



Dec. 5, 2008

This week:

- Draft long-range plan update and January public hearing dates
- New Terminal Engineering Director
- System-wide service adjustments
- New ferry on way for Port Townsend/Keystone route
- Meeting with Federal Transit Administration
- Bremerton community briefing

Draft long-range plan update and January public hearing dates

All Ferries Division departments are working extremely hard to support the development of the long-range plan for the ferry system. The draft plan is scheduled to be released on Friday, Dec. 19 for public review and comment. We have scheduled public hearings for January in ferry communities around the Sound to collect input. Please mark your calendar:

- Mon., Jan. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Port Townsend/Keystone – Pope Marine Building, 100 Madison St., Port Townsend.
- Tue., Jan. 6, 6-8 p.m., Clinton/Mukilteo – Useless Bay Golf Club, 5725 South Country Club Drive, Langley.
- Wed., Jan. 7, 6-8 p.m., Vashon Island – McMurray Middle School, 9329 SW Cemetery Rd., Vashon Island.
- Thurs., Jan. 8, 6-8 p.m., Bremerton/Seattle – Kitsap Conference Center, Harborside, 100 Wash. Ave., Bremerton.
- Mon., Jan. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Southworth – South Colby Elementary, 3281 Banner Rd. SE, Port Orchard.
- Tue., Jan. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bainbridge Island/Seattle – Commons, 402 Brien Dr., Bainbridge Island.
- Wed., Jan. 14, 6-8 p.m., Kingston/Edmonds – Yacht Club 25915 Wash. Blvd., Kingston.
- Thurs., Jan. 15, 11:40 a.m.-2:40 p.m., aboard San Juan Inter-Island Ferry.
- Thurs., Jan. 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Anacortes – Fidalgo Senior Center, 1701 22nd St.
- Wed., Jan. 21, 6-8 p.m., Fauntleroy – Hall at Fauntleroy, 9131 California SW, Seattle.

New Terminal Engineering Director

We welcomed the new Terminal Engineering Director Tim Smith this month. Tim began his career with WSDOT in 1979, spending the majority of his tenure delivering construction projects and leading the regional materials lab in the Northwest Region. He has an extensive project design background and most recently served in the programming and budget arena at WSDOT headquarters in Olympia.

System-wide service adjustments

To complete planned vessel maintenance and inspections, we will make service adjustments on the Seattle/Bremerton and Edmonds/Kingston routes starting the third week of December. Upcoming planned service changes:

- Seattle/Bremerton – The 124-car Kitsap will return to the Seattle/Bremerton route starting the third week of December, this will restore the route to its regular capacity and will free the 144-car Hyak to serve on the Edmonds/Kingston route while the 188-car Walla Walla rotates out of service for routine maintenance.
- Edmonds/Kingston – The Hyak will move to the Edmonds/Kingston route starting the third week of December, when the Walla Walla is scheduled to be out of service for routine maintenance for

two weeks. This is a service reduction of 44 vehicles compared to the route's normal fall/winter capacity.

For more information visit: www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/2008/12/Vesselmoves_120208.

New ferry on way for Port Townsend/Keystone route

On Monday, we announced the award of a contract to Todd Pacific Shipyards to build one 64-auto ferry. Todd Shipyards submitted a \$65.5 million bid last month to build one 64-auto ferry. I greatly appreciate the efforts of the Port Townsend and Keystone communities, state lawmakers and Todd Shipyards to get a new vessel into construction. For more information on the new vessel program, please visit: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/NewVessel/.

Meeting with Federal Transit Administration

On Tuesday, I met with FTA Region 10 Administrator Rick Krochalis and his staff. We discussed many topics including federal grants and the long-range planning process for the Ferries Division.

Bremerton community briefing

On Tuesday, I met with representatives from the City Council and community members at a district meeting in Bremerton. We discussed the draft-long range plan and emergency service plans for the Bremerton community in the event of unplanned service reductions

Next Week:

I will be in Olympia for WSDOT's overall organizational review.

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

To unsubscribe, reply to this message with "unsubscribe" in the subject of the e-mail.