

Dock Work | SK rebuilding effort moving along.



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Sal Valona, right, and Aaron Cook, employees for Mason Coatings of Tacoma, pressure-wash the Southworth ferry terminal dock Thursday afternoon. The \$1.5 million rebuilding of the dock is half-finished.

Southworth Dock Work Reaches Halfway Mark

Old asphalt and timbers are being replaced.

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A state contractor is half-finished with a \$1.5 million rebuilding of the Southworth ferry terminal dock that began in late March.

Epic Construction of Bellevue striped the south half of the dock Wednesday after it was paved Tuesday.

On Thursday, a concrete barrier that divides the dock was moved a bit sideways, allowing the work on the north half to begin.

Project manager David Sowers said the first step on each half is grinding off the asphalt driving surface down to the timbers beneath it. The timbers, which were installed nearly 50 years ago when the dock was

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Halfway at Southworth

The rebuilding of the Southworth ferry dock is halfway done. Construction on the \$1.5 million project began in March, and full use of the dock is scheduled to resume in the first week of June.



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A state contractor is half-finished with the rebuilding of the Southworth ferry terminal dock, which includes replacing timbers.

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FROM A1 built in 1957, then are pried out and replaced with new wood. That is then paved and the asphalt striped. For the past month, vehicles loading and unload-

ing have used the same half of the dock. Cars waiting to board have not been able to wait on the dock as they usually would. The timbers are secured by 9-inch spikes with domed, slotted heads that screw

down into the wood and then bite into it to keep the spikes from unscrewing. The work had been planned for a few years, Sowers said. "We've had some spots on the dock in which the asphalt broke up and showed

the timbers in bad shape." Pilings under the dock are replaced as needed, he said. Only one piling is to be replaced under this contract. Full use of the dock will be restored by the first week in June, Sowers said.