



September 19, 2008

This week:

- Vashon Community Council Transportation Committee Meeting
- Seattle Community Development Roundtable
- Washington State Transportation Commission Meeting in Bremerton
- Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization Meeting in Port Hadlock
- Meeting with the Pierce County Ferry System
- Upcoming Public Meetings

Vashon Community Council Transportation Committee Meeting

I had a productive meeting on Monday with representatives of the Vashon Ferry Advisory Committee and Vashon-Maury Island Transportation Committee. They presented their issues and concerns regarding the ferry system's long-range planning process and we reviewed our key operational strategies being considered for the draft long-range plan.

Seattle Community Development Roundtable

The Seattle Community Development Roundtable is a group of former elected officials and civic leaders. I was the guest speaker at their weekly meeting on Monday. It was a chance for me to share the challenges and opportunities at the ferry system, and to elicit their support in developing strategies and approaches that will provide financial sustainability for the future of the system.

Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) Meeting in Bremerton

On Tuesday, Planning Director Ray Deardorf and I presented information on the financial situation of the ferry system and the operational strategies being considered for the long-range plan. The WSTC is partnering with us to provide resources to the State Legislature regarding the future of the ferry system. The WSTC is conducting and analyzing customer surveys and identifying potential dedicated revenue sources for the ferry system.

Meeting with the Pierce County Ferry System

We had an opportunity to meet with our partners from Pierce County on Thursday. We are thankful for their continued support of the ferry system and use of the *Steilacoom II*. We discussed scheduling and service scenarios moving forward until construction of new vessels for the Port Townsend/Keystone route is completed.

Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) Meeting in Port Hadlock

Today, Ray Deardorf and I met with the PRTPO, a group of community leaders from Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason counties. We presented information on our financial situation and operational strategies that will be considered in the long-range planning process.

Mark your calendars – Upcoming Public Meetings

We are hosting a series of nine Ferry Advisory Committee public meetings, beginning next week in Bremerton and Edmonds, where we will present the latest information on the development of the ferry system's long-range plan. We received valuable public comments during the last round of meetings in June and July, and will look to our ferry-served communities again for feedback as we work towards a draft long-range plan due out in mid-November. Next week's meetings are as follows:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.**
Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside, 100 Washington Avenue,
Bremerton.
- **Thursday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
South County Senior Center, 220 Railroad Avenue, Edmonds.

Visit the WSDOT Ferries Division's Ferry Financing Legislation Web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm#Fall2008mtgs for a complete listing of meeting dates.

Next Week

- Regional Smart Card Coordination meeting

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