

Happy Holidays!

I would first like to thank you for subscribing to my weekly e-mails. I appreciate the opportunity to share ferry system information and I look forward to your thoughtful comments and questions.

This is my last update for 2009, so I would like to review successes during the past year and look ahead at 2010. We've made progress on several important fronts, including:

- Building the 64-car Chetzemoka (scheduled to go into service in late summer 2010) and kicking off construction of two additional 64-car ferries.
www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries
- Improving vessel preservation with a hull inspection program in place.
- Finalized the Long-Range Plan outlining services and investments through 2030. www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm
- Completed a legislated Draft Vehicle Reservations Pre-Design Study.
www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations
- Adopted new U.S. Coast Guard crew endurance requirements while maintaining service and flexible work schedules. My thanks to our bargaining units that worked with us on this important issue.
- Received nearly \$16 million in federal funds for much needed vessel and terminal work.
- Increased our connection with our customers and communities, including 26 public meetings and visits with many groups including regional planning organizations, rotary clubs, and chambers of commerce.

I am proud of the accomplishments we've made, but there is a long way to go toward a sustainable future. We need to:

- Identify a sustainable capital funding source to address the \$3.3 billion funding gap through 2030.
- Receive direction from the Legislature on how to proceed with vehicle reservations and then successfully implement that direction.
- Complete final design of the 144-car ferries.
- Assist the Washington State Transportation Commission in responding to the Governor's direction to implement a fuel surcharge.
- Continue our efforts to "right size" the organization by evaluating our capital staffing needs.
- Pursue additional cost containment measures by developing a zero-based budget for the 11-13 biennium.
- Deliver our first new ferry in over a decade.
- Complete a comprehensive review of our sailing schedules to improve on-time performance.

I appreciate the efforts of our customers, communities and employees to help us reach our goals in 2009 and I am confident that together we can accomplish even more in 2010. I look forward to working with everyone on the tasks ahead. Best wishes this holiday season.

Sincerely,

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