



April 30, 2010

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### **Community Meeting Schedule**

We begin our May community meetings next week. I will be at the Jefferson County Chambers Meeting on Monday, May 3 from noon – 1:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge, 555 Otto Street, in Port Townsend. That evening, I will be on Whidbey Island from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 State Route 525, in Freeland. For the rest of the week:

- Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Bainbridge Commons, 402 Brien Drive, Bainbridge Island
- Wednesday, May 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at McMurray Middle School, 9329 SW Cemetery Rd, Vashon Island
- Thursday, May 6, 11:35 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. on the San Juan Island Inter-island Ferry

Please note that for the Bainbridge Island (May 4) and Bremerton (May 10) meetings, I will be accompanied by representatives from the WSDOT Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program to discuss construction beginning this summer. For the full list of meetings and topics, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub\\_meetings.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub_meetings.htm).

### **Skagit/Island Counties RTPO**

On Thursday, I accompanied WSF Planning Director Ray Deardorf to the Skagit and Island Counties Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on WSF. In attendance were local elected officials from Island and Skagit Counties, plus Senate Transportation Committee Chair Mary Margaret Haugen and Representatives Norma Smith, Barbara Bailey, and David Quall. I presented on operating cost efficiencies, new vessels under construction and the need to build more replacement vessels for our aging fleet, the vehicle reservations effort and the need for a long-term stable and dedicated funding source, something WSF has not had for over a decade.

### **WSF Peak Season Begins May 1**

The peak season begins Saturday, May 1 at WSF with an additional 25 percent surcharge applied to full fare vehicle/driver tickets. The peak season surcharge does not affect passenger fares or frequent user multi-ride fares, except on the Anacortes/San Juan routes. Summer parking rates at Anacortes also go into effect on May 1. On the Anacortes/San Juan routes passenger single fares are increased 20 percent during the peak season and vehicle/driver fares go up 35 percent. These routes also have day-of-the-week pricing, making travel less expensive from Sunday through Tuesday. For more information, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/fares](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/fares)

### **Lummi Nation Meeting**

On Thursday, I met with Chairman Cagey of the Lummi Nation to discuss the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project. Along with the Federal Transit Administration, we provided an update and explained that we held an agency and tribal scoping meeting in February to reinstate the project. The Chairman asked that we return to the Lummi Reservation and provide a presentation to the full Council next month. For more information on planning for the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal)

**Everett Shipyard Tour**

This morning, I toured Everett Shipyard to see the progress of the Chetzemoka. It is great to see our first new ferry coming together. For more information on our new vessel program, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries)

**Commission Ferry User Survey Update**

The Washington State Transportation Commission invites you to provide feedback on the ferry system through the Ferry Rider's Opinion Group. For more information, visit [www.ferryridersopiniongroup.com](http://www.ferryridersopiniongroup.com)

**Wenatchee Investigation Summary**

The investigation of the August 30, 2009 hard landing of the 202-car ferry *Wenatchee* is available online at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/accountability](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/accountability). We will post summaries of all vessel investigations on this webpage once completed.

**Next Week:**

- Jefferson County Chamber/WSF Community Meeting (May 3)
- Whidbey Island Community Meeting (May 3)
- Bainbridge Island Community Meeting (May 4)
- Vashon Island Community Meeting (May 5)
- San Juan Islands Community Meeting (May 6)
- Meeting with Island County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson

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