



# JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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## Agenda

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Redmond City Hall \* 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

**1. Ferries Expert Panel Report (75 min) ..... 10:00**

In March, 2010, Governor Gregoire asked the Passenger Vessel Association to convene an Expert Review Panel to conduct a management review of the state ferry system. The Panel's report was delivered on September 7, 2010, and will be discussed in this session.

*Beth Gedney, Passenger Vessel Association; John W. Waterhouse, Chief Concept Engineer, Elliott Bay Design Group; David Moseley, Assistant Secretary, Washington State Ferries*

**2. Cost-Benefit of Aluminum Superstructure for 144-Car Class Ferries (15 min) ..... 11:15**

The 2010 legislature directed Washington State Ferries to proceed with a detailed design of the 144-car class ferries assuming an aluminum superstructure. WSF contracted with an outside engineering firm to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of aluminum compared to a steel superstructure. In this session, their recommendations will be presented and discussed.

*David Moseley, Assistant Secretary, Washington State Ferries*

**3. Ferry Rider Survey (30 min) ..... 11:30**

The Transportation Commission is required by law to conduct a survey of ferry riders every two years to help inform level of service, operational, pricing, planning, and investment decisions. The preliminary results of the 2010 survey will be presented and discussed.

*Bob Distler, Washington State Transportation Commission; Bill Young, Survey Project Manager, Washington State Transportation Commission; Bill Svendsen, Market Decisions Corporation*

**4. Ferry Studies (60 min, working lunch) ..... 12:00**

The 2010 legislature directed JTC to conduct two ferry studies: one addressing issues in public sector employment relations conducted by the Marine Employees Commission (MEC) and the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC); and the other relating to industrial insurance. Cedar River Group will present results of their work to-date on these two studies.

*Kathy Scanlan, Cedar River Group*

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**5. Evaluation of State-Level Transportation Plans (30 min) ..... 1:00**

This JTC study is evaluating the preparation of state-level transportation plans, and will make recommendations concerning appropriate responsibility for plan preparation and methods to develop plans more efficiently, and address the utility of statewide planning documents. In this session, the consultant will present a progress report.

*Paul Neal, JTC Project Manager; Kathy Scanlan, Cedar River Group*

**6. Non-Highway Fuel Tax Refunds (15 min) ..... 1:30**

This study will review non-highway and off-road fuel tax refunds, analyzing their historical funding and expenditures, and document future identified off-road, snowmobile and marine funding needs. This presentation will outline the study progress to-date.

*Mary Fleckenstein, JTC Project Manager; Jerry Long, House Transportation Committee*

**7. Final Report, SR 167 and SR 509 Tolling Studies (30 min) ..... 1:45**

The legislature has directed WSDOT to conduct comprehensive tolling studies of the SR 167 and SR 509 corridors, with a final report due to JTC on September 30, 2010 (ESSB 5352). WSDOT will present and discuss the final report.

*Craig Stone, director of WSDOT Tolling Division; Shuming Yan, Assistant Manager, WSDOT Urban Planning Office*

**8. ESSB 6392 Update (30 min) ..... 2:15**

ESSB 6392, enacted in the 2010 session, outlines a number of elements of the SR 520 project to be refined through a multi-agency process. This presentation will address the results of that multi-agency process, and the recommended design refinements and transit improvements

*Julie Meredith, WSDOT, SR 520 Program Director, SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program.*

**9. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Department of Licensing (45 min) ..... 2:45**

The Department of Licensing will present an update on their efforts to provide licensing services in a more cost-effective manner, using on-line services and supercenters, which are larger licensing offices that are designed to serve the customer faster and better.

*Myke Gable, DOL Assistant Director for Customer Relations; and Alan Haight, DOL Deputy Director*

**10. ADJOURN ..... 3:30**

**Next Meeting: November 10, Spokane Red Lion,  
in conjunction with Washington State Association of Counties Annual Meeting**

*Please note: Topics, actions, and times are subject to change.*