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Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) public workshops wrap up

FAC public workshops wrapped up last week with meetings on June 30 in Bremerton and July 1 in Southworth. In the series of nine workshops we gathered many valuable comments on operational and pricing strategies for the ferry system's long-range plan. This summer we'll be developing the initial concepts for the long-range plan, incorporating public input from the March/April and June/July public meetings. We'll return to the ferry-served communities this fall with those initial concepts, and then late in the year we'll hold public hearings before we finalize the plan for the 2009 Legislative session. Keep checking our Web site for updates:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.

Marine Transportation Association of Kitsap

On Monday, June 30, I met with the Marine Transportation Association of Kitsap. We discussed the status of Kitsap County's passenger-only fast ferry pilot program, in which they plan to run service between Bremerton and Seattle beginning next year. You can visit the association's Web site at www.mtak.org.

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)

I met with the PSRC's Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Director of Transportation Planning, and Director of Government Affairs and Communications on Monday, June 30. This was an opportunity to thank them for their help developing the ferry system's long-range plan. We also discussed other ways that our agencies can collaborate to benefit the citizens living and traveling in this region. PSRC's Web site is located at www.psrc.org.

King County City Managers

On Wednesday, July 2, I met with a group of city managers representing cities in King County. I shared information on the ferry system's long-range plan work, and how I am responding to the challenges presented to me in the past four months of managing the ferry system.

144-car *Kaleetan* returns to the San Juans

Vehicle capacity was added to the San Juan Islands route when the 144-car *Kaleetan* replaced the 90-car *Sealth* starting Friday, July 4. Several other vessels moved to different routes, including the *Walla Walla* to Bremerton. The vessel moves were originally scheduled to occur after the Fourth of July weekend but crews finished dockside work on the *Wenatchee* ahead of schedule.

Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Ferry Policy Group meeting

On Tuesday, July 8, I joined Ferries Division staff to meet with the Legislators on the JTC. We shared with them our financial needs to make the ferry system sustainable moving forward. We

also reported to them on the recent round of FAC public workshops, and representatives from the FACs gave a presentation on the public outreach they are involved in.

Also in this meeting, the JTC's consultant, John Boylston, presented a report in which he reviewed the Island Home ferry design. He concluded that the characteristics of this ferry make it extremely well-suited to serve the Port Townsend/Keystone route, and he supported the ferry system's decision to build vessels based on this design. To find a link to his full report online, please visit our Port Townsend/Keystone route ferries Web page at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/NewVessel/ptk.

Next week:

- Wednesday, July 16
 - Suburban Cities Association -Transportation Panel
www.suburbancities.org
- Friday, July 18
 - Propeller Club Plaque Presentation
www.propellerclubhq.com

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