

Ferry Public Forum

Ferry Replacement Project



Public Forum – Ferry Replacement Project
Guemes Island Community Center – 7549 Guemes Island Road
Thursday, January 25, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Skagit County Commissioners, Public Works, Glosten



Agenda

5:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Introductions & opening remarks
Board of County Commissioners
Public Works staff
Glosten

5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Presentation

Project update

- Funding/finance plan
- Environmental review
- Ferry operations survey

Ferry Replacement

- Concept design
 - Project schedule
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6:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Questions & comments

Project update

- Concept design complete
- Applied for County Ferry Capital Improvement Program (CFCIP)
 - Administered by County Road Administration Board (CRAB)
- Design deliverables available online at www.skagitcounty.net/ferry
 - Ferry replacement page
 - CFCIP grant application available in “Documents & Report Archives”

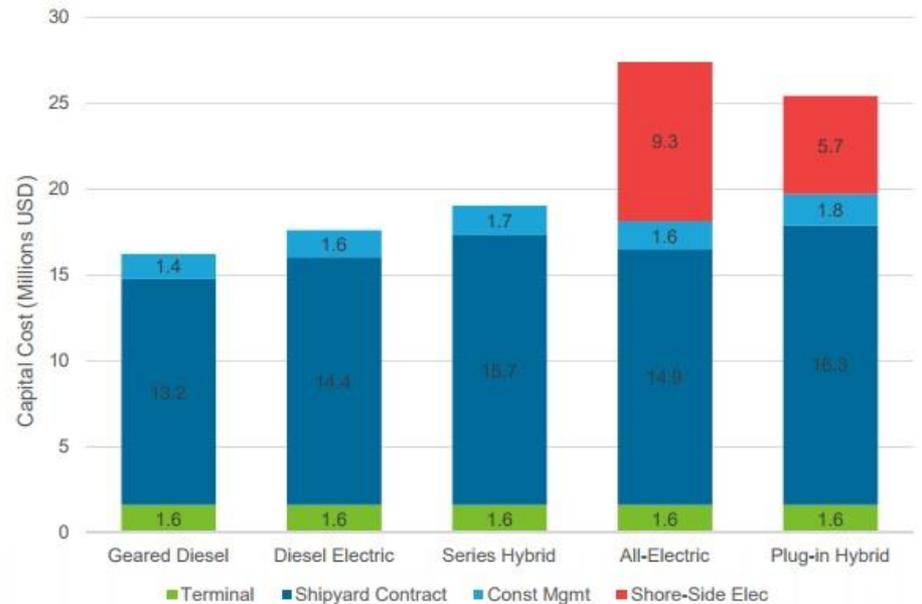


Funding/finance plan

- Required for the CFCIP grant
- County hired PFM (Public Financial Management) from Seattle
- Includes *assumptions* and *potential* funding sources
- Not intended to be used for final feasibility review
- **No funding decisions have been made**

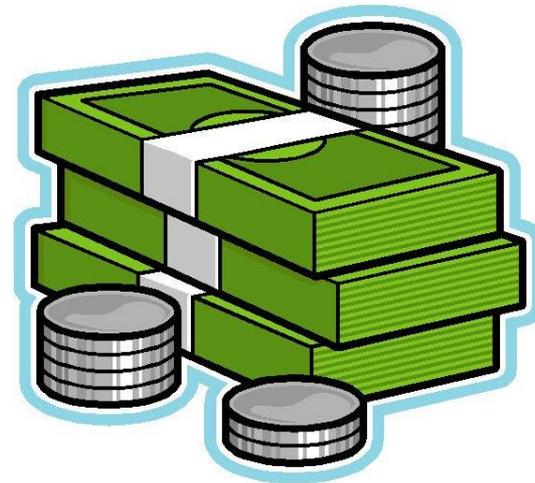
Preliminary Engineer's Cost Estimate

Geared Diesel	Diesel Electric	Series Hybrid	All-Electric	Plug-in Hybrid
\$15,832,000	\$17,217,000	\$18,652,000	\$25,723,000	\$24,589,000



Potential capital funding sources:

- County Ferry Capital Improvement Program (CFCIP) grant
 - Up to \$10 million
- Volkswagen settlement funds
 - Estimated \$2.25 million
- Ferry district
 - Currently not an option
 - Legislative action – SSB 5403
- Ticket surcharge
 - No decisions have been made
- Other
 - Ferry boat program allocations
 - Federal grants/loans
 - State grants/loads
 - Mitigation dollars
- Bonds
- **No decisions have been made**



