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**This week:**

- Ferry Financing Legislative Work
- Bremerton City Council Briefing
- Eagle Harbor Network Upgrade
- Washington State Fire Commission
- Budget Update

**Ferry Financing Legislative Work.** I met with the Washington State Transportation Commission subcommittee, Joint Transportation Committee workgroup, Local Agency Review Team and Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council to discuss the progress of current work in support of the ferry financing legislation. This week we also wrapped up the summaries from the nine public workshops held in June/July, which are available online at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm> (see left side bar on Web page). Again, I really appreciate the communities for coming out to the meetings and providing us with valuable feedback.

**Bremerton City Council Briefing.** On Wednesday night I met with the Bremerton City Council and briefed them on the ferry financing legislative work, new vessels, and the budget challenges currently facing the system. I have enjoyed my many meetings with local governments and city councils and I hope they continue. If a city or county council would like a briefing, please let me know by replying to this e-mail or calling 206-515-3411.

**Eagle Harbor Network Upgrade.** A new network infrastructure for the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility was completed Wednesday after a round-the-clock 30 hour installation. I appreciate the effort from both WSDOT headquarters in Olympia and Ferries for providing this upgrade seamlessly. The new technology brings the maintenance facility up to current standards and increases the efficiency and reliability of their services to keep our fleet and terminals operating.

**Washington State Fire Commission.** On Monday, I met with the Washington State Fire Commission to discuss the history and status of the Fire Protection Service Agreements with various fire districts serving our terminals, as well as the Washington State Administrative Code (WAC) rule that establishes priority loading on the ferries for fire and police vehicles based on Vashon Island and the San Juan Islands. To address the Fire Commissioners' concern over the high cost of ferry travel for emergency vehicles, and as a counterpart to the priority loading rule, Ferries' offered to pursue a WAC rule that would provide free ferry passage for fire and police vehicles from any jurisdiction that are enroute to and from an emergency call-out.

**Budget Update.** We are working towards completion of the 2009-2011 budget submittal. We are also facing challenges with the current budget given increasing fuel prices and decreasing revenues. I continue to look at ways to "tighten the belt" at ferries wherever possible.

**Next week:**

- Kingston ferry traffic discussion with Kitsap County Commissioner Steve Bauer
- Steel Electric Class Ferries eBay sale update

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