

## **State Transportation Commission Visits Aberdeen**

### **Local News**

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OLYMPIA: Local officials of the Grays Harbor area will have the opportunity to share their transportation challenges and priorities with the Washington State Transportation Commission who will be holding a meeting next week in Aberdeen as part of their statewide public outreach efforts.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at the Port of Grays Harbor Commission Meeting Room, 115 South Wooding Street, Aberdeen, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and persons wishing to speak to the Commission may do so during the public comment period scheduled for 4:45 p.m.

The meeting will consist of a series of panel discussions and short presentations about current successes and challenges, future plans and needs for transportation at the local, regional and state level. Representatives from Aberdeen and Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, and the Grays Harbor Council of Governments will talk about transportation issues from a local perspective. Washington State Department of Transportation's Region Administrator Kevin Dayton will talk about the state highway system on the Olympic Peninsula and the Coast.

The meeting will cover a number of regional and local issues including a panel discussion of the US 101 Corridor and the Coastal Highways, focused on transportation viewpoints from the tourism, industrial and goods movement perspectives. Another panel will explore the connections between land use, economic vitality and transportation, including the benefits of being a "Main Street" community, such as Aberdeen. Lastly, the Commission will learn about the successes and challenges at the Port of Grays Harbor.

The Washington State Transportation Commission holds several local meetings throughout the state each year to gain insight from local government, industry and citizens about transportation issues that affect their communities and region. This information helps the Commission to develop and implement a plan for transportation that reflects the priorities of the people and local governments of the State of Washington. The Commission recently held a local meeting in Prosser and will be visiting Bellevue and Omak later this year.

For more information about the Commission and a complete meeting agenda, visit the Transportation Commission's Web site at: <http://www.wstc.wa.gov>