What's next

- Continue public outreach
 - Public forums
 - Surveys at publicinput.com
 - Ferry committee meetings
 - Newsletters
- Ferry crew review/comments
 - Ongoing
- SEPA review
 - Underway
- Preliminary design
 - Propulsion system
- Refine finance strategy
- CRAB acts on CFCIP funding request
 - No later than July, 2018
 - Funds available 2019 (if approved)
- Continue search for funding



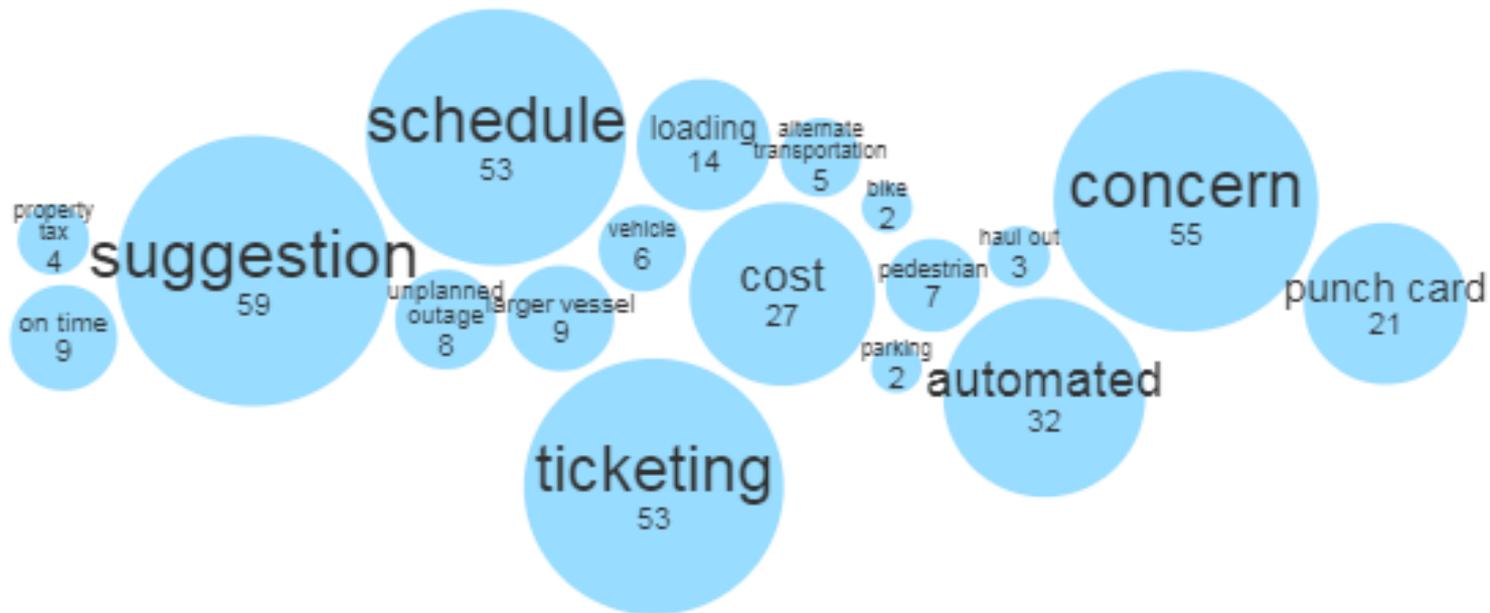
Environmental review

- SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) review
 - Needs to be done for the project
- Environmental Analysis (EA)
 - Should be performed early
 - Planning & Development Services (PDS) contracted with BERK consulting
 - Informs threshold determination (whether EIS is required)
 - Should be done by the end of March, 2018



Ferry operations survey

- Purpose
 - Expands on input received in first survey
 - Prioritize system improvements
- Results
 - 258 participants, 194 comments
 - 65% live on Guemes Island full-time



Ferry operations survey

- Popular sentiments
 - **Punch cards** – no expiration date OR valid for longer OR automated/reloadable
 - **Sailing schedule** – eliminate mid-day gaps AND add later evening runs
 - **Reliability** – fewer unplanned outages AND run on time
 - **Ticketing** – modern/automated options would be nice, could speed vessel loading

In our first survey, 60% of respondents said *reliability* is the most important thing Skagit County should consider when designing a new ferry. What is *MOST* important to you in terms of reliability?

