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### Kitsap Transit takes delivery of Lady Swift, begins preparations for piloting two-boat service on Bremerton-Seattle route

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Kitsap Transit's third Rich Passage-class fast ferry, Lady Swift, arrived on Friday.

*Photo: Kitsap Transit*

BREMERTON, Wash. – Kitsap Transit took delivery of Lady Swift, its third Rich Passage-class fast ferry, from All American Marine on Friday and is preparing to pilot a two-boat service on the Bremerton-Seattle route.

The Lady Swift, a 118-passenger aluminum catamaran with a service speed of 37 knots, is anticipated to enter service sometime in August. Kitsap Transit's marine crews need to complete training on it, and Kitsap Transit must complete paperwork required by the U.S. Coast Guard before it can operate the vessel for passenger service.

Lady Swift and her sistership, Reliance, were built by All American Marine of Bellingham under a \$15 million contract approved by Kitsap Transit's board last year; Reliance was delivered to Kitsap Transit in April and entered service in June.

Lady Swift and Reliance are upgraded versions of Kitsap Transit's Rich Passage 1, a prototype vessel designed by New Zealand-based Teknikraft that has been operating Kitsap Transit's Bremerton/Seattle fast-ferry service since July 2017. Lady Swift and Reliance were built with a wet exhaust instead of the dry exhaust design on Rich Passage 1 for attenuating the sound from the vessel. Lady Swift also has additional sound dampening materials that help reduce noise in the cabin.

In mid-August, Rich Passage 1 is scheduled to be taken out of service for maintenance and application of the vessel graphics that already are installed on Reliance and Lady Swift.

Once Rich Passage 1 returns to service, Reliance will be taken out of service to install sound dampening materials and complete routine maintenance work. When Reliance comes back from that service, Kitsap Transit plans to pilot a two-boat service on the Bremerton/Seattle route.

*Photos available upon request.*

#### **About Kitsap Transit**

Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.59 million riders in 2017 across a multi-modal system of routed buses, passenger ferries, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, and worker/driver buses for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

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