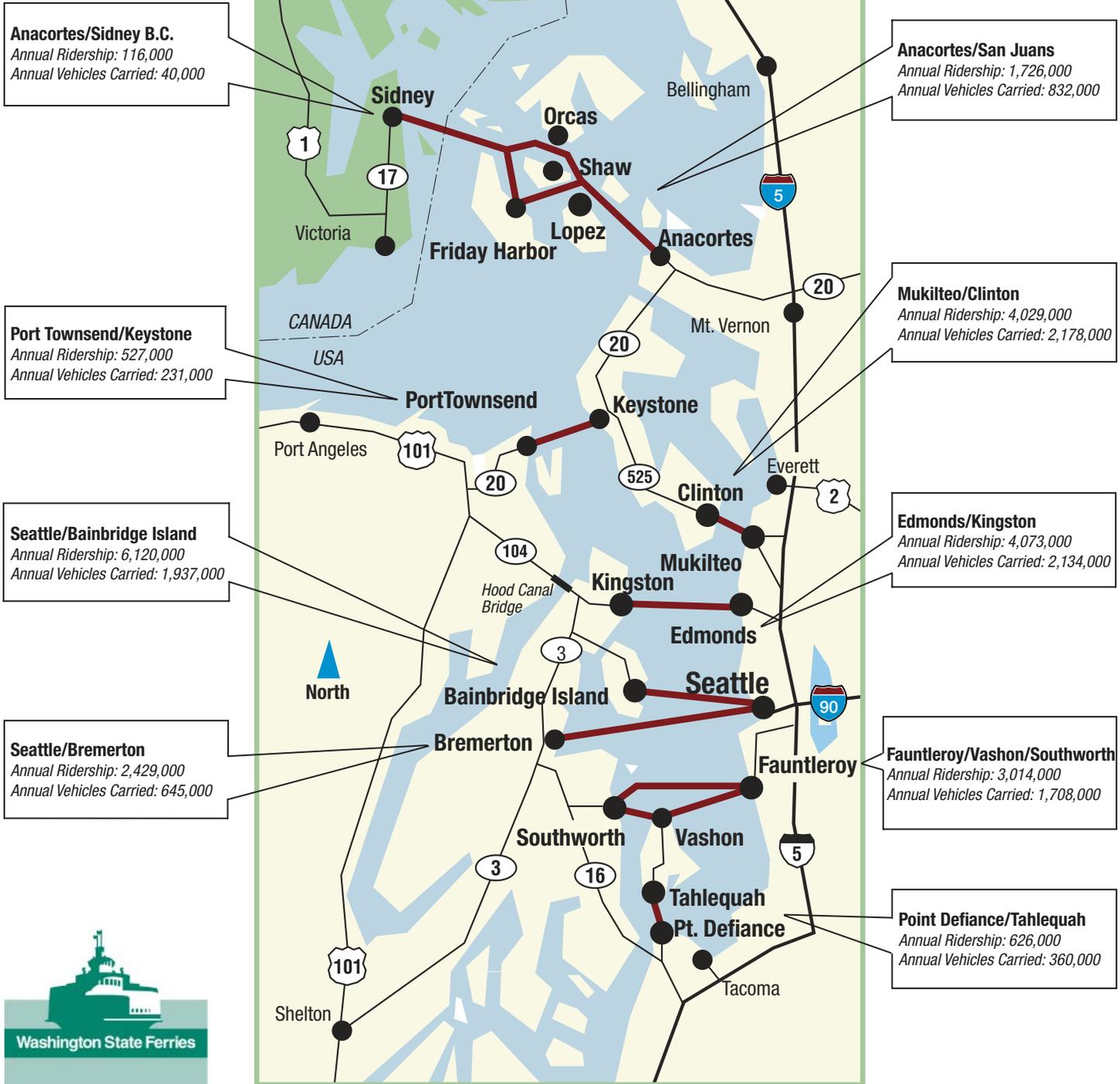
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Ridership numbers are based on 2009 statistics