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- Meeting with San Juan County Council
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I had a very full week of public meetings this week, which included Vashon Island, Mukilteo, Anacortes and Southworth. Thanks to all the community members, legislators, transportation commissioners and everyone who participated in these nine public meetings over the past four weeks. Thanks also to the Ferries staff who coordinated and gave presentations at the meetings. The comments we gathered at these meetings will be very helpful as we develop the draft long-range plan for the ferry system, which we will present to the public late this year.

You can now view videos from the public meetings on our Web site:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm. We will post notes from the meetings on our Web site by the end of October.

Meeting with Senator Patty Murray

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, I met with Senator Patty Murray. We discussed three key issues: 1) federal transportation legislation, 2) the potential for an economic stimulus package, and 3) the status of our vessel procurement. I very much appreciate Senator Murray's continued support for the ferry system.

Meeting with King County Councilmember

I met with a King County Councilmember on Tuesday, Oct. 14. We discussed the potential for gathering support for the ferry finance study and long-range plan from local elected officials who live on the east side of Puget Sound.

Meeting with San Juan County Council

Before the Anacortes public meeting on Wednesday, I met with the San Juan County Council to discuss some overall ferry system issues and specifically how those issues affect the San Juan Islands. We talked about funding, fares, new vessels, service plans, reservations, and several other concerns.

Point Defiance/Tahlequah service disruption

We temporarily shut down service on the Point Defiance/Tahlequah route midday on Wednesday because crews discovered an electrical problem with the steering on the *Hiyu*. I apologize to our customers for this service disruption, and thank you for your patience. I was very proud of our employees who helped get the vessel repaired just in time for the beginning of the evening commute, as well as those who coordinated the efforts and kept customers and staff informed.

Next week:

- Monthly meeting with U.S. Coast Guard Captain Englebert
- Port Townsend/Keystone Partnership Group meeting
- Meeting with Bremerton commuters, FAC members and Legislators

- Skagit and Island County Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting
- Catholic Seamen's Club Award Luncheon
- Meet with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

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