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**This week:**

- Meeting with City of Seattle representatives
- Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council
- Joint Transportation Committee Ferry Policy Group
- U.S. Coast Guard meeting
- Steel Electrics Class Vessels
- New Deputy Chief of Finance and Administration

**Meeting with City of Seattle representatives**

On Monday I met with representatives from the City of Seattle to discuss progress on the ferry financing work and the possibility of a reservations system for routes coming into Colman Dock. They responded positively to the idea of a reservations system, specifically the positive impact it may have on lessening backups on Alaskan Way. All in all, the reservations concept is gaining support throughout ferry-served communities, as the success of the Port Townsend/Keystone pilot reservations program becomes more widely known.

**Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)**

I met with KRCC for the second time on Tuesday. I provided an overall update on the ferry system and answered questions.

**Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Ferry Policy Group**

On Wednesday I attended the JTC Ferry Policy Group meeting in Olympia. We reported on revenue shortfalls and key operational strategies for the long-range plan. You can download the Ferries presentation at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm#JTCmaterials](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm#JTCmaterials).

**U.S. Coast Guard meeting**

Today I will meet with leadership at the U.S. Coast Guard to discuss ongoing coordination issues. This is the first of a series of recurring meetings between WSF and the USCG to build on our shared commitment to collaboration and communication.

**Steel Electric Class Vessels**

We have received multiple proposals for the purchase of one or more of our Steel Electric Class vessels and we are in the process of reviewing offers. We expect to enter into direct negotiations with potential buyers (individuals or vessel brokers). Since this is a "negotiation process" and not a formal competitive process, we cannot identify the list of proposers or possible purchase amounts until after we review all offers and make a decision.

**New Deputy Chief of Finance and Administration**

I am very happy to announce that after an extensive statewide executive search, I have decided to hire Jean Baker to the position of Deputy Chief of Finance and Administration for the WSDOT Ferries Division. This position is crucial to managing the future financial stability of the ferry system, and Jean's role will be pivotal in helping us establish a sustainable future. Jean has an extensive background in both public and private finance, having served as vice-president of Seattle-Northwest Securities and previously as Finance Director for King County Metro. Jean's position is a critical deputy role that needed to be filled in order to carry us forward and to provide

the essential support I need to be able to focus on broad strategic direction for WSF. Jean begins work at WSF on Monday, September 15, 2008.

**Next week:**

- Vashon Transportation Committee meeting
- Seattle Community Development Roundtable
- Kitsap County Transportation Commission meeting
- Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly).

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