



May 22, 2009

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- U.S. Coast Guard Meeting
- Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation
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- Additional Vehicle Holding at Mukilteo
- June Public Meetings
- 2009 Governor's Award for Leadership in Management

Plan Ahead for Memorial Day Weekend

We all enjoy a three day weekend, but Memorial Day weekend also means traffic backups on Friday afternoon and evening, westbound, and again on Monday, eastbound, as travelers return home. Customers should make their plans now, arrive early for their sailings, and be prepared for extra wait time at the terminals. The following routes will be on holiday schedule on Monday, May 25: Point Defiance/Tahlequah; Seattle/Bainbridge Island; Edmonds/Kingston; and Mukilteo/Clinton. For more ferry system information, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

U.S. Coast Guard Meeting

On Monday, I met with USCG Captain Englebert to discuss collaboration on many fronts. Our relationship with the USCG is vital and we value the monthly meetings to review topics of mutual interest.

Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation

I was pleased to speak at the SCCIT breakfast on Tuesday morning. I reviewed the outcome of the 2009 legislative session with an emphasis on issues relevant to Snohomish County. I appreciated the opportunity to be part of the panel, which also included Sound Transit, Community Transit and the City of Lynnwood.

Edmonds City Council Meeting

On Tuesday night, I presented to the Edmonds City Council on the outcome of legislative session and next steps for WSF. We talked specifically about the legislated vehicle reservations pre-design report and the strong likelihood that Edmonds/Kingston may be the first route to pilot new vehicle reservations technology, if approved by the Legislature in 2010.

Additional Vehicle Holding at Mukilteo

On Thursday we opened 12 new lanes (approximately 100 additional car spaces) at the Mukilteo ferry terminal. This will bring the total vehicle holding spaces to 200 and should reduce backups on SR 525 during peak commute periods by approximately a half mile. Just in time for Memorial Day weekend!

June Public Meetings

The public meeting schedule and agenda is now available online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/commuter_updates/index.cfm?fuseaction=pub_meetings. Topics that I will cover include: recap of 2009 legislative session and issues moving forward; steps to finalize WSF long-range plan; vehicle reservations pre-design report; and tariff process and schedule. The first public meeting is on June 1 at the Kitsap Conference Center in Bremerton from 6:30-8:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you at one of the nine public meetings in June!

2009 Governor's Award for Leadership in Management

I was honored to receive the Governor's award for Leadership in Management on Tuesday afternoon. This award recognizes the great work of everyone at the ferry system during the last year to make great strides forward as an organization – thank you!

Next Week

- Due to Memorial Day weekend and annual leave, there will no weekly e-mail. The next e-mail will be Friday, June 5.

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