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Plan ahead for Labor Day weekend travel

Please plan ahead for heavy traffic this Labor Day weekend, especially westbound today, and eastbound Monday, Sept. 5. For more information about your route, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries or call 511.

Potential benefits of LNG for the ferry system

I was invited to present at a conference on liquefied natural gas (LNG) this week. I spoke about the rising cost of fuel as a percentage of WSF's operating budget and how WSF is actively looking at ways to control the cost of fuel. WSF burns more than 17 million gallons of fuel each year and our fuel budget is \$51.7 million more than it was 12 years ago. As part of this cost control effort, WSF is exploring the potential benefits of LNG and what it may take to use LNG as a source of fuel for the fleet. We worked with a local firm on an initial study "144-Car Ferry LNG Fuel Conversion Feasibility Study," which was published in July, and there is also a Joint Transportation Committee legislative study under way on the same topic. If you are interested in learning more about the possibility of LNG as a source of fuel for the ferry system, you may read the study at www.leg.wa.gov/JTC/Documents/RFPs/LNG_GlostenReport.pdf or view my presentation at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly/.

Discounted ferry passenger coupons available in the Chinook Book

WSF is participating in the Chinook Book, a local coupon book sold at select Puget Sound retailers. The Chinook book offers a variety of coupons for activities and retailers in Puget Sound and WSF is excited to be featured this year. WSF hopes to attract new customers to the ferry system by offering discount coupons for walk-on passengers during off-peak times. To obtain your copy of the Chinook Book, visit <http://sea.chinookbook.net/>

Calling all boat enthusiasts

Make the trip to Port Townsend September 9 through 11 for the annual Wooden Boat Festival. Learn more at <http://wsdotferries.blogspot.com/>

Anacortes terminal roof replacement

The contractor started work this week to replace the roof at the Anacortes terminal. The roof replacement will remove multiple layers of roofing material and replace with corrugated metal roof on the flat portion of the terminal building and other buildings. The skylights will be removed and energy efficient interior lighting will be added to replace the original lighting when the building was built in the late 1950s. Work will continue through mid-October and we do not anticipate any

service disruptions. For more information on this project and photos of the construction, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr20/anacortesroof/

Vashon terminal slip 1 repair completed

We wrapped up the emergency repair to the Vashon terminal slip 1 bridge seat last Friday. We closed the slip for five days to address damage to anchor bolts supporting the bridge. The WSDOT Bridge Preservation Office and WSF Terminal Engineering discovered this damage in a routine inspection in July. The damage was more extensive than originally thought, so we extended the closure by one day (originally planned for four days). I appreciated the patience and understanding of our customers during the temporary closure.

Thanks for making the Seattle Mariners ferry fan night a success

I really appreciated the more than 400 ferry baseball fans that participated last Friday night to cheer on the Seattle Mariners against the Chicago White Sox. A big thank you to the Seattle Mariners for hosting us. Even though the Mariners lost, seeing all the ferry fans made it a success in my book. Better luck next time M's!

Customer compliment

I would like to share this compliment that I received from a Bainbridge Island resident and ferry customer. My appreciation goes out to the Seattle/Bainbridge Island terminal and vessel staff for their outstanding work.

I moved to Bainbridge Island over a year ago... I commute daily between BI and Seattle for work and I just want to say that for the most part, I think you guys do a fantastic job. Everyone is helpful, pleasant, and the 5:20am and 6:20am boats from BI to Seattle have been on time probably 98% of the time...keep up the good work and I want to say that I appreciate your efforts.

Next Week:

- Fuel hedging committee
- Connecting Washington Task Force meeting (Sept 9)
<http://www.governor.wa.gov/priorities/transportation/connectwa.asp>

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

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