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More new ferries in the works

Last Friday, August 7, we took another step forward to improve our ferry fleet with the advertisement of a contract to build at least two new 64-car ferries. WSF awarded a \$65.5 million contract to Todd Pacific Shipyards in December 2008 to build one 64-car ferry, which is scheduled to be delivered in summer 2010. WSF is building a total of four new ferries in the next five years to replace some of its aging fleet. For more information, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/2009/08/7_wsdot-seeks-bids-for-ferries and www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries

Vehicle reservations pre-design report

Earlier this week, we published a webpage to share the latest information on the development of the vehicle reservations pre-design report, including information on our monthly meetings with the Edmonds/Kingston Partnership Group. Please follow our progress at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations

Bon voyage to the Steel Electric ferries

On Friday, August 7, the 1927-built *Nisqually* and *Quinault* Steel Electric ferries were towed away from WSF's Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility. They are destined for a non-stop trip to Ensenada, Mexico, where they will be recycled. The two remaining Steel Electric ferries, the *Illahee* and *Klickitat*, are scheduled to depart today in the early evening.

Next Week:

- Monthly meeting with the U.S. Coast Guard
- Edmonds/Kingston Vehicle Reservations Partnership Meeting
- Vashon Chamber of Commerce Briefing

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