



Victory at Sea for Bicyclists

The tide has turned towards Colman Dock having great bicycle facilities

After a lot of hard work from many people, Washington State Ferries will incorporate Squeaky Wheels' recommendations for the new Colman Dock design. This means that the north gate will re-open and a larger, more efficient, safer and more pleasant holding area along the new north rail will be created.

In an email from Interim Assistant Secretary WSDOT/Ferries Division Captain George Capacci, Washington State Ferries confirmed that a north entry and staging area can be included in the design of the project. It will require funding for staff at the north entry location when in operation.

Squeaky Wheels extends a heartfelt thank you to Governor Jay Inslee, Senator Christine Rolfes, Representative Drew Hansen, Secretary Lynn Pedersen and Captain George Capacci (and those who worked to support them) for helping us on this project and for their ongoing support of non-motorized transportation on Washington ferries. This demonstrates their commitment to accommodate a growing ridership safely, effectively and ecologically.

Thank you, too, to all individuals who came to the public meetings and submitted comments.

This process involved the invaluable support of bicycle advocacy groups including Washington Bikes, West Sound Cycle Club and Cascade Bicycle Club. Thank you! Importantly, thank you to the engineers, staff and supporting consultants of Washington State Ferries, particularly Genevieve Rucki, Elizabeth Faulkner and Leonard Smith for engaging all stakeholders throughout this process and ultimately incorporating key concepts in the final design.

Final funding still needs to be secured but this is a great example of WSDOT / WSF embracing the role of a full multi-modal transportation agency that optimizes bicycling, walking and transit for a smarter transportation system with more capacity for all users. This kind of change is important to our health, environment, happiness, economic viability, and freedom. Thank you.

Ross Hathaway, President, Squeaky Wheels

Another Barrier to Bicycling Bites the Dust ...

In early October the City of Bainbridge Island widened a section of substandard shoulder along SR 305 north of Vineyard Lane. The guard rail came to the fog line which forced bicyclists onto the highway. it was also a hazard for auto drivers with a close obstruction to the highway and was a problem for pedestrian passage.

Thank you to the City staff, designer Jaime Saez of SCE Consulting, current and past City Council members and

citizens of Bainbridge Island for funding this and making it happen.

Particular thanks are owed to former Council member Debbie Lester and to the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee for persisting in keeping this work on the City CIP. Squeaky Wheels pursued this particular improvement for several years and we are very happy to see it fixed and to see the City working closely with WSDOT to make bicycling viable for everyone.

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