

NOTES FROM 08/23/23 CONGESTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Summary of ideas (in no particular order):

Freight shed area

- Change the 5 minute parking area by the terminal to live parking only, Use this space for freight unloading and pickup /drop off queueing only (frees up the double and triple parking at the freight shed)
- Move the cages to the new extended pier area, leave a few cages between gates 2-3 on the other side if needed
- Move the CBL van somewhere else
- Have residents prepare their freight prior to arriving at CBL so they are not "packing" boxes and bags in front of the freight shed.
- Ship freight on a dedicated freight run
- Hire efficiency expert to assess freight operations processes

Trucks and large commercial vehicles

- Have a size limit on trucks going to Peaks. Any truck over a certain size must make arrangements with Plantes
- Schedule regular barge runs on Wednesdays

Footprint and queueing

- Remove pedestrian walkway by lanes to add a third lane. Require departing passengers to debark along west side of the terminal (rework fencing to move passengers to the left)
- Provide cars with a number so they know which boat they will most likely be on
- Some sort of nominal vehicle reservation system for some of the slots
- Keep a forklift on Peaks during the days.
- Resident only priority boarding with dedicated lane
- Create "cell phone waiting area" at Marginal Way parking - direct vehicles that don't fit in the two lanes to the lot with text alert – bring up the next xx number of cars
- Eliminate Clink storage area and expand pedestrian waiting area, provide larger covered waiting area.

Tariff changes

- Offer commuter book for vehicles (5 tickets)
- Merge Monday through Wednesday as a blended rate for all three days
- Raise the fares on Wednesday
- Offer a summer/off season rate with no day of the week differential
- Reduce freight charges to dis-incent bringing the car over
- Extend the winter ticket rate to 6 months (instead of 2) and put a cap on how many tickets you can prebuy
- Offer cheap Wednesdays for residents only
- Resident vehicle tickets that can be used Monday-Thursday
- Allow those with Peaks Island Resident Cards to buy a Car Ferry ticket at the Off-Peak price on ANY day

Other

- Revisit charter to add an additional vessel
- Keep Marchionne or purchase small mostly vehicle vessel, eliminate the Bay Mist if needed
- Explore and support efforts to provide reasonable on-peninsula parking
- Enhance/market use of the shuttle
- Turn on the marquees to give timing updates
- Announce via text any unscheduled runs
- Enhance communication to voluntarily drive down Wednesday use