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Meeting with the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors

I met with the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors the afternoon of June 19. We discussed issues of mutual interest, including environmental and cultural resources. I described the status of the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal Project and the feasibility work that the Legislature has directed WSF to perform. We meet again in August.

64-auto ferry pre-bid conference

WSF hosted a pre-bid conference for the second 64-car ferries contract on Tuesday, June 23, to provide potential bidders with information on the project, including scope and timeline, and to answer questions from the shipyards. We were pleased with the turnout, which included five Puget Sound shipyards. As we anticipated, the shipyards' questions focused on timeline and bonding issues. We continue to hope for a competitive bid process. Contract information is expected to be published online in mid-July.

WSF long-range plan update

We are in the home stretch of finalizing WSF's long-range plan based on 2009 legislative direction. The final plan is a culmination of the efforts of lawmakers, ferry-served communities, WSDOT and WSF staff. It will guide WSF's services and investments through 2030. The final plan will be posted Tuesday, June 30 online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESH2358.htm

WSTC Subcommittee meeting

On Wednesday, I met with the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) subcommittee to discuss WSF's draft fare proposal, which will be submitted to the WSTC in late July. WSF's fare proposal will follow the Governor and Legislature's direction of an overall 2.5 percent fare increase.

WSF managers meeting

I held a quarterly meeting with WSF managers on Thursday morning. These meetings provide executive management the opportunity to discuss issues critical to WSF and to answer managers' questions. It allows all of us to move forward with a shared understanding of the priorities for the ferry system.

Next Week:

Since next week is shortened due to the Fourth of July holiday, my Friday weekly update will be replaced by an e-mail on Tuesday providing a link to the WSF Final Long-Range Plan. Happy Fourth of July!

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

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