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- Extensive work on draft long-range plan
- WSDOT Organizational Review
- WSDOT Statewide Environmental Managers' Meeting

Ferries introduces new Wi-Fi provider

Boingo Wireless took over as the Wi-Fi internet provider for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Ferries Division on Monday, Dec. 8. Boingo is currently working with former Wi-Fi provider, Parsons, on customer billing issues during the service transition. Customers who previously had a Wi-Fi account will need to start a new account with Boingo, which is offering special pricing for customers who had service with Parsons. New accounts will include access to Boingo's network of more than 100,000 Wi-Fi locations worldwide, including 11 Ferries Division terminals and 15 vessels. Visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/ to learn more.

Extensive work on draft long-range plan

All Ferries Division departments continue to work hard to support the development of the draft long-range plan as we near the public release on Friday, Dec. 19 and the start of public hearings on Monday, Jan. 5. We are holding 10 public hearings in ferry served communities, and encourage everyone to attend and comment on the draft long-range plan. Visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358 for a complete list of dates, times and locations.

WSDOT Organizational Review

I, along with WSDOT executives and managers from throughout the state, convened in Olympia this past week for an organizational review. Discussions were productive as we looked at ways to improve the overall efficiency of the agency.

WSDOT Statewide Environmental Managers' Meeting

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, WSDOT Environmental Managers met at Ferries headquarters in Seattle. I briefed them on ferry financing legislation, development of the draft long-range plan, and priorities for the ferry system moving forward.

Next week:

- Public release of draft long-range plan – Dec. 19
- Propeller Club Luncheon
- Meeting with Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

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