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## Executive Board Study Session *July 1, 2008*

*Topic:* Marine Transportation: Overview  
*Speakers:* Greg Jose, Art Anderson Associates  
Josh Brown, Kitsap County

Greg Jose's presentation is on the Kitsap Regional Council's web site. Click on "The Executive Board" on the home page. Scroll down to July 1 – click on "PSRC Regional Passenger-Only Ferry Study Presentation."

*Mark Gulbranson, Deputy Director of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) offered further comment on the Passenger-Only Ferry (POF) Study: King County pushed the PSRC to look at POF; the PSRC made it into a 4-County Study. Thus far, the Project Advisory Committee has provided good feedback for the broader study than in the past. The project is studying best practices from Sydney, Australia; New York City; Massachusetts Bay; and San Francisco Bay.*

Intermodal connections are key to POF success. The PSRC is looking at the POF market for commuters first, possibly branching out to support tourism later. Conceptually, the project is not envisioning a single POF organization – regional and/or local organizations must work together to help supplement Washington State Ferry (WSF) service.

### Points of discussion:

- Kitsap Transit has secured federal funding in the amount of \$4.5 million for POF-related projects and is asking for another \$3.5 million in federal funds in 2009. Adjustments will need to be made to keep up with landside transit.
- Terminal development is separate from the WSF.
- While the City of Seattle is a very good transportation ally, King County has proved to be a challenge. The County "likes things their way", but this process is going through many channels and everyone is communicating right now.
- The Puget Sound Partnership has identified stormwater (from cars and roads) to be the biggest pollutant in the Puget Sound.

*Commissioner Josh Brown, Kitsap County, Kitsap Transit update: Kitsap Transit needs to solve the wake wash issue through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). They are funding this with federal grant money and tax credits. Kitsap Transit is also partnering with King County, but they will have similar wake issues as Kitsap does in Rich Passage. Kitsap and King Counties should develop their EIS together, lest each County have different EIS results; we do not want contradictions – we should work together. Our consultants are already passing along their findings to King County.*