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This Week:

- Reflecting on the past year
- South Whidbey Island community meeting
- Senate and House Transportation Committees Presentation
- Meeting with Port of Everett
- Meeting with bargaining units

Reflecting on the past year

On March 1, I reached my one year anniversary at WSF. I have enjoyed and appreciated the challenges and everyone's hard work to restore public trust and confidence in WSF. We have reached four key milestones during the last year, including:

- Issuing a draft long-range plan through 2030, the culmination of the ferry financing legislated work
- Improving the maintenance practices for the fleet
- Moving new vessels towards construction
- Improving communications with ferry-served communities

My focus for 2009 will be on delivery. We have done a tremendous amount of leg work on several fronts and now we are poised to produce real change, including:

- Continuing to work hand-in-hand with Todd Shipyards on delivery of the 64-auto ferry
- Finalizing the long-range plan following the 2009 legislative session and begin to implement adaptive management strategies from the plan
- Ensuring top-quality customer service
- Continuing to maintain a reliable fleet during very challenging vessel availability

I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of making this past year successful and rewarding.

South Whidbey Island community meeting

On Saturday, I attended a meeting held by Representative Norma Smith on the proposed vehicle reservations in WSF's Draft Long-Range Plan. We received direction during the 2007 legislative session to look at vehicle reservations as part of a larger review of new operational strategies to make better use of our existing assets. I recognize that some of our customers are apprehensive about how a vehicle reservations system may work. I would like to assure communities and customers alike that a vehicle reservations system, if approved by the Legislature, would be designed on a route-by-route basis and would be implemented based on public dialogue with the users of the route. Public feedback is a critical component of making a vehicle reservations system successful. The proposed vehicle reservations system in the draft plan is an option for consideration this legislative session and the plan will not be finalized until after it is reviewed and decisions are made by lawmakers. For more information on vehicle reservations in the draft plan visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358>. I appreciate hearing from community members and answering their questions.

Senate and House Transportation Committees Presentation

On Monday, March 2, the Joint Transportation Committee's consultant, Cedar River Group, presented their recommendations based on a review of WSF's draft long-range plan. The consultant concurred with WSF on many levels and I appreciated the opportunity to respond to

the recommendations and highlighted the collaboration between WSF and the JTC consultant. In my presentation, I emphasized the importance of building new ferries – sooner rather than later – as customers and communities on several congested routes need the additional vehicle capacity.

Meeting with Port of Everett

On Thursday, I met with Port of Everett Executive Director John Mohr regarding the status of the terminal project at Mukilteo. We discussed how the project relates to WSF's Draft Long-Range Plan and decisions to be made by lawmakers this legislative session. I also appreciated the opportunity to get an update from the Port on their activities.

Meeting with bargaining units

Today, I met again with union representatives. We discussed cost efficiencies already underway at WSF and additional ideas for how to improve measures. I anticipate sending a report to the Governor on cost efficiencies in the near future.

Next Week:

- Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Society of Port Engineers meeting
- WSTC subcommittee meeting
- All bargaining units meeting

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