

NEXT STEPS

WSF has developed a Revised Draft Plan that addresses the current service needs and the expected growth in the years to come while remaining flexible in case that growth does not develop. Per direction from the Legislature, Scenario A attempts to balance competing interests, carefully considers a variety of tradeoffs, and proposes operational and pricing strategies.

The Revised Draft Plan also puts forward an alternative approach to reflect the possibility that the level of ongoing state funding would not be sufficient to address the funding requirements of Scenario A. In this alternative, Scenario B, WSF would focus on a core highway system which could be funded at current planned state funding levels and would work with regional partners to develop a complimentary passenger-only system that would be funded at the regional level.

The next step for the Revised Draft Plan is legislative review. At the close of the 2009 Legislative session, WSF expects further policy direction on the strategies, vessel procurement plan, and long term funding commitment discussed in this Revised Draft Plan. Depending on the extent and nature of Legislative direction received, this document will be amended to include a Final Plan Scenario.

WSF hopes to continue the civic engagement that has been a vital part of this process and encourages citizens to contact their Legislators with comments. To facilitate this process, the ferry system will continue to receive comments and transmit them to the Legislature.

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