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This Week:

- Kwa-di Tabil Class Ferries Progress Meeting
- Reminder: WSF Community Meetings Start Next Week in Anacortes
- WSF Proposed Budget Reduction Options

Kwa-di Tabil Class Ferries Progress Meeting

On Thursday, I attended a progress meeting at Todd Pacific Shipyards to discuss the work on the Kwa-di Tabil Class Ferries. Work on the Salish and Kennewick ferries is on schedule and within budget. Construction on the Chetzemoka rub rails has finished and the ferry is leaving Everett Shipyard this afternoon and will resume sea trials this weekend in preparation for the inaugural sailing on Sun., Nov 14. For more information on WSF's new vessel program, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/

Reminder: WSF Community Meetings Start Next Week in Anacortes

You are invited to attend a joint community meeting with WSF and the Anacortes Rotary on Wednesday, Nov. 10, noon to 1 p.m. I will discuss WSF efficiencies and reform, the 2011 legislative session, and WSF's action plan in response to the Passenger Vessel Association report. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Hall, 1019 8th Street (corner of 8th Street and O Avenue), Anacortes. We encourage you to RSVP to 360-293-8088 or dclark@capsantecourt.com. Lunch is optional at \$11. For a list of all community meetings, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub_meetings.htm.

WSF Proposed Budget Reduction Options

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) asked WSDOT to prepare a balanced budget for the 2011-2013 period. It is up to WSDOT to propose options on how this could be achieved. The Ferries Division was asked to reduce expenditures by four percent, which equates to nearly \$17 million. This is in addition to the \$27.7 million annually in reductions WSF has achieved over the past two years in administrative, operation and capital expenses (not service reductions). WSF has proposed options to OFM which include reductions to administrative positions, overtime, travel time/mileage, non-mandatory training, and, as a last resort, service on our routes. Please keep in mind these are proposed options for OFM and the Governor's consideration, not recommendations. As you know, and are perhaps experiencing in your own budgets, these are very difficult times which require difficult decisions. The budget reductions proposed by WSDOT are available at www.ofm.wa.gov/reductions/2011-13/default.asp. You may notice that the proposed reduction options for the Ferries Division amount to nearly \$19 million – that is because the Ferries Division had to account for \$2 million in lost revenue due to proposed service reduction options, to then get to the target figure of four percent reduction overall. You can download a document summarizing the proposed options for service reductions at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

Next Week:

- Washington State Transportation Commission Subcommittee Meeting
- Anacortes Community Meeting
- Area Maritime Security Meeting

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

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