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Island Home Design / 64-car ferry contract bid opening

Bids open on the 64-auto ferry next week on Thursday, Nov. 13. After a period of bid evaluation, WSDOT will make a final contract award and issue a notice to proceed.

Recycling Program

Recently there has been some news coverage regarding the ferry system's recycling program. After personally checking on the matter, I can report that we are committed to recycling and that we are actively improving our monitoring program. The expectation is that all employees are placing recyclables in the correct containers. In fact, we recycle over 3,000 pounds of material from Colman Dock each week.

Public Comment Summaries

Public comment summaries from the September / October public meetings are available online at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm>.

Crew Endurance

In August, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) directed WSDOT Ferries Division to improve crew endurance by reducing the number of hours some employees work in a 24-hour period. I have participated in many meetings on this topic in recent weeks. I can report that we are having constructive conversations with our bargaining unit partners and the U.S. Coast Guard to reach resolution.

Commendable efforts of Point Defiance terminal staff and crew of the Rhododendron

Yesterday evening, the Point Defiance terminal staff and crew of the Rhododendron rescued a female passenger from a vehicle that inadvertently drove down a public boat ramp and into the water, just east of the terminal. I thank everyone involved in the rescue operation for their courage and professionalism. We also want to thank our customers for their patience during the 35 minute service delay caused by the rescue.

Next week:

- USCG Captain Englebert monthly meeting
- Meeting with USCG Commander 13th Dist. Adm. John Currier
- Annual luncheon at Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility
- Quarterly managers meeting

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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