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Kennewick construction progress meeting

With the 64-car Chetzemoka and Salish in service on the Port Townsend/Coupeville route, we are focusing all efforts to get the last ferry, Kennewick, in the Kwa-di Tabil class built. WSF met with Vigor Shipyards this week and learned that construction on the Kennewick is progressing well and ahead of schedule. For more information on the new Kwa-di Tabil ferries, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/

Gov. Gregoire announces appointments to Connecting Washington Task Force

On Tuesday, Gov. Chris Gregoire announced the members of the "Connecting Washington Task Force," who are charged with developing a 10-year investing and funding plan for the state's transportation system and presenting it to the 2012 Legislature. The Connecting Washington Task Force will review statewide transportation needs, recommend the most promising projects for investment and identify potential revenue sources. For more information on this task force visit www.governor.wa.gov.

Reminder: San Juan Islands fall 2011 sailing schedule proposal

As I mentioned last week, we'd like your feedback on our proposed fall 2011 sailing schedule for the Anacortes/San Juan Islands/Sidney, B.C. routes. The proposal is essentially the same as the just-concluded spring sailing schedule. Take a look at the proposal at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Service/ScheduleProposals.htm and send your comments to wsfplanning@wsdot.wa.gov by close of business today. We'll share all your comments with the San Juan Ferry Advisory Committee as we work with them to finalize the fall schedule.

Ferry customer night at Mariners: discount tickets still available

As part of WSF's 60th anniversary, we are partnering with the Seattle Mariners on a ferry customer game night. Round up your friends and family members and join the Seattle Mariners for Washington State Ferries Night on Friday, August 26! Special discounted group seating has been reserved and is available for you to purchase online: www.mariners.com/wsf.

Customer compliment

We received a very nice compliment this week from one of our customers on the Southworth/Vashon Island route that I would like to share. I'd also like to extend my personal thanks to WSF ticket seller Joy Simpson for her outstanding customer service!

My family and I took the Vashon ferry for the first time to take my daughter to camp. Not only was Joy, the woman attending the ticket booth, very nice and professional, but she also went above and beyond by explaining everything about our round trip and providing us literature to help us along. It is very rare to encounter a person who brings such warmth and happiness to their job. She is an asset and truly lives up to her name!

Next Week:

- U.S. Coast Guard change of command
- Central waterfront subcommittee meeting
- Colman dock access meeting

David Moseley's weekly reports are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

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