

STATE ROUTE 104 HOOD CANAL FLOATING BRIDGE



OVERVIEW

As a gateway to the Olympic Peninsula, the State Route 104 Hood Canal Floating Bridge carries an average of 19,000 vehicles each day. The structure is approximately one and a half miles long and made up of floating pontoons anchored and attached to each shoreline with a tube steel truss. The west half of the bridge was replaced in 1982 and the east half in 2009. The bridge is maintained and operated daily by nine dedicated WSDOT employees ensuring the structural, electrical and hydraulic systems remain reliable for the traveling public. This team also has the responsibility to respond within 60 minutes notice to open for all marine traffic per federal maritime laws.

The bridge constantly battles living in a corrosive, salt-water environment and requires capital preservation projects to keep it operational. Currently, the bridge columns and crossbeams are being sealed. Future projects include a \$6.9 million pontoon deck overlay in 2020 and a \$1.5 million project to repair/replace the pontoon hatches on both sides in 2025. Additionally, there is an ongoing study regarding the potential replacement of the west half superstructure due to saltwater deterioration of a number of girders. WSDOT provides advanced notification to travelers for pleasure craft openings via email and text alerts to nearly 22,000 subscribers.

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