

Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock Project

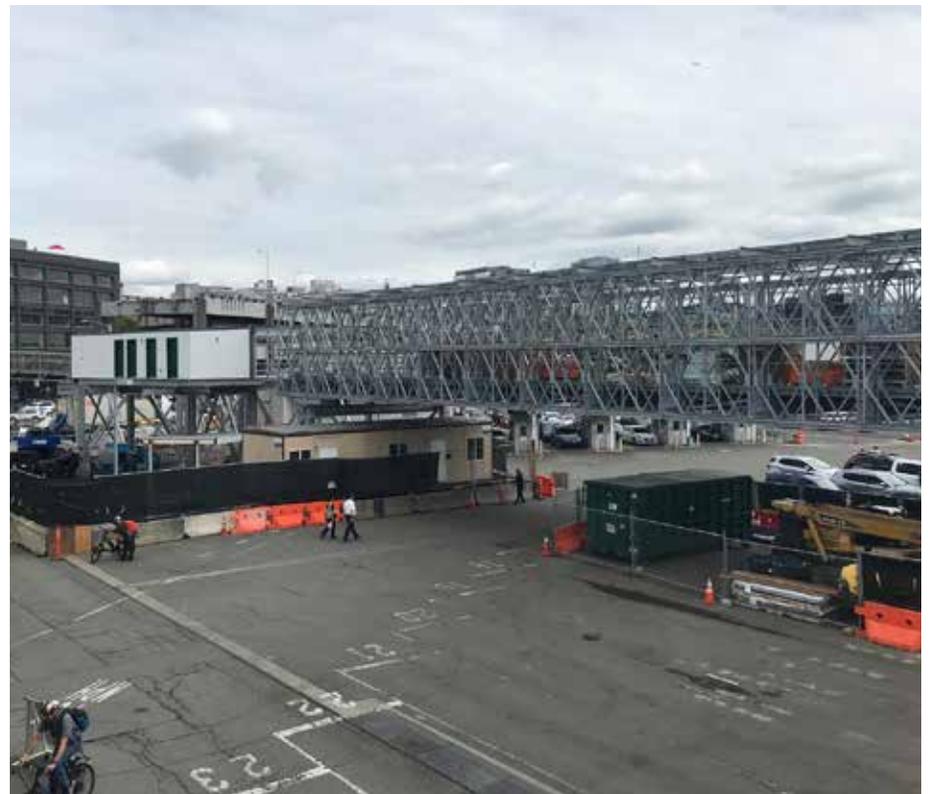


Clockwise from left: Aerial view of construction at Colman Dock, June 2019; an example of a deteriorating timber pile that has been removed and replaced at Colman Dock; existing timber trestle will be replaced with new concrete and steel trestle.

