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New Vessels for the Port Townsend/Keystone Route

I am working hard towards solutions for the Port Townsend/Keystone route following the rejection of the sole bid for a new 50-car ferry. Many of you have voiced the desire to move directly to build the Island Home vessels and I am working hard to achieve results. I hope to have a solid answer early next week.

KUOW interview

On Thursday, I interviewed on KUOW. I enjoyed taking calls during the hour-long show. We covered a range of topics from the new vessel program to food service on the ferries and the border patrol inspections in the San Juan Islands.

FAC Executive Council

I met with the Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) Executive Council this week. The FAC Executive Council is comprised of the chairs from all of the various FAC committees throughout Puget Sound. We debriefed on the last round of public meetings and started planning for the series of public meetings in late June. The June meetings will focus on the next step in the ferry financing legislative work, which is to discuss operational and pricing strategies. I will send out dates as soon as we have them available!

Ferry financing legislative work

I met with the Washington State Transportation Commission subcommittee to coordinate all the different elements of the ferry financing work. All of these different pieces need to come together to form the draft long-range plan this October. For more information about this process visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm>

Coming up next week

- Meeting with Seattle Department of Transportation Director Grace Crunican
- Meeting with the Ferries Division staff masters
- Meeting with King County Metro Transit General Manager Kevin Desmond