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Public participation continues in FAC public workshops series

This week we held Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) public workshops in four ferry-served communities. Monday we met on Bainbridge Island, Tuesday in Kingston, Wednesday on Vashon Island and yesterday we met in Friday Harbor. We continued to focus on operational and pricing strategies for the long-range plan for the ferry system. The workshop format with small group discussions has increased the opportunity for participation and I am really enjoying listening. If you have not been to one of the seven workshops already held, join us next Monday, June 30, in Bremerton or Tuesday, July 1, in Southworth. Read the workshop agenda, materials and more at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.

Seattle City Council briefing

On Monday I briefed the Seattle City Council on the ferry financing legislation work. The Council had numerous questions about Colman Dock and the effects of various operational strategies for that major terminal.

WSDOT ferry crews assist in rescue in San Juan Islands

Our fleet employees' rescue training really paid off this week when crews on the *Sealth* and *Evergreen State* came to the aid of the schooner *Adventuress*, which ran aground between Orcas and Shaw Islands on Monday. The vessel crews were able to launch rescue boats quickly and helped several passengers evacuate the grounded vessel. Other ferries staff were also instrumental in responding to this emergency, and I thank everyone for a job well done. We also want to thank our San Juan Islands customers for their patience during the service disruptions that resulted from our participation in the rescue operation.

King County Ferry District assumes cost of Vashon passenger-only service July 1

Beginning July 1, the new King County Ferry District will assume the cost of providing passenger-only ferry service between downtown Seattle and Vashon Island. This is the first step towards the ferry district taking over full operation of this route. The Washington State Department of Transportation's Ferries Division will continue to operate the route for the ferry district until July 2009. We're working closely with the ferry district for a seamless transition, and we do not expect any fare or schedule changes this year. The service will continue to operate out of Pier 50. For more information on the King County Ferry District, visit www.kingcountyferries.org. Schedule and fare information is available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site (www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries).

Ferries Division and State Patrol are ready for July 4th

This Fourth of July weekend the ferry system is providing extra service to accommodate the anticipated heavy holiday traffic, and the State Patrol will be out in force screening for customers carrying illegal fireworks. For details about extra service for your route visit the ferry system's

Web site (www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries). In the yellow news box, click on "WSDOT and State Patrol prepare for July 4th."

Next week:

- Monday, June 30
 - Meet with Puget Sound Regional Council executives
 - Meet with Marine Transportation Association of Kitsap County
 - Bremerton FAC public workshop
- Tuesday, July 1
 - Meet with Interferry CEO
 - Southworth FAC public workshop
- Wednesday, July 2
 - Meet with King County City Managers
 - Meet with CEO of American Clean Energy Systems

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

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