

Hello

TS 042184 , regarding permitting private foot ferry operations from Harper Dock in South Kitsap.

It is my opinion that the state of Washington should look at leasing terminal and dock facilities to private ferry operators from the Southworth terminal in South Kitsap County.

The demand is there for direct connection to downtown Seattle. The Southworth terminal could serve as a major hub for private operators running harbor tour , site seeing boats , shuttle boats to Blake Island State Park , which has the celebrated Tillicum village . There is a desire of a passenger only shuttle boat to Vashon Island. There is a possibility of running a shuttle boat to the DesMoines Marina with a shuttle bus to Sea Tac Airport. Just about any thing you can think of.

The Harper Dock would not support such increased transportation need. The current planning for the Kitsap Transit plan calls for small shuttle bus coming from park and ride lots . They would proceed to a mini bus terminal with no terminal facilities for passengers to my knowledge.

This is not effective use of transportation facilities. I think fewer larger buses serving a major ferry terminal is the correct way to look at the future.

Some have questioned the sharing of the Southworth Dock between union and non union workers. I believe that there is room for negotiations with the unions.

Again I believe there should be ample discussion of TS 042184. before certification is granted.

Thank You

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