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### **Chetzemoka Moves North**

The 64-car ferry Chetzemoka will make an initial journey under tow tomorrow. Todd Pacific Shipyards is moving the Chetzemoka to Everett for final outfitting and system testing prior to conducting dock and sea trials. The towing of the Chetzemoka will be visible from various locations along Puget Sound between Seattle and Everett. Photos of the vessel's journey will be posted online early next week at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157621006556309/>.

### **Divers in Distress Rescued by Spokane Crew**

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Master John Tullis and the crew of the Spokane for rescuing two divers in distress on Saturday, March 27 on the Edmonds/Kingston run. I commend the quick thinking, professionalism and responsiveness of all involved. The action taken by everyone involved makes me proud to work for WSF.

### **May Community Meeting Schedule**

Please mark your calendar for WSF community meetings in May. All meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. I will provide more information with regard to topics in an upcoming weekly report.

- May 3, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, Joint meeting with the Jefferson County Chambers, Elks Lodge, 555 Otto Street, Port Townsend
- May 3, location to be announced, Freeland, Whidbey Island
- May 4, Bainbridge Island Commons, 402 Brien Drive, Bainbridge Island
- May 5, McMurray Middle School, 9329 SW Cemetery Rd., Vashon Island
- May 6, 11:35 AM – 3:45PM, San Juan Islands Inter-Island Ferry
- May 10, Kitsap Conference Center, 100 Washington Ave, Bremerton
- May 11, Kingston Community Center, 11212 State Hwy 104, Kingston
- May 12, Harper Church, 10384 Sedgwick Rd. SE, Port Orchard
- May 27, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Joint meeting with the Anacortes Chamber, 22<sup>nd</sup> & O Street, Anacortes

### **WSF Employee Travel Time and Mileage**

This week, KING 5 aired a story on WSF employees who receive travel time and mileage for special projects. Special projects are assignments critical to WSF operations, such as meeting safety and training requirements or addressing specialized equipment needs. While I stand behind the critical work and expertise of these employees, we need to revisit how WSF reimburses for travel time and mileage. In my first two years at WSF, I focused on cutting significant costs on the administrative side; now I plan to focus my efforts on reducing costs more broadly throughout the agency. I will be taking a close look at how WSF management assigns special projects and I will also be working with our bargaining units on ways to decrease costs for such expenses.

**Yakima Towed to Lake Union Drydock Company**

On Sunday, March 28, the 144-car Yakima was towed from Pier 52 on the Seattle waterfront through the Ballard Locks to Lake Union Drydock Company to receive a topside deck and interior paint job. It is scheduled to return to service in July in the San Juan Islands.

**Coordination Meeting with Viaduct Project**

This week, I met with the project management for the Alaskan Way Viaduct project to learn more about construction activities and discuss coordination with our operations at Colman Dock.

**Next Week:**

There will be no weekly report next week as I am out of the office. My next report will occur on Friday, April 16.

David Moseley's weekly reports 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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