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**Farewell to Deputy Director Traci Brewer-Rogstad**

This was Traci's last week in the office and I am sorry to see her go. I applaud her 10 years of dedicated service to the ferry system, seeing the organization through many challenges. I wish Traci the best of luck in her new endeavors, one of which is to spend a fun-filled summer with her husband and two young children.

**Port Townsend/Keystone New Vessel Update**

In response to recent inquiries, we have published a set of Frequently Asked Questions about the Island Home design which is available at <http://wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/NewVessel/FAQ.htm>

**Bainbridge Island City Council Briefing**

I thoroughly enjoyed my first meeting with the Bainbridge Island City Council on Wednesday. We reviewed my priorities for the ferry system as well as the issues on the minds of island residents, including next steps for the ferry terminal and the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility.

**Harborview Drive Signalization at Bainbridge Island Terminal**

To improve safety and efficiency for our customers, we constructed a system of new crossings, pathways and signals for pedestrians and bicyclists that went into effect on Thursday, May 29. We are still working out some glitches in the new system, namely adjusting the light at Harborview Drive to signal the first wave of pedestrians to cross during the peak period. We will continue to monitor operations over the next week. We appreciate the assistance of our partners at the WSDOT Highways and Washington State Patrol for helping us spread the word. To learn more, visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/).

**Port Townsend/Keystone Reservations Update**

This was the second week of our pilot reservations program. So far, nearly 7,000 reservations have been made either online or by phone. Operations worked smoothly over Memorial Day weekend with no long lines up the road as has been typical of past holiday and summer weekends. We are actively working to smooth out some of the kinks in the system and it improves with each day.

**Steel Electric Class Vessels**

We are in the process of disposing of the four decommissioned Steel Electric class vessels. This week we submitted an update to the Legislature. The next step in this process is to advertise the vessels for sale to state agencies, local entities and non-profit organizations beginning on Monday, June 2. After that, if they don't sell, we will post them on EBay.

**Mark your calendar – Upcoming Public Meetings/Workshops**

We have nine public ferry advisory committee (FAC) meetings/workshops scheduled in late June. The purpose of this round of meetings is to share the latest information on the ferry financing legislated studies. All of the meetings will be held 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., with the exception of the San Juan Island meeting which will be 2:30-4:30 p.m.

- June 17, Whidbey Island, Freeland Hall (1515 Shoreview Drive, Freeland)
- June 18, Port Townsend/Keystone, Pope Marine Building (540 Water Street , Port Townsend)
- June 19, Anacortes, Fidalgo Senior Center (1701 22nd Street, Anacortes)
- June 23, Bainbridge Island, Bainbridge Commons (402 Brien Drive, Bainbridge Island)
- June 24, Kingston, Kingston Yacht Club (25915 Washington Blvd, Kingston)
- June 25, Vashon, McMurray Middle School (9329 SW Cemetery Rd, Vashon Island)
- June 26 , San Juan Islands, Mullis Senior Center (589 Nash Street, Friday Harbor)
- June 30, Bremerton, Norm Dicks Government Center (345 6th Street, Suite 100, Bremerton)
- July 1, Southworth, Long Lake Bob Oake Comm Center (5448 Long Lake Road SE, Port Orchard)

On my calendar for next week:

- Meeting with Nichols Brothers Shipyard – Tuesday
- Meeting with Kingston Stakeholders – Friday

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