



JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

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Agenda

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Port of Grays Harbor

Grays Harbor Council of Governments

Aberdeen, Washington 98520

1. Ferry Fare Media Study (45 min)10:30

This study will evaluate alternative fare media for the Washington State Ferries to accommodate the new reservation system and to work with a demand management pricing system. The objective is for a simpler fare structure and for the fare media to provide interoperability with regional payment methods.

Gene Baxstrom, JTC project manager; Kathy Scanlan, Cedar River Group project manager; Michael Hodgins, BERK; Paul Lavallee, IBI Group

2. Ferry Management Organization Structure Study (30 min).....11:15

This study will evaluate the ferry system’s management and staffing structure, to identify improvements to address challenges presented by the system’s changing operating environment.

Gene Baxstrom, JTC project manager; Greg Matthews and Randy Tan, Matrix Consulting Group

3. Use of Liquefied Natural Gas in Ferries Study (45 min) 11:45

This study will investigate the use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as fuel on Washington state ferry vessels – Issaquah-class vessels and the 144-car class vessels. Washington State Ferries is considering LNG use to moderate price increases and price volatility, and to help meet emission reduction requirements. The study will evaluate LNG as an energy source; regulatory requirements; costs and risks of LNG use; and implementation issues for WSF.

Mary Fleckenstein, JTC project manager; Kathy Scanlan, Cedar River Group project manager; John Boylston, naval architect and sub-consultant; and Blair Scanlan, Cedar River Group

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4. Cost-Savings Change for 144-Car Class Ferries (45 min, working lunch)12:30

At the direction of the Legislature, the contractor for the 144-car class ferry has developed a list of options to reduce construction or maintenance and operation costs of the new 144-car class ferry. Those recommendations will be presented and discussed.

David Moseley, WSDOT Assistant Secretary for Ferries; David Visneski, Washington State Ferries and Kevin Quigley, President of US Fab (a subsidiary of Vigor Industrial)

5. TOUR – 520 bridge pontoon construction site (105 min)1:15

The Committee will tour the 520 bridge pontoon construction site, where crews will construct and store 33 pontoons, for the planned replacement of the SR 520 Bridge.

We'll leave the Port Offices to travel to the pontoon construction site conference room, where we'll watch a presentation, sign waivers, and then proceed to tour the construction site.

Please wear jeans, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy boots. It's likely to be very muddy. WSDOT will provide safety protection equipment (hard hats, vests, goggles).

6. ADJOURN..... 3:00

What's Next?

- November 16, 2011 meeting in Bellevue, in conjunction with Washington State Association of Counties, and tour of SR 405/167 and SR 520