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WSF Takes Delivery of Chetzemoka

I am very pleased to report that the U.S. Coast Guard issued a Certificate of Inspection for the Chetzemoka on Tuesday, and we officially took delivery of the vessel on Wednesday. The Chetzemoka was moved from Todd Pacific Shipyards to our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility on Bainbridge Island Wednesday, and it is scheduled to be there for about a week as outfitting and crew familiarization continues. We anticipate six weeks of crew familiarization and training: first at Eagle Harbor, then in the Puget Sound area, and finally on the Port Townsend/Coupeville (Keystone) route. We expect to set a new date for the inaugural sailing in the near future. For more information on the new vessel program, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries/

Vashon Terminal Construction Update

Work is progressing well on the project to re-pave the Vashon trestle. Crews expect to finish removing existing asphalt by mid next week and begin paving the following week. There are no planned sailing cancellations due to construction. Please continue to plan extra time for travel on this route until the project is completed next month.

Anacortes/San Juan Islands Winter Schedule Proposal

We would like your feedback on our proposed winter 2011 sailing schedule for the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route. The proposal is very similar to the winter 2010 sailing schedule, with some minor adjustments to sailing times. Visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Service/ScheduleProposals.htm to download the proposed schedule. Comments can be sent to wsfplanning@wsdot.wa.gov through Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Meeting with the Executive Director of the Port of Everett

On Thursday I met with John Mohr, Executive Director of the Port of Everett, to discuss the tank farm property, which is located north of the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal and is a potential relocation site for the new terminal. Both the Port of Everett and WSF are monitoring the property disposition process. We will continue to share information about the progress of the disposition as we learn new information.

WSF Introduces New Program – Attended Care for Groups

WSF established a new program for organizations that transport large groups of customers who need assistance. This program allows groups (i.e., senior centers, nursing homes, and assisted living centers) to send enough staff to ensure customers needing assistance for both fare processing and loading/unloading are adequately supported without having to pay additional fares for the support staff. For more information visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/ada and for questions please contact Susan Harris-Huether at 206-515-3460.

Plan Ahead for Travel Sept. 24-26

The annual Oyster Run in Anacortes is taking place the weekend of Sept. 24-26. Thousands of motorcycles will be heading to Anacortes to participate. This will increase traffic on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands, Mukilteo/Clinton and Port Townsend/Coupeville (Keystone) routes. Please allow for extra time and plan your travel accordingly.

Next Week:

- Green Pacific Conference
- Tulalip Tribes Mukilteo Briefing
- Meeting with Rep. Nelson and Ferry Community Partnership

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