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This Week:

- Legislative Session Update
- Update on Steel Electric Vessels Sale
- WSF and Todd Pacific Shipyards Coordination Meeting
- Senate Transportation Committee

Legislative Session Update

The House released their proposed budget this week. It provides funding for the purchase of three 64-auto ferries to be delivered in 2010, 2011 and 2012; and begins construction of two 144-auto ferries in 2014, with delivery expected in 2016 and 2018. Similar to the Senate's proposed budget, it focuses resources on vessel construction and begins funding for a vehicle reservations program. You can read the House budget online at <http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/2009/ht0911p.asp>. The House and Senate will work together next week on resolving the budget.

Update on Steel Electric Vessels Sale

WSF met with Environmental Recycling Systems (ERS) on Tuesday, March 31. ERS committed to submitting new proposals for purchase of the Steel Electrics next week. One ERS proposal will be to scrap the vessels; the other will be to move the vessels for operation outside of the U.S. Both proposals are expected to involve prompt removal of the vessels from the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility. We are also in discussions with Managing Green as a proposer, as they seek to secure moorage locations for the vessels.

WSF and Todd Pacific Shipyards Coordination Meeting

Representatives from WSF met with Todd Pacific Shipyards on Thursday to discuss progress on the 64-auto ferry. Although vessel engineers are in contact with the shipyard regularly, executives from WSF meet with Todd Shipyards monthly to resolve any potential issues and to discuss progress. We greatly appreciate these meetings and look forward to continuing to work with Todd Pacific Shipyards.

Senate Transportation Committee

On Monday, I attended the Senate Transportation Committee meeting on EHB 2044, which directs WSF to propose a comprehensive incident and accident investigation policy. WSF supports the amended bill and I appreciated the opportunity to testify.

Next Week:

- Meeting with WSDOT HQ

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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