Puget Sound Region
Passenger-Only Ferry Study
2019 Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry Study

- Led by PSRC and funded with $350,000 appropriation from Washington State Legislature.
- Scope includes all 12 Puget Sound counties.
- Provides analysis to support current and future Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry routes.
- Identification of future capacity needs and terminal locations on Puget Sound, Lake Washington, and Lake Union.
- Recommendations to accelerate the electrification of ferries.
Overall Approach to Route Assessment

• Initial routes and terminal locations to study determined from outreach
• Evaluation criteria called out in legislation, includes:
  • Market potential and ridership
  • Travel time competitiveness with other modes
  • Terminal location and capacity
  • Capital and operating needs
  • Environmental factors
  • Financial factors
• Stakeholder feedback will inform any additional evaluation criteria/methods and review of route analyses
Overall Approach and Schedule

July – September 2019

• Initial Stakeholder engagement
  • Regions (RTPOs)
  • Countywide/subarea elected officials groups
  • Reach out to wide range of interested parties, including ports, transit agencies, tribes, etc.
• July 25 PSRC Operating Committee and Executive Board
  • Budget amendment and contract authority
• August: RFP for consultant services
• September: Consultant selection
Overall Approach and Schedule

October – December 2019
• Assessment of existing conditions
• Initial POF route and terminal identification
• Stakeholder outreach
• December 2019 TPB Check-in

January – March 2020
• Preliminary route assessment and screening

April 2020
• Stakeholder outreach
Overall Approach and Schedule

May – September 2020
• Final route assessment

October 2020
• Stakeholder outreach

November – December 2020
• Final report development
• Report to Transportation Policy Board

January 2021
• Submit report/present to Washington State Legislature