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This Week:

- Port Townsend/Keystone Partnership Meeting
- Meet-n-Greet Bremerton Commuters
- Briefed Skagit and Island County RTPO
- Attended Catholic Seamen's Club Award Luncheon
- Meeting with MEC Commissioner Swanson
- Selection of Terminal Engineering Director
- Meeting with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
- Meeting with U.S. Coast Guard

Port Townsend/Keystone Partnership Meeting

On Tuesday, I had a useful meeting with the Port Townsend/Keystone Partnership. We covered a range of topics, including *Steilacoom II* maintenance requirements and drydock schedule and procurement of the new 64-auto ferries. I continue to appreciate our partnership with these communities that are affected by the temporarily reduced service.

Meet-N-Greet Bremerton Commuters

I enjoyed speaking with many commuters on the Seattle/Bremerton route Tuesday evening when I met two sailings arriving at Bremerton and hosted a "question and answer" session at the Harborside Conference Center. I was joined by my staff who distributed surveys in an effort to learn from ferry riders how Ferries can better develop a response plan and schedule for future emergencies and service reductions.

Skagit and Island County RTPO Meeting

On Wednesday, I spoke to the Skagit and Island County Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) regarding priorities for the ferry system, ferry financing legislation and the development of the long-range plan.

Catholic Seamen's Club Award Luncheon

I attended the Catholic Seamen's Club Award Luncheon on Thursday as they honored four ferry system employees, Millard Standley, Greg Allie, Keely Parson and Jeff Clark, for their participation in rescuing two at-risk sailors near Port Townsend on Sept. 22. I would like to also acknowledge Captain Paul Bellesen and the entire crew of the *Steilacoom II* for assisting in this rescue effort.

Meeting with MEC Commissioner Swanson

On Thursday, I met with Commissioner John Swanson, Chair of the Marine Employees' Commission. We had a useful discussion about improving management / labor relations.

Selection of Terminal Engineering Director

I am very pleased to announce that we have hired the new Ferries Division Terminal Engineering Director, Tim Smith. Tim began his career with WSDOT in 1979 and has spent the majority of his tenure delivering construction projects and leading the regional materials lab in the Northwest Region. Tim was selected for his demonstrated ability to serve at a senior executive support level, his budget experience and his commitment to the principles of accountability, project delivery and communications.

Meeting with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Director

This morning I met with Dennis McLerran, Director of the PSCAA. The purpose of our discussion was to talk about potential strategies to reduce air emissions from our fleet.

Meeting with U.S. Coast Guard

This afternoon I will meet with U.S. Coast Guard Captain Suzanne Englebert. This is our monthly coordination meeting and it gives us an opportunity to discuss issues concerning both organizations. Topics for today's discussion include vessel maintenance, drydocking schedules and crew endurance.

Next Weekly Update – Nov 7

There will be no weekly update next week as I will be on annual leave. The next Weekly Update will occur Nov. 7. Thanks for your patience.

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

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