

Kingston FAC meeting 6/8/20 notes:

Meeting was on Zoom, Laura, Rex, Walt, and Mark (KCAC transportation contact person)

We reviewed WSF's plan for COVID recovery. Overall it was well drafted though it lacked specific metrics used to determine when recovery actions would be taken. One comment is that the Bainbridge service recovery is not included in routes listed to be recovered. Given its large ridership and high farebox recovery rate we think that WSF should have a plan for it's recovery ready to go when Seattle/King County lift their current restrictions. Walt will provide this input to John

It was commented that low tide service warnings at Kingston are newly being made however they are inconsistent and perhaps misleading. Rex offered to prepare remarks for input to Ferries. This has been done and are below.

Dear John, With reference to our recent correspondence about low tide difficulties for certain vehicles at Kingston, the Ferry Advisory Committee requests that when notices are posted for Whidbey Island and Vashon Island about low tide restrictions, that a similar notice for Kingston also be published whenever the forecast for the minus tide falls within the range you sent. We have noticed that the Kingston tidal issue has only gotten publicity one time. That was quite recent, yet now with even more extreme tides and the bulletins on the web for other routes showing, nothing has been stated about our run. Please set up a tickler so that the standard wording for Edmonds-Kingston traffic will be run every time this occurs the same as is done for the other routes. Thanks very much.

Mark reported that there is a new KCAC Transportation Chair. We will invite her to future FAC meetings. Mark will continue to attend.

Walt reported that Sec Scarton had acknowledged the community's interest in a virtual Zoom meeting on ferry traffic. Mark reported that WSP wants us to talk to Trevor Sharpe on WSP traffic coverage and utilization. Walt will ask Comm. Gelder about us setting a joint WSF, WSP, FAC rep, KCAC rep update meeting on Zoom

Several members observed that toll booth operators were inconsistent in using face plexiglass screens and or face masks and socially distancing during transactions. As this presents a risk to the public and booth operator some present want to bring this to WSF attention. Walt will write a note and if a member doesn't want to support it their name will be left off or Walt will send it off only on his own behalf

Questions were asked about the Edmonds project. Subsequently a news release on it was received. Walt will ask Ken Jones if he has any additional comments.

Mark commented that Chris Ifland was setting up new cameras. We agreed that the data the FAC would like to be obtained included times and durations of back-ups; how long driveways are blocked; how long it takes back-ups to develop and how far they go. Walt will pass this on to Chris for discussion and invite him to our next meeting. We'll also ask if he can do a model demo.