Project overview

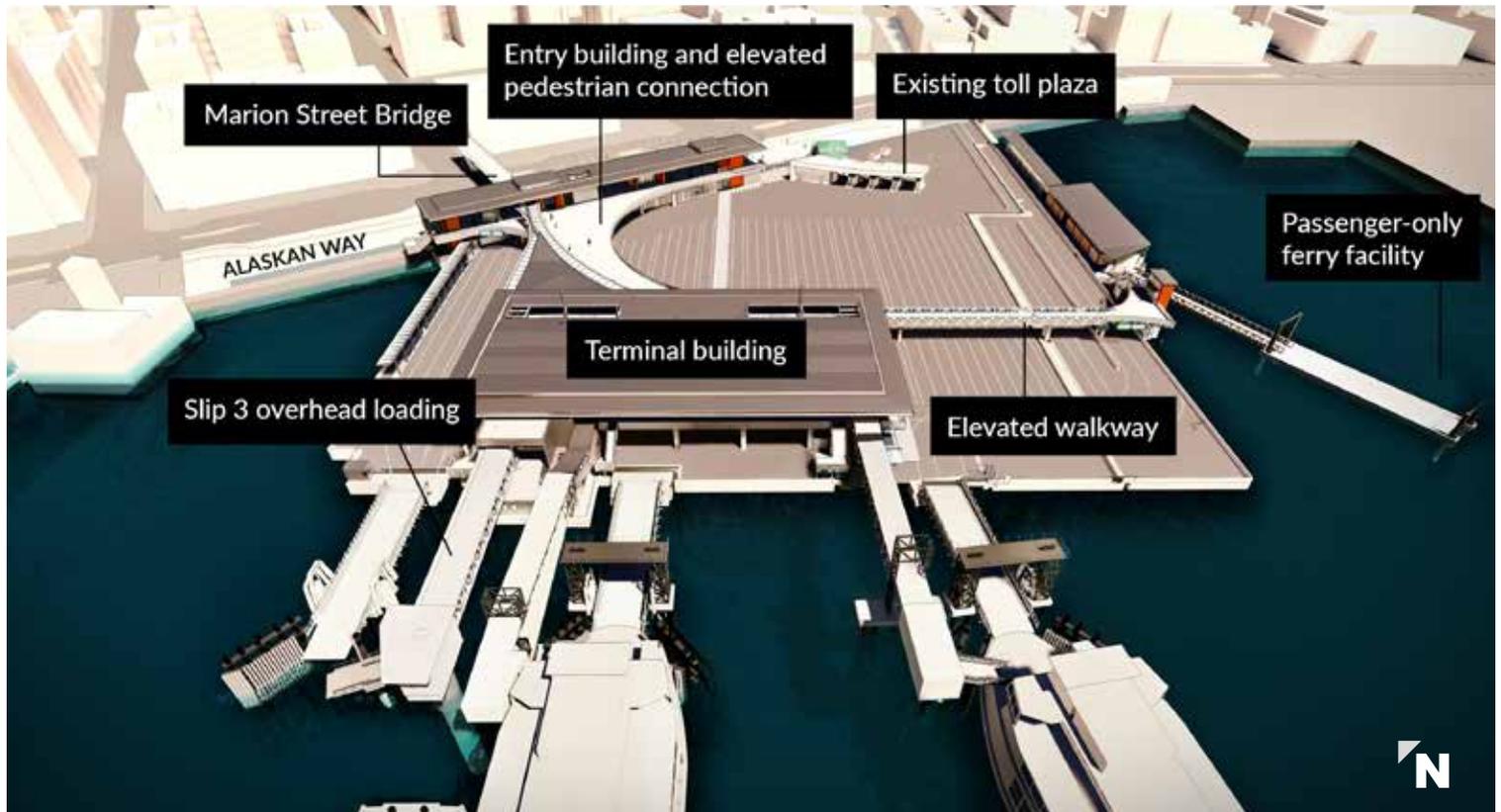
Colman Dock in Seattle is Washington state’s largest ferry terminal and supports transportation across Puget Sound between downtown Seattle and communities in Kitsap County and the Olympic Peninsula. The Colman Dock terminal sees more than 10 million visitors each year, but it’s aging and vulnerable to earthquakes and needs to be replaced. Major construction to completely replace the terminal and much of the dock underneath began in August twenty seventeen and will continue until early twenty twenty-three. The facility will remain open and operational while the dock is under construction.

The new, multimodal facility improves safety and efficiency by meeting current seismic standards, reducing conflicts between vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, and improving pedestrian circulation and accessibility. In addition, the project removes seven thousand four hundred tons of creosote-treated timber piles from Elliott Bay.



Construction underway to build temporary walkway connection to the new terminal building.

The End Result



Conceptual design of the new facility.

Project benefits

The project will:

- Ensure the Colman Dock facility can continue to provide safe and reliable ferry service between Seattle and communities in Kitsap County and the Olympic Peninsula.
- Improve safety by meeting current seismic standards.
- Reduce conflicts between vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians and improve operational efficiencies.
- Remove seven thousand four hundred tons of creosote-treated timber piles from Elliott Bay.
- Open up an area of shoreline and near-shore habitat.
- Provide stormwater treatment for all new and replaced areas of the trestle.
- Provide opportunities for remediation of contaminated sediments.

Key project elements include:

- Replacing the existing timber trestle portion of the dock with a new concrete and steel trestle.
- Replacing the main terminal building.
- Replacing the passenger-only ferry facility on the south edge of Colman Dock with funding from King County.
- Constructing a new elevated walkway between the terminal building and the passenger-only ferry facility.
- Replacing the overhead loading facility on the northernmost slip.
- Adding a bicycle entry and holding area north of Marion Street.
- Maintaining an elevated connection between the terminal building and the Marion Street Bridge.
- Providing stairs and elevators to connect the facility to Alaskan Way.
- Mitigating for additional overwater coverage.*

*While avoidance and minimization of new overwater coverage was a key goal of the project, the new facility will increase the overwater footprint by approximately five thousand two hundred square feet. Mitigation for this increase in overwater coverage was achieved by removing overwater coverage from a neighboring pier owned by WSDOT.



More changes coming starting fall twenty nineteen

Moving into the new terminal building

The southern section of the new terminal building opens in fall twenty nineteen. Elevated walkways will connect the temporary Marion Street Bridge and the King County Water Taxi and Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry passenger-only ferry dock to the new terminal. This smaller terminal and connecting walkways will serve customers until the new Colman Dock is complete in twenty twenty-three. Once the new terminal and walkways are open, crews will begin demolition of the entire former terminal building.

