

WSDOT Ferries Division

Mukilteo Multimodal Project Update

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Project History

- WSF and FTA begin environmental process – 2004
- Legislature puts project on hold – 2007
- WSF and FTA reinitiate EIS process – Feb. 2010
- Agency and tribal coordination meetings – Feb.-June 2010
- Agency and tribal scoping meeting – Sept. 29, 2010
- Public scoping meetings – Oct. 12-14 and Oct. 27-28, 2010

Where Are We Now?

- Scoping period ended on Nov. 19
- Hosted four public meetings (Mukilteo, Whidbey Island, Everett, Edmonds) and one online meeting
- Agency and tribal scoping meeting on Sept. 29
- Completing screening process to determine which concepts to carry forward into the EIS



Range of Concepts

- Mukilteo
 - No Build
 - Existing Site Improvements
 - Elliot Point – Options 1, 2 and 3
 - Mt. Baker Terminal
- Edmonds
 - Existing
 - Existing Site Improvements
 - Point Edwards
- Everett
 - Port of Everett South Terminal



What We've Heard

- 380 public comments; letters from 20+ public agencies and jurisdictions
- Strong support for the project and the need to improve the terminal
- Comments favor keeping the terminal in Mukilteo; very little support for relocating the terminal to Edmonds or Everett
- Other themes:
 - Support for parking in Mukilteo for commuters and Whidbey Island residents
 - Concerns for traffic and safety and support for strong multimodal connections
 - Some interest in a second slip to ensure redundancy and the possibility of additional service in the future

Tribal Coordination

- Government-to-Government coordination with tribes who signed the Point Elliot Treaty of 1855
- Dec. 10 meeting to obtain feedback on the alternatives to carry forward
- Concern for impacts to cultural and natural resources and treaty rights
- Tribes have indicated interest in using the new terminal as a place to educate the public on the historic and cultural significance of the site

Federally Recognized Tribes

- Lummi Tribe*
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Nooksack Indian Tribe
- Samish Indian Tribe
- Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
- Snoqualmie Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe
- Suquamish Indian Tribe*
- Swinomish Indians*
- Tulalip Tribes*
- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Non-federally Recognized Tribes

- Duwamish Tribe
- Snohomish Tribe

Next Steps

- Release scoping report – January 2011
- Report to legislature – January 2011
- Prepare Draft EIS
- Release Draft EIS; hold public hearings – Fall 2011
- Prepare Final EIS – Spring & Summer 2012
- Issue Record of Decision – Winter 2012

Questions?

For more information, please visit:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal

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