



# Pierce County

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Mr. Peter Seto, Vice- Chair  
Anderson Island Citizen's Advisory Board  
10116 Cougar Place  
Anderson Island, WA 98303

RE: Park and Ride Lot in Steilacoom/ Surface Water Management area

Dear Mr. Seto:


Thank you for your letter of April 25, 2006. I am pleased that we agree on the importance of using the ferry system's capacity for walk-on passengers. We face a number of challenges as we work toward increased use of the ferry by walk-on passengers. The challenges can be addressed through collaborative, cooperative efforts of the County and AICAB, and also the residents of Ketron Island, the Town of Steilacoom, the Steilacoom School District and Pierce Transit.

Our new ferry will carry 100 more passengers than the M/V Christine Anderson and this added capacity will become more important as the population on Anderson Island increases. We recognize that additional parking and better transit connections are critical to increasing the number of walk-on passengers; however, at this time, we do not have any funds in our budget to purchase land for a park and ride lot on the Steilacoom side should such land become available. Finding solutions are part of our long-range planning effort and will be part of our new Ferry Systems Administrator's work plan when that position is filled.

The Board's request that we negotiate to purchase the Pioneer School property is a creative approach to the problem. Unfortunately, the property is not available for purchase at this time. In any event, it would not be suitable for a park and ride lot. The vacant land adjacent to the building (currently used as a ball field) must remain open space. That land was donated to the Town of Steilacoom conditioned on its use as a public square in perpetuity. The building itself will in all likelihood be acquired by the Town for public use. That being said, there may be other locations that prove to be valuable when the long-range plan is developed over the next 18 months.

Thank you for communicating the Board's interest. I appreciate your diligence and sacrifice in serving on the Board. The Board's creativity and advice is welcomed and valued. If you have any further comments or questions feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Dick Muri  
Brian Ziegler, Director, Public Works & Utilities  
Toby Rickman, Deputy Dir., Public Works & Utilities

