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This Week:

- Governor Gregoire's cost saving measures
- *Elwha*'s propulsion control cooling system
- Conversations with state and federal legislators
- U.S. Coast Guard

Governor Gregoire's cost saving measures

On Wednesday, Governor Gregoire set the stage for the need to cut costs at WSDOT. The ferry system is on the right path to support her measures. We have already begun focusing on cost savings in the areas of right-sizing the organization and the rising costs of fuel.

***Elwha* propulsion control cooling system**

On Wednesday afternoon, the 90-car *Sealth* replaced the 144-car *Elwha* on the Anacortes-San Juan Islands route, so the *Elwha* could undergo necessary repairs. Earlier in the day, the *Elwha* temporarily lost steering due to a problem with the propulsion control cooling system. The vessel resumed use of the propulsion system on one end and was able to make it to Anacortes under its own power. Crews are working overtime to return the *Elwha* to service as soon as possible. I appreciate the patience of our customers and apologize for the inconvenience.

Conversations with state and federal legislators

I met with three legislators this week to talk about current issues facing the ferry system, including the ferry financing studies and the long-range planning process.

U.S. Coast Guard

On Thursday, I witnessed the change of command at the U.S. Coast Guard Seattle Sector from Captain Metruck to Captain Englebert. I have appreciated my working relationship with the USCG and I look forward to it continuing. To assist in this regard, I have set up monthly meetings between the USCG and the WSDOT Ferries Division.

Next Week:

- Google transit goes live
- Public meeting dates for September and October

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