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#### Ferry Financing Legislation Update

I continue to meet regularly with staff and stakeholders as work progresses on the ferry financing legislation. On Thursday, I had the opportunity to sit down with the Local Agency Review Team comprised of staff representatives from local and regional governments in communities where ferries operate. They are a technical workgroup that helps ensure consistency with local and regional plans as we move forward. We very much appreciated their good advice and input.

#### Preparations for Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day traditionally means the arrival of summer crowds traveling aboard Washington State Ferries en route to a long weekend of fun. This three-day weekend can mean traffic backups on Friday afternoons and evenings westbound and again on Monday, eastbound, as travelers return home. To meet these additional demands, the ferry system will provide extra service on key routes, but travelers should still expect some delay at their ferry dock. For more information visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/)

#### Port Townsend/Keystone Reservations System

On Monday, May 19, customers will be able to use advance reservations to receive priority boarding on the ferry. They will also be able to make both advance and same-day reservations by phone and at the Port Townsend and Keystone terminals starting Monday. For more information visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries) or call 1-888-808-7977

#### Steel Electric-Class Vessels Disposal

We met with community leaders in Port Townsend on Wednesday to discuss plans for disposal of the vessels in keeping with our legislative deadline to be in the process of disposal of the vessels by June 1. It was a good conversation and our team will be following up.

#### Budget Process

We are beginning work on the 2009-2011 budget. This includes having initial conversations about the funds needed to maintain the current level of service.

#### Community Partnership

We recently partnered with the Parents and Teachers Association of South Whidbey High School to get 120 graduates a significant discount on the Mukilteo/Clinton route following their graduation night activities in June. This is an effort by the PTA to ensure a safe and sober night for their graduates.

#### Coming Up Next Week

- Labor Management Meeting on May 19
- Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council Meeting on May 20

- Meeting with the City of Edmonds's Mayor Haakenson and briefing the City Council on May 20
- Attending a meeting of the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council on May 22
- Accompanying Secretary Hammond to the Island County Economic Development Council on May 21
- Attending the Joint Transportation Committee's Ferry Policy Group Meeting on May 23