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This week:

- Public meetings
- Sale of Steel Electric Class ferries and passenger-only ferries
- Point Defiance/Tahlequah route
- Regional transit card

Public meetings

Thanks to everyone who participated in the public meetings held Wednesday in Bremerton and Thursday in Edmonds. We appreciate the comments received. All meeting times, locations and materials are available online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm/. I encourage people to attend one of the seven remaining public meetings, including Bainbridge Island next week:

- Thursday, October 2, 6:30-9 p.m., Bainbridge Island Commons, 402 Brien Drive.

Sale of Steel Electric Class ferries and passenger-only ferries

We formally accepted Environmental Recycling Systems' (ERS') offer to purchase all four Steel Electric Class vessels. ERS' purchase offer is \$500,000 for the ferries, plus ten percent of the recycling revenue. The vessels will be removed by ERS within 45 days of the closing sale.

We have received an offer to purchase the two passenger-only ferries, *Chinook* and *Snohomish* from Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District out of San Francisco. This offer is under review and I will have more information to share next week.

Point Defiance/Tahlequah route

The Point Defiance/Tahlequah route will be served by the 34-car *Hiyu* for approximately one month while the 48-car *Rhododendron* is loaned to Pierce County while the county's vessel is in drydock. There have been two runs added mid-day, while the route is being served by a lower capacity vessel. In addition, we are working with Tacoma Metro Park District to see if free parking may be provided for walk-on passengers.

Regional transit card

On Thursday, I attended a meeting about the development of the new transit pass that will be used to pay for bus, train, and ferry transit in the Puget Sound region. I am excited about what this system will offer our 24-million annual ferry riders. It is set to launch in spring 2009.

Next week:

- Attend Thursday, Oct. 2 public meeting on Bainbridge Island
- Brief Kingston Community Council
- Meet with federal legislator
- Attend Western Regional Passenger Vessel Association Conference in Bellevue

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