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Governor's tour of 64-car ferry progress

I had the pleasure of joining Governor Gregoire, Secretary Hammond, legislators, community officials and media on Thursday afternoon at Todd Pacific Shipyards to commemorate the construction of the 64-car ferry. This construction is evidence of real progress on our plans to build a total of four new ferries in the next five years. While we celebrate this success, we also know that these new vessels will not be enough, as nine of WSF's 20 auto ferries are between 40 and 65 years old and must be replaced in the next 20 years. You can learn more about the new 64-car ferry under construction at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries/

Monthly meeting with U.S. Coast Guard

On Monday, we held our monthly meeting with the U.S. Coast Guard to discuss various issues, which included the upcoming marine emergency exercise and ongoing crew endurance policies.

New advertising campaigns

Customers in central Puget Sound may notice three new advertising campaigns during October, including: Hawaii Tourism advertising on the Seattle/Bainbridge route with morning coffee sampling and afternoon entertainment; Keurig Coffee advertising on both the Seattle/Bremerton and Seattle/Bainbridge routes with coffee samplings; and the Economist advertising on the Wenatchee and Bainbridge Terminal. We continue to secure new advertising opportunities to enhance our non-farebox revenue for the system.

Fall schedule begins September 27

Welcome to fall! WSF will implement the 2009 fall schedule on Sunday, September 27. Key schedule changes include:

- WSF will return to making only one round trip sailing per day between Anacortes and Sidney, B.C. at 7:45 a.m. daily beginning Sunday, September 27.
- King County Water Taxi will assume operation of the Seattle/Vashon passenger-only route on Monday, September 28, with a new schedule and fares. For more information, visit King County's Web site at www.kingcounty.gov/watertaxi.
- Beginning Thursday, October 1, Southworth passengers going to Vashon to travel on the Water Taxi to Seattle must purchase their fare at Southworth, and payment receipts will be collected upon disembarking at Vashon Island.

If you haven't already, please pick up the new purple schedule or view it online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/

Customer Compliment

I would like to share this compliment from a San Juan Islands customer and applaud the efforts of our crew – thank you!

I am a whale watch boat Captain in Friday Harbor...I drive the islands everyday and knew we were close to home so I went down to the car to wait. I could not unlock the doors... I cut my hand trying to pry the window back to reach the latch. Knowing that I was going to cause a major problem for your crew, I went to your onboard office and got immediate help. First aid for my cut and several crew members to help me get into the car... The crew got their bag of tricks out and shortly snagged the latch to open the door. They saved the day...Please forward my gratitude to them.

Washington State Patrol/WSDOT annual meeting

I participated in an annual meeting between the Washington State Patrol and WSDOT on Wednesday to further coordination and communication between the agencies. I conveyed WSF's appreciation for the constructive working relationship with WSP on security and discussed traffic issues at the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal.

Next Week:

- Presentation to the Joint Transportation Committee
- Edmonds/Kingston Partnership Meeting
- 64-car progress meeting with Todd Shipyards
- Presentation to the Senate and House Transportation Committees

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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