



# Ferry Notice

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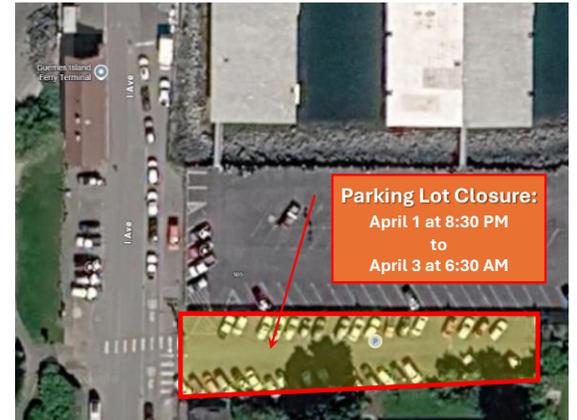
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## Guemes Ferry Weekend Update

### Parking Lot Closure

The parking lot closest to the Anacortes ferry terminal will be closed starting at the close of business on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 a.m. in order to conduct routine parking lot maintenance.

**Any cars left behind during this time will be subject to towing.** The pedestrian walkway to/from the 6<sup>th</sup> and K Street parking lot will remain open and available for use.



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### Pier-Side Maintenance Scheduled for May 4 – 17, 2026

The dates for the upcoming pier-side maintenance have been set, and the vehicle ferry will be out of service Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The last ferry run before going out of service will be at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Passenger-only service will be provided beginning May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 a.m., and will operate on the ferry's regular non-peak sailing schedule.

The U.S. Coast Guard requires the County to replace four small sections of steel on the vessel deck forward of the car deck. Other maintenance items will be addressed during this time as well, including a full replacement of wiring connected to the transmission controls that caused a shutdown in June of this year.

### No Bus Service During Pier-Side Maintenance

Skagit County and Skagit Transit discussed transportation options for Guemes Island during the scheduled pier-side ferry maintenance period in May. Following a review of this year's ferry maintenance period, Skagit Transit determined it cannot support operating a temporary shuttle due to fleet availability and island infrastructure constraints.

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## County Commissioner Meetings and Resolutions

### Fare Schedule Correction

The County Commissioners adopted the 2026 fare schedule via [Resolution #R20250259](#), which went into effect on January 1, 2026. The Commissioners and staff identified an error in the oversized vehicles calculations during the adoption process. A public hearing will be held for consideration of an updated fare schedule correcting the error.

The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. The public can also join the meeting via Zoom at the link on the [Commissioners' website](#) or by watching on TV21. The [proposed adjusted fares schedule](#) has been published on the [2026 Ferry Budget and Fare Schedule website](#). Written comments on the proposal can be sent to [ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us).

#### Non-expiry Paper Punch Card Resolution

On March 23, 2026, the County Commissioners adopted Resolution [#R20260060](#) to amend and supersede Resolution [#R20250260](#) requiring conversion of all punch cards sold without expiration. The resolution states all punch cards previously sold without an expiration date, including COVID emergency punch cards and convenience cards, must be converted to an equivalent number of trips in the electronic ticketing system before close business office hours on December 31, 2026.

Previously, only COVID emergency punch cards could be converted to the equivalent number of rides within the electronic ticketing system. With the new resolution, both COVID emergency punch cards and convenience cards can be converted to the electronic system. Riders with either of these types of paper punch cards without expiration dates must convert the rides to the electronic system by the end of 2026 to continue using the available rides. The converted rides within the electronic ticketing system will not have an expiration date.