

Keeping You Informed – Ferry Ramp Painting Project
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HMC leases its “wharf easement” at the end of Herron Road from Pierce County. The County requires an inspection every two years. In the past several inspections, the report has pointed out deficiencies in the ramps – especially rust and corrosion on the metal portions of the ramps, which are raised and lowered to meet the ferry deck and connect to the concrete docks. Minor repairs have been made to both structures when needed, but major maintenance has been deferred until this year.

On April 1, 2015, HMC will call for bids on the ramp painting project, which work is to be done during 2015, probably in the August – October period. The current estimate is that this work will take 30-45 days, primarily depending on the weather. The project will allow for passenger foot traffic some of the time, but vehicle access will be interrupted. The specific times when the ferry will be out of service or unavailable to vehicles and passengers are unknown until bids are received and evaluated, and a contract negotiated.

This project is to be supported by a special assessment levied this spring (2015). This assessment was approved by a vote of the Members in last year’s budget, in an amount not to exceed \$500. The actual amount of the assessment is unknown until the contract is awarded. As soon as we have definite information, it will be shared with the Members.