



Nov. 21, 2008

**This week:**

- Draft long-range plan
- WSTC subcommittee meeting
- Seattle/Bremerton route security threat
- Norwegian Public Roads Administration Meeting

**Draft long-range plan**

On Monday, I met with the Joint Transportation Committee Ferry Policy Group to brief them on the draft ESHB 2358 service and investment plan. Because of the additional work needed to refine the alternatives, the draft plan will not be available until Friday, Dec. 19. This means that the public hearings on the draft plan, originally planned for early December, will now be held the first two weeks of January 2009. We are in the process of scheduling and will advertise dates the first week of December. For current information on the ferry financing legislation and development of the draft long-range plan, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358).

**WSTC subcommittee meeting**

I met with representatives from the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) to discuss the development of our respective work on the ferry financing legislation. We had a fruitful discussion about the WSTC's financing work and the progress of the ferry system's draft long-range plan.

**Seattle/Bremerton route security threat**

On Tuesday, the Ferries Division, in coordination with Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) responded to a reported security threat against the *Hyak*. Service on the route was suspended from approximately 12:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for security sweeps on the vessel and at the Bremerton Terminal by the WSP and USCG. WSP canine teams conducted a complete sweep of the vessel and did not find anything suspicious. I appreciate the efforts of the WSP, USCG and ferry staff and I would like to thank our customers for their patience during this service disruption.

**Norwegian Public Roads Administration Meeting**

Today we welcomed the Norwegian Public Roads Administration to the state of Washington for briefing on our Biodiesel Research and Demonstration Project and a meeting at our office in Seattle. The Norwegian Public Roads Administration is responsible for the planning and construction of the Norwegian national and county road networks. They also grant subsidies for ferry operations. It was a pleasure sharing ideas and discussing transportation issues with them.

**Next week:**

- Attend all Unions meeting
- Meet with City of Bainbridge Island Mayor
- There will be no Weekly Update next week due to the Thanksgiving Holidays. The next Weekly Update will go out Friday, Dec. 5.

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly).

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