



## **Panel Series:** **Next steps for implementing North Sound passenger-only ferry routes**

Friday, July 9, 2021 @ 10:00am – 12:00pm

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The [Puget Sound Regional Council Passenger Only Ferry Study](#) included two routes located in the NSTA 5-county region that made it to the final levels of analysis: the **Bellingham-Friday Harbor route** and the **South Whidbey-Everett route**. We've asked a panel of experts to discuss the biggest challenges to implementing these routes. What institutional/political support exists and is still needed for these efforts? And what is the funding reality for passenger ferries following the Coronavirus pandemic? Join us! [Register here](#) and we'll send the webinar log-in details in July.

## **AGENDA**

1. **Introduction**
2. **S. Whidbey – Everett ferry route discussion**
  - a. The ports perspective:
    - i. Port of South Whidbey – *Stan Reeves, CEO, Port of S. Whidbey*
    - ii. Port of Everett – *Jeff Lindhout, Chief of Marina Operations, Port of Everett*
  - b. The transit perspective:
    - i. Island Transit – *Todd Morrow, Executive Director, Island Transit*
    - ii. Everett Transit – *Tom Hingson, Director, Transportation Services, Everett Transit*
3. **Friday Harbor – Bellingham ferry route discussion**
  - a. The ports perspective:
    - i. Port of Friday Harbor – *Todd Nicholson, Executive Director, Port of Friday Harbor*
    - ii. Port of Bellingham – *Don Goldberg, Director of Economic Development, Port of Bellingham*
  - b. The transit perspective:
    - i. Whatcom Transportation Authority – *Tim Wilder, Planning Director, WTA*
4. **Real world experiences**
  - a. **Kitsap passenger ferry service:** What was the original plan for the service vs. what transpired? Lessons for these routes? – *Jon Clauson, Executive Director, Kitsap Transit*
  - b. **Blake Island Fast Ferry service:** What was the business model to implement this pilot project? What are the costs involved in operating a service like this? – *Kevin Clark, CEO & President, Argosy Cruises*
5. **Next steps – what needs to happen – open discussion.**