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The price for cutting the com- mutes by about 70 percent, though, is about 50 percent more than the current service. The Fast Ferry will cost $12.8 billion over 30 years. The Seattle-Tacoma-Portland region will bear the entire cost.

The project has garnered support from business leaders, who say it will help attract new businesses to the region. It has also been endorsed by local elected officials, who say it will help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

The project has been controversial, with somepeople saying it is too expensive and that the region should focus on other priorities.

The Fast Ferry is scheduled to begin service in 2024.

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**U.S. official urges global action against regime**

By Reut格林

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By TIM JOHNSON

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A new passenger catamaran will make the trip in about half the time that Washington State Ferries take — at a premium price.

Kitsap Transit’s new ferry, complete with a hydrofoil design reducing drag, cruises Friday, July 7, between Bremerton and Seattle, free for the return trip, or $105.80 for a monthly service.

The new ferry is the first of its kind to offer regular service on Elliott Bay.

The ferry’s launch comes as the nation faces a transportation crisis, with traffic congestion and air pollution reaching unprecedented levels.

The ferry will operate year-round, with service running daily from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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**China shifting toward greener future**

By KIM YUK-JIN

SHENZHEN, China — A parking lot in the heart of smog-ridden southern China city, electric taxis line up in charging stalls while their drivers grab a bite in a nearby truck stop.

In southern China, electric taxis are the norm, with 30,000 sold last year for $10,000. The government has set aside $3 billion to phase in electric taxis by 2020.

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