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Mukilteo Transfer Span

On July 30, during the peak commute period, the bearings in the hoist on the transfer span at the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal failed. This meant that we could not load or unload vehicles at Mukilteo for approximately four hours. I want to say how much I appreciated the patience of our customers during this disruption. I also applaud the efforts by ferry operations and the crews of the *Kittitas* and *Cathlamet* to start service between Edmonds and Clinton and the Eagle Harbor maintenance crew's quick turn around on repair of the transfer span. Thankfully we resumed normal schedule at approximately 9:30 p.m. that evening.

Steel Electric Class Ferries Bid Closure

There were no bidders at the close of the eBay auction for the Steel Electric Class ferries on Saturday. A few interested parties have inspected the vessels and expressed an interest in buying all four at a lower, non-disclosed price. Assuming General Administration grants such authority; we would contract vessel brokers and private firms/individuals on our interested parties list, and advise that WSF will consider all offers that are submitted.

Commissioner Bauer Meeting

On Tuesday, I met with Kitsap County Commissioner Bauer, Kitsap County Public Works and some members from the community to listen to their concerns about ferry traffic in Kingston and discuss possible solutions. We talked about the potential positive impacts of a reservations system on this route matched with some street improvements to help improve traffic circulation.

Fall Sailing Schedule

We are developing the fall sailing schedule, which begins September 28. We have been talking with members of the Ferry Advisory Committee in some of our communities and trying to make adjustments where possible. The schedule will be publicly available on our website in the next couple of weeks.

Next week:

- Meeting with Congressman Jay Inslee
- Meeting with U.S. Coast Guard

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