Getting to the terminal

Drivers will continue to enter the toll plaza via the South Jackson Street entrance. Bikes will continue to enter near Yesler Way. Pedestrians will have three options to enter and exit the new terminal building:

- New elevators at south corner of the dock near Yesler Way, next to the passenger-only ferry facility.
- Stairs at Alaskan Way and Columbia Street to the twenty-four-foot-wide elevated walkway.
- Marion Street Bridge detour to First Avenue.

Buying a ticket

A staffed ticket booth will be located on the elevated walkway between Alaskan Way and the terminal building. Ticket kiosks will be available inside the building.

Seating, waiting areas and food

There will be limited seating inside the smaller terminal building. When the inside area is full, the covered elevated walkway will be available for waiting customers. The smaller terminal building will include a vending machine, and additional food may be purchased on the ferry or at nearby waterfront and Pioneer Square shops. The building will also include restrooms and visual paging services to announce ferry departures.

What to expect during construction

Full ferry service maintained

While under construction, Colman Dock will remain open for millions of commuters and ferry riders. However, there will continue to be changes for ferry customers as work zones change on the dock.

Construction noise, vibration and odor

Year-round construction can be unavoidably noisy. Customers can expect demolition and shore-based construction work during the winter and spring. Loud, in-water pile driving and removal of odorous creosote-coated timber piles occurs in summer, fall and early winter of each year of construction. Our contractor will use best management practices to minimize these impacts.



Construction of the first section of the new ferry terminal on the south side of Colman Dock.

How to prepare for construction changes?

Arrive early if you are driving on: Check traffic conditions and plan to arrive at Colman Dock at least thirty minutes before your sailing. Check WaterfrontConstruction.org for information about other construction projects in the area.

Know before you go: Check the wash dot app, website and Vessel Watch for route alerts and to see if your boat is on time.

Leave the car at home or share the ride: If possible, consider walking or biking on the ferry instead of driving.

Project design

For more than a decade, we have been working with our federal partners to develop a replacement plan for Colman Dock. Stakeholder groups and ferry customers have provided input at key milestones during the environmental phase and development of the project design.

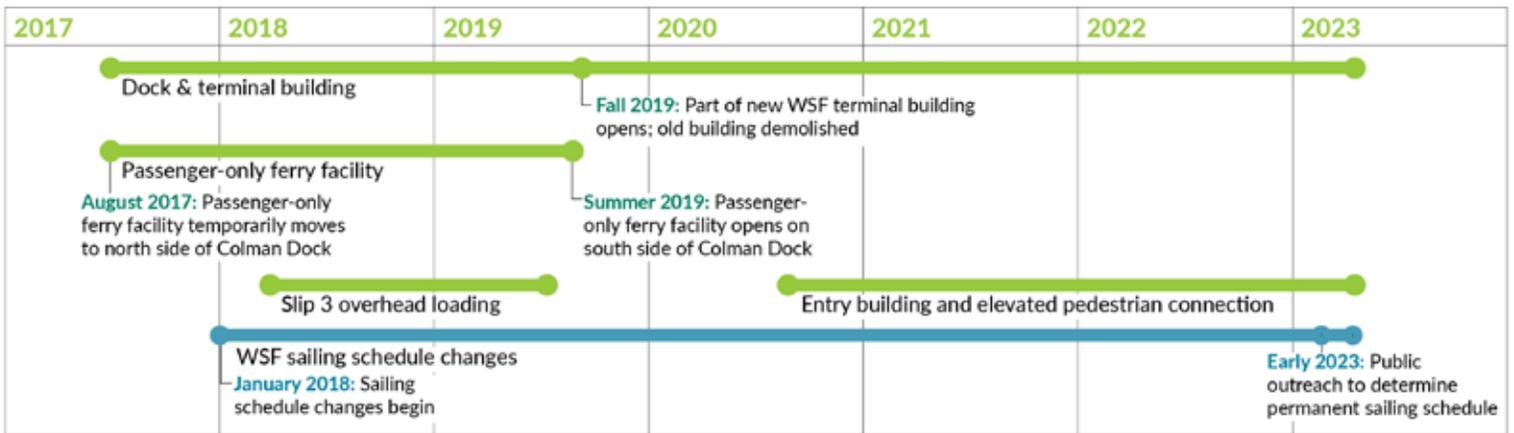
Project funding

Four hundred fifty-five million dollars in federal, state and local funding has been appropriated for this project. King County provided funding for replacement of the passenger-only ferry facility.



Conceptual design of the interior of the new WSF terminal building.

Construction schedule



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