

CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT ~ KENT MYERS

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The fund raising activities for Hurricane Ridge Road continue to progress and it appears likely that the goal of \$75,000 will be reached. On Monday morning, Councilmember Kidd and I will be meeting with representatives from the National Park Service to review the pledges to date. If the funding goal has been met, then the plan is to make an announcement at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting on Monday. Then we will start developing a marketing program for promoting the fact that the road will be open seven days a week with a focus on the Seattle area as well as Victoria. Measurement programs will need to be implemented to track the impact of keeping the road open.

I wanted to let you know that Bill Grimes from Studio Cascade is already fully involved and engaged in preliminary work related to the waterfront design project. He made a presentation to PA Forward on Thursday and has already begun interviewing key stakeholders this week. This weekend he will be interviewing passengers on both ferries as well as visitors in the downtown area.

I wanted to provide a final reminder that the deadline for completing the City Budget Survey is this coming Monday, August 16. Over 1000 responses have been turned in and final results will be forthcoming. I think that you will find this information to be very enlightening and should be very helpful in developing budget priorities for the coming year.

This week Bill Bloor, Terry Gallagher, and I met with Todd Ortloff of *KONP Radio* and Paul Gottlieb of the *Peninsula Daily News* to provide updated information on the impact of District Court's "Pay or Appear" program. This program was established in 2003 and our average annual court revenues have not shown any major increase since the system was adopted. As we mentioned to Paul and Todd, our expenses have increased in terms of jail costs, staff time, etc. Our position is that we are not proponents of the Pay or Appear program and this position has been consistent in our communications with the County over the past year.

I wanted to let you know that I will be leaving Wednesday morning for the Washington City Management Conference in Winthrop and will be out of the office several days next week.

- Kent Myers