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Why wait? Reserve now to the San Juan Islands

We began accepting vehicle reservations this week for travel in the San Juan Islands starting Jan. 5, 2015. I am happy to report that more than 1,700 reservations have already been made for this winter season. Avoid the lines and make your reservation [online](#) today.

Delays and cancellations on Edmonds/Kingston

I want to apologize to customers of the Edmonds/Kingston route for the issues that affected service on Saturday, Nov. 29, and Monday, Dec. 1. On Saturday, the terminal experienced a weather-related power outage that forced cancelled sailings. On Monday, offloading at the Edmonds terminal was delayed due to problems with the terminal bridge as well as the rudder on the *Walla Walla*. I know every minute counts when you are trying to get to your destination (especially on a hectic holiday weekend) and I felt your pain. Please know that our fleet works diligently to prevent delays and restore service when faced with challenging issues.

WSDOT senior leadership meeting

I participated in the WSDOT senior leadership meeting in Olympia this week. The emphasis was on practical design, workforce development and disadvantaged business enterprise. I appreciated the guest lecturer Pete Rahn who spoke about practical design from his diverse experience in transportation. Below is a photo of meeting participants.



Seattle waterfront

I attended the joint agency executive meeting on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the waterfront transportation projects. My job is to collaborate with key waterfront stakeholders to make sure that these world class projects are realized while maintaining access to Colman Dock during construction. I want to thank our customers for their patience and continuing to cope with the disruption.

Women in transportation event

I was fortunate to speak at the Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) event on Thursday. I shared my perspective on women leaders in the transportation industry. I am pictured below with WSF Chief Mate Marsha Morse (left) and the WTS board (right).



Camera, lights, action and WSF

WSF earns non-farebox revenue not only from paid advertising at our terminals and aboard vessels, but also by facilitating film shoots. This week, we had two film shoots at two different locations. A web-based TV series, "Munchies: Guide to Washington" filmed aboard the Port Townsend/Coupeville route and Array Health filmed aboard the Seattle/Bainbridge route. Learn more about [filming and advertising](#) with WSF.

Federal Transit Administration meeting

I met with Rick Krochalis, Federal Transit Administration Regional Administrator on Thursday afternoon. It was an introductory meeting and I look forward to working with Rick.

Customer compliment

We received a compliment this week from a customer of the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route.

Our vacation property on Lopez Island is opposite the last street light of the Lopez Island ferry terminal... We, of course, noticed that the street light was out immediately upon our arrival ... I learned from the San Juan County Public Works Department that WSF was responsible for the lights. I called WSF and was put in touch with Administrative Assistant Karen Groth in Operations... [Karen] did some research then called back to say the person she spoke with promised the light would be replaced no later than tomorrow, November 21st. My husband and I were delighted this morning when we noticed, before 7 a.m., the boom truck was across the street and the old light was being worked on. Later when we went out to thank the workman we saw the light was upgraded to an LED fixture. Now we want to thank everyone who made this repair happen and for the more efficient and illuminating light!

Finding inspiration in your commute

I want to share this Wall Street Journal article, "[Seattle Architect Alan Maskin Finds Inspiration and a Vacation in the Same Boat](#)," in hopes that it may change the way you view your commute (or perhaps mirrors what you already like about it).

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Hyperlinks within the email:

Vehicle reservations: <https://secureapps.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Reservations/Vehicle/default.aspx>

Filming and advertising: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Planning/marketing.htm

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