

Kingston FAC Meeting notes 6/12/2018 6:30 to 8PM

1. Revised ferry schedule. The FAC reviewed comments received at the May 8th public open house and those received from van pools by email. Our recommendations are as follows:

We do not recommend an earlier start on the first boat.

This does not substantially improve timing for connecting to the Sounder train. Sounder trains pass through Edmonds at 6:11, 6:41, 7:11, and at 8:14. The current schedule allows adequate time to connect with Sounder. The net effect of the change would be that riders on all trains up to the 10:10 would have more time in the station waiting for train. As there is no weather protection this would impose. The only train connection that would be substantially helped by the change is the 10:10 AMTRAK. Presently the 9:40 boat does not make the connection. Moving that up to 9:35 allows about 5 minutes. As the AMTRAK station does allow shelter taking an earlier boat is a workable solution.

By 12+to 4 commuter riders all see this change as an imposition. Boeing Van Pools they can make their shifts on the current schedule. They comment that the boat often leaves late anyway so arriving earlier doesn't appear to be a good idea.

We understand that WSF may want to make the change to support it's employees arrival at boat assignments however we don't have any means to evaluate this.

We do support the change for a later Saturday night/Sunday morning boat

This got many positive comments from the community. It may also help to address the peak season summer overloads by helping to clear vehicles that make it on 2345 boat. There are some people who use the early sailing for a Sunday shift. We don't have details on this however this does not appear to outweigh the benefits a late night sailing. We think this can be mitigated

(note: I rode the boat's first sailing Wednesday (covering walk-ons and motor cycles and Thursday (covering vehicles). Here's the numbers:

Post meeting notes.

Following the meeting we surveyed the riders on the early boat as to whether they supported the schedule change to 4:45. Those results were:

	Eastbound	Westbound	total
Yes	73	24	97
No	57	7	64
Don't Care	40	23	63