



May 1, 2009

This Week:

- Mukilteo City and Everett Port Commission Meeting
- Murray Press Conference/Reauthorization Bill
- Meetings with Federal Legislators
- Hood Canal Bridge closed – make vehicle reservations now!
- Seattle/Bainbridge Island Feature

Mukilteo City and Everett Port Commission Meeting

On Monday evening, I met with the City of Mukilteo and the Everett Port Commission to discuss the future of the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal. WSF was directed by the Legislature this session to do archaeological and environmental work to determine if relocating the terminal is feasible, and to pursue federal funds. We have already begun applying for federal funding from different sources.

Murray Press Conference/Reauthorization Bill

On Wednesday, April 29, I was with U.S. Senator Patty Murray when she announced the introduction of the U.S. Ferry Systems Investment Act of 2009 at a press conference in Washington, D.C. I very much appreciate the leadership of Senators Murray and Murkowski and Congressman Larsen to introduce this bill that would almost triple the amount of funding for ferry systems nationwide.

Meetings with Federal Legislators

While in Washington D.C. I met with Congressmen Inslee, Dicks, Larsen, and staff from Senator Cantwell's office. I provided an update on the Washington state legislative session, and reviewed the reauthorization and federal stimulus projects we are applying for.

Hood Canal Bridge closed – make vehicle reservations now!

The six-week Hood Canal Bridge closure began early this morning, May 1. My staff has been working hard to ensure that temporary ferry service and our existing routes are ready to go. We are providing passenger water shuttle service from South Point to Lofall in Jefferson and Kitsap Counties respectively. The water shuttle is free and will cross every 30 minutes from 4 a.m.-11 p.m. throughout the closure.

Beginning Sunday, May 3, WSF is offering an evening Edmonds/Port Townsend sailing Sundays-Thursdays. Advance reservations are required for all commercial vehicles and must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Advance vehicle reservations are strongly recommended for passenger vehicles and can be made day of. Vehicle reservations for this route are available only by phone by calling 5-1-1 from 7 a.m.-5:45 p.m. daily.

Another travel option is the Port Townsend/Keystone route. Customers planning to take their vehicles on this route in May should make their reservations now. Vehicle reservations are expected to fill up with the Bridge Closure, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and the Port Townsend Rhododendron Festival all happening this month. Customers can make vehicle reservations for this route online (www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries), by calling 5-1-1 between 7 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. (expanded hours to meet increased demand), or by visiting participating businesses or visitor centers in Port Townsend and on Whidbey Island. Vehicle reservations are already full for all sailings today and many sailings Saturday and Sunday.

Seattle/Bainbridge Island Feature

The Seattle/Bainbridge route was featured in a recent article in *Budget Travel Magazine*, which you can find online at <http://www.budgettravel.com>.

Next Week:

- Meeting with Bainbridge Island Mayor Kordonowy
- FAC Executive Council meeting
- Annual Staff Chief Engineers meeting

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