

Open houses preview Colman Dock construction coming this summer

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SEATTLE – Construction to replace Washington's largest ferry terminal is starting soon and ferry users will have an opportunity to learn more about what's ahead. Washington State Ferries is hosting a series of [outreach events](#) (pdf 350 kb) to share detailed plans for a rebuilt Colman Dock and what to expect during construction, starting this summer and continuing through 2023.

The [Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock Project](#), will replace the aging and seismically-vulnerable terminal, which has some timber piles dating to 1938. Nearly half the facility will be demolished and rebuilt, including the timber pier and the terminal building. The project will include a new passenger-only ferry terminal to serve the King County Water Taxi and Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry. During construction, Colman Dock will remain open and operational. The terminal served more than 9 million people in 2016.

"It's our responsibility to ensure a safe and operational Colman Dock for the millions of people who rely on it as part of their daily life, and for the important economic link it provides across Puget Sound," said Roger Millar, secretary of transportation.

In addition to construction effects, WSF will share information about proposed changes to the Bremerton and Bainbridge Island sailing schedules. The temporary schedule changes, due to start in January 2018, are needed during construction because the terminal building will be much smaller as crews work on rebuilding the dock and replacing the building. Currently, vessels depart for Bainbridge Island and Bremerton at the same time several times a day. During construction, there will not be enough space in the terminal to accommodate the number of passengers leaving for both destinations.

The first construction-related change ferry riders will encounter is [new Colman Dock vehicle access lanes](#) (pdf 760 kb) beginning as early as June 26. These lanes, which will be in place for approximately one year, will be located on Alaskan Way adjacent to Colman Dock between Madison Street and Yesler Way, and will serve as ferry access and queuing.

Interested persons who cannot attend an outreach event can find the same information through an [online open house](#) that runs through July 14.

Open houses

Monday, June 26, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Kitsap Conference Center, 100 Washington Ave., Bremerton

Tuesday, June 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Bainbridge Island Senior Center, 370 Brien Dr. SE, Bainbridge Island

Thursday, June 29, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

- Seattle Center for Architecture and Design, 1010 Western Ave, Seattle

Additional drop-in sessions

Wednesday, June 21, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

- Drop-in session inside the Colman Dock terminal and the Pier 50 King County Water Taxi waiting area, Seattle

Thursday, June 22, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Drop-in session as part of the *Chimacum* Community Celebration, Bremerton terminal, 211 First St., Bremerton

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