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### **This Week:**

- Community meetings
- Plan ahead for Sunday, May 9
- Recent media coverage
- Monthly progress meeting with Todd Pacific Shipyards
- Meeting with Vashon Island School District Superintendent

### **Community meetings**

This week I had the pleasure of visiting our Island communities (Whidbey, Bainbridge, Vashon and the San Juans) to discuss the ferry system and hear your comments. I appreciate everyone's attendance and participation. You can download the meeting materials at

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub\\_meetings](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub_meetings). Next week, I hope to see you 6:30-8:30 p.m. on:

- Monday, May 10, in Bremerton at the Kitsap Conference Center, 100 Washington Ave
- Tuesday, May 11, in Kingston at the Kingston Community Center, 11212 State Hwy 104
- Wednesday, May 12, in Southworth at Harper Church, 10384 Sedgwick Rd. SE, Port Orchard

I look forward to continuing face-to-face dialogue with community members and riders next week.

### **Plan ahead for Sunday, May 9**

Sunday is Mothers' Day and one of the busiest travel days of the year. Please plan ahead to allow extra time when arriving at the terminal. For schedules and customer alerts, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries).

### **Recent media coverage**

This week I was interviewed for a KING 5 news story on compensation of WSF Staff Chief Engineers who are responsible for keeping the engines operable on our vessels. The story aired Tuesday and focused on overtime pay practices that increased the pay of some of these employees. We anticipate additional coverage on the costs to taxpayers associated with compensation practices for WSF employees. I recognize that these media reports have concerned WSF customers and the communities we serve, and I would like to reassure you that we are pursuing every possible avenue for reducing costs and increasing the efficiency of the ferry system. My focus during the last two years was to reduce expenditures in administrative and support services. We made progress in this area by eliminating positions and cutting consultants; however, these costs account for just five percent of WSF's budget. The remaining costs to the system are comprised of fleet operations and fuel (80 percent), and vessel and terminal preservation (15 percent). I will continue to focus on increasing efficiencies and reducing costs in all areas of the ferry system.

### **Monthly progress meeting with Todd Pacific Shipyards**

We had our monthly progress meeting with Todd Pacific Shipyards to discuss construction of the Kwa-di Tabil Class (64-car) Ferries including the Chetzemoka, which is at Everett Shipyard for final outfitting and system testing. Todd is making great progress on the Chetzemoka.

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/)

**Meeting with Vashon Island School District Superintendent**

On Wednesday, WSF Planning Director Ray Deardorf and I met with the superintendent of the Vashon Island School District to discuss how the ferry schedule may help children living on the mainland attend schools on the Island.

**Next Week:**

- Community meetings
- Mukilteo multimodal project tribal meetings

David Moseley's weekly updates 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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