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### **This Week**

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### **Port Townsend/Keystone Ferry Service Disruption**

Ferry service on the Port Townsend/Keystone route was cancelled from Wednesday afternoon until Friday morning while the 50-car Steilacoom II was out of service for necessary repairs. I apologize for the inconvenience to our customers and communities caused by this service disruption.

### **Kingston/Edmonds Partnership Meeting**

On Wednesday evening, I attended a meeting of the Kingston/Edmonds Partnership to discuss the potential for vehicle reservations on the route as part of the legislated pre-design study on vehicle reservations. A consultant for the legislature presented on the Isle of Wight and Istanbul reservations systems, and we discussed vehicle processing at both terminals. The final two meetings for the Partnership are November 12 and December 2. I greatly appreciate the dedication of the Partnership members and the contributions they are making toward the study. For meeting materials and more information, please visit

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations.htm)

### **Community Meetings Begin Next Week**

Our November community meetings kick off next week. I will meet with Southworth customers on Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at South Colby Elementary School, 3281 Banner Road SE, Port Orchard. I will be in the San Juan Islands on Thursday, Nov. 5, aboard the inter-island ferry departing Friday Harbor at 2:15 p.m., Orcas at 3:05 p.m., Shaw at 3:20 p.m., and Lopez at 3:45 p.m. Topics of discussion include the legislated vehicle pre-design study, winter vessel maintenance schedule, new 64-car ferries, crewing schedules and preparing for the 2010 legislative session. For more information please visit

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/commuter\\_updates/index.cfm?fuseaction=pub\\_meetings](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/commuter_updates/index.cfm?fuseaction=pub_meetings)

### **Vashon Island Terminal Dolphin Replacement Project**

From Monday, Nov. 2 through Sunday, Nov. 15, WSF will implement a two-week temporary revised schedule on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth ferry route, with slight weekday impacts and significant weekend impacts. Slip 1 at the Vashon Island terminal will be closed for those two weeks as construction crews replace and build new dolphins (offshore structures that help guide the ferry). Temporary schedule bulletins are available on the vessels and at the terminals, or visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/schedule](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/schedule) and select a date from November 2-15 to view the temporary schedule.

### **Customer Compliment**

I want to thank Tillikum Captain Gerald Lewis and his crew for their actions that contributed to saving a passenger's life.

*I wish to thank the Captain and crew of the Tillikum of Sept 18, 2:30 pm from Southworth to Fauntleroy. I had a heart attack on the Ferry. Not only did we get priority off-loading to be met on the Vashon dock by an ambulance, but the cars getting off the Ferry were held for the ambulance to arrive. I have learned that the schedule was routed back to the Fauntleroy dock instead of continuing to Southworth ... Please convey my "heart felt" appreciation for the quick response of all the Ferry workers!*

**Next Week:**

- Southworth Community Meeting on Nov. 4
- San Juan Islands Community Meeting on Nov. 5

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