

## Dear Neighbors:

I am working to bring you and your neighbors in Kenmore, Lake Forest Park and Bothell a back-to-the-future alternative to sitting in traffic on Highway 522—passenger ferry service!

As a member of the King County Ferry District Board of Supervisors, I am proud to announce that a passenger ferry demonstration route may

begin operating from Kenmore to Seattle as early as 2011. I worked hard to include Kenmore in the draft plan because congestion on Highway 522 has reached 50,000 cars a day and we need alternatives to driving. I supported the ferry plan because Northshore leaders and I successfully negotiated a Kenmore-to-Seattle route.

The service will include a convenient neighborhood bus circulator to take you straight to the dock. Passenger ferry service will promote ongoing economic development initiatives in the Kenmore and Bothell downtown cores. A successful foot ferry already operating between downtown Seattle and West Seattle is the model for the Kenmore demonstration route.

The Northwest natives among us know passenger ferry service on Lake Washington is not a new idea, but rather the return of the “mosquito fleet.” In 1867 the steamer Minnie Mae began serving Bothell and other Lake Washington communities from Union Bay. In the late 1880’s the forty-foot Squak ran daily from Seattle’s Madison Park on Lake Washington to service North Lake Washington communities and it was the first passenger vessel to operate on the Sammamish Slough.

I am excited about the possibility of restoring ferry service between Northshore and Seattle and I hope you are too. I will keep you updated and welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Ferguson  
King County Councilmember



**Bob rides a water taxi demonstration with marine transit expert Andrew Bennett.**



**King County**



## Bob Ferguson

### Councilmember, District 1

King County Courthouse, Room 1200  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104-3272

[www.kingcounty.gov/ferguson](http://www.kingcounty.gov/ferguson)  
[bob.ferguson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bob.ferguson@kingcounty.gov)  
206.296.1001

PRSR STD  
US Postage  
**PAID**  
Seattle, WA  
Permit No. 1788



*Mosquito Fleet vessels served the Northshore communities for years.*

Photos courtesy of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society



**Passenger ferry service coming to your community...**