



August 28, 2009

### **This Week**

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### **Bainbridge Ferry Terminal Art Installation**

Last Saturday WSF welcomed members of the community at the opening of a new public art installation provided by the Bainbridge Arts and Humanities Council at the ferry terminal. Bainbridge Island resident Gregory Glynn has created an installation called "Tracing the Depths" for the pedestrian walkway using sound, photography and text. It is a multi-media collage of information that aims to connect passengers with the marine environment beneath them as they travel on the ferry. I hope customers and community alike enjoy the exhibit.

### **64-car ferry progress photos**

We have some exciting photos of the 64-car ferry construction available at [www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157621006556309/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157621006556309/). To read more about the construction of the new ferries, please visit our webpage at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/)

### **Safety Stand Down**

August is Safety Stand Down Month at WSDOT. Safety is always our top priority, but we put added focus on safety this time of year. All WSDOT employees take time in August to discuss the importance of being safe at work. We talk about the leading causes of injuries such as sprains and strains and how to reduce injuries while at work. Keeping our personnel safe goes hand-in-hand with keeping our customers safe.

### **Meeting with the Regional FTA Director**

Today I will meet with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 10 Director Rick Krochalis. We will discuss several issues of mutual interest, including FTA grants and the Mukilteo terminal work.

### **Human Resources Director Retires**

I congratulate Kathleen Flynn Mahaffey on her 25 years of service to Washington State Ferries and her exemplary contributions to the organization and human resources. Thank you for your dedication and best of luck in your retirement endeavors.

### **July 2009 Ferry Stats**

Increasing ferry ridership is a priority this biennium for WSF. I am adding a new monthly section to my weekly e-mail to report on ferry statistics. For the month of July 2009:

- Total riders: 2,485,461 (up one percent from 2008)
- Vehicles: 1,009,091 (up 2.1 percent from 2008)
- Passengers: 1,476,370 (up 0.3 percent from 2008)

### **Next Week:**

- The Washington State Transportation Commission will hold public meetings on the new fare proposal for WSF.
  - Aug. 31, 11:35am-1:55pm on the San Juan Islands inter-island ferry
  - Sept. 1, 6:00-8:00pm at Silverdale Beach Hotel, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Rd., Silverdale
  - Sept. 2, 6:00-8:00pm at McMurray Middle School, 9329 Cemetery Rd., Vashon Island.

To view the fare proposal and to get more information, please visit [www.wstc.wa.gov](http://www.wstc.wa.gov) or call 360-705-7070.

- Meetings with a state legislator and federal legislative staff
- Meeting with Todd Shipyards
- Meeting with FAC Executive Committee Co-Chairs

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly).

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