



April 16, 2010

### **This Week:**

- National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
- May Community Meeting Schedule
- Passenger-Only Ferry Sale Status
- Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council Meeting
- Meeting with Stillaguamish Tribe
- Vehicle Reservations Planning

### **National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association**

I had the pleasure of speaking to the Anacortes chapter of NARFE this week. I discussed issues facing the ferry system, including a recap of legislative session and priorities for 2010. I enjoyed responding to questions from attendees.

### **May Community Meeting Schedule**

The May community meeting schedule is posted online at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub\\_meetings.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub_meetings.htm). I am leading a total of nine community meetings beginning May 3 with the Jefferson County Chambers in Port Townsend at noon, and Freeland on Whidbey Island that evening at 6:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing many of you there. I will review legislative session, discuss priorities for 2010, talk about the fare change process and be available to answer questions.

### **Passenger-Only Ferry Sale Status**

Per legislative direction, WSF is in the process of selling our remaining passenger-only ferries. The Kalama and Skagit were re-listed on eBay for 10 days, through the end of today. After the eBay competitive bid process, if the Kalama and/or Skagit remains unsold, we intend to seek written delegation of authority from the Department of General Administration to negotiate a sale of the vessels and spare parts in accordance with governing regulations, as was done for the Steel Electric class ferries and the passenger-only ferries Chinook and Snohomish. I will provide an update next week on the bid results and next steps.

### **Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council Meeting**

I met with the FAC Executive Council on Thursday afternoon. I learned that Dave Hoogerwerf of Clinton, Whidbey Island will be replacing Alan Mendel from Vashon Island as the new co-chair. We will miss Alan but I welcome Dave's perspective on the Council.

### **Meeting with Stillaguamish Tribe**

On Thursday afternoon, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Stillaguamish Tribal Council at their office in Arlington this week regarding the Mukilteo Multimodal Project. The Federal Transit Administration and the Federal lead also attended. We have reinitiated the Government-to-Government consultation process as is required by the National Historic Preservation Act for this project and we will be meeting with the Governments of all Federally Recognized Point Elliot Treaty Tribes in the coming months. For more information on the project, visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal).

### **Vehicle Reservations Planning**

This morning, I met with my internal working team to receive an update on progress toward planning for vehicle reservations per the 2010 Vehicle Reservations Predesign Study. We have reengaged the Port Townsend/Keystone Partnership to discuss improvements to vehicle

reservations on that route. Improvements to routes with existing vehicle reservations would begin in summer 2011. For more information on the Study as well as next steps please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations.htm)

**Next Week:**

- Meetings in Washington, D.C. to promote Murray/Larsen bill  
<http://murray.senate.gov/transportation/ferrybill.pdf>
- Keel laying for second new Kwa-di Tabil Class Ferry

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