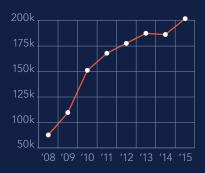
### **RIDERSHIP** INFORMATION

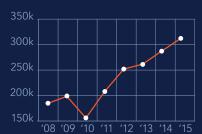
**MORE THAN** 515K **PASSENGERS** SERVED IN 2015

#### **VASHON RIDERSHIP**



PASSENGERS SERVED (2015) **9.4% INCREASE FROM 2014** 

#### W. SEATTLE RIDERSHIP



PASSENGERS SERVED (2015) **313,000**+ **10.9% INCREASE FROM 2014** 

# **SERVICE** HIGHLIGHTS

### TRIP RELIABILITY

Completed trips in 2015

**ON-TIME** 

Sailings departed within 5 minutes of schedule in 2015

99.8% 99.1%

3.1 M RIDERS & GROWING



Increase since 2008

**1377**%

FAREBOX RECOVERY 101%

# **EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT USE OF PUBLIC ASSETS**

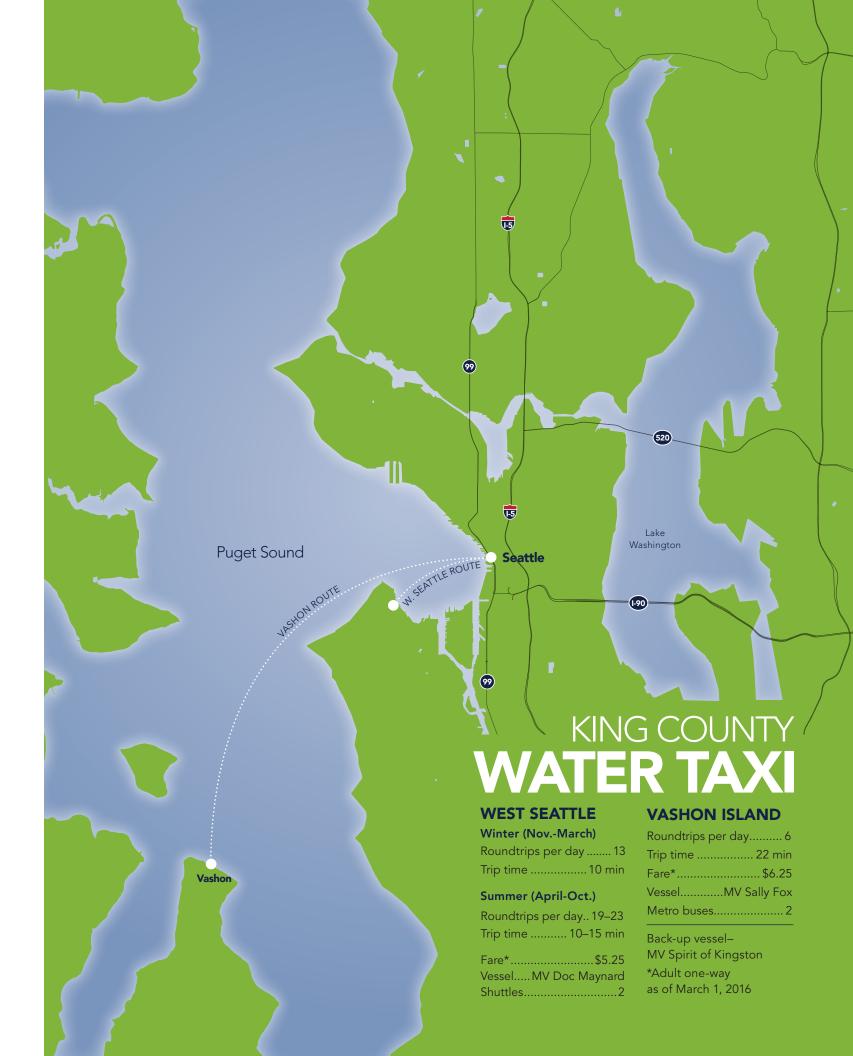
#### **FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE**

King County has successfully managed all assets and maintained stable operating costs per rider even with significantly decreased tax revenues since 2010.

#### **ASSET ACQUISITION**

King County has successfully secured federal and state grants, which significantly grow the county's capital assets and ensure high quality, efficient, and safe service.

76% of capital projects have been funded through grants. Grant revenues have supported terminal improvements, construction of the moorage and maintenance barge, preventative vessel maintenance and preservation, and the construction of two new vessels.



### SUSTAINABLE FUNDING IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN SERVICE

#### **REVENUES, COSTS AND RESERVE FUND 2008–2016**







The Water Taxi built up reserve funds when the tax levy rate was 5.5 cents in 2008, but since the rate was reduced to 0.3 cents in 2010, the Water Taxi has experienced annual operating deficits.

The Water Taxi has drawn down the reserve fund to cover the gap between overall annual costs and revenues.

#### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF WATER TAXI SERVICE**

- A valuable resource incorporated into emergency response plans to move emergency responders to the scene and to evacuate citizens from an area during emergencies.
- An unrestricted transit option during construction or road closures, such as the Alaskan Way Viaduct and West Seattle Bridge.
- Part of King County's climate action plan to achieve a sustainable and thriving region.



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# KING COUNTY WATER TAXI

Quality. Reliable. Efficient.

The King County Water Taxi provides high quality and efficient service that moves people safely and quickly, improves our quality of life, and enhances our region's economic competitiveness.

The Water Taxi is at a key juncture with service financially unsustainable beyond 2016. Due to significant reductions in tax revenue and a projected one million more people in the Puget Sound region by 2040, sustainable funding is needed to continue providing service to King County residents.

