Memorandum

To: City of Mercer Island Planning Commission and Deputy Mayor Jahnck
From: Travis Saunders, Planner
Re: Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update Work Plan
Date: July 1, 2010

At the June 16, 2010 meeting, staff provided the Commission with a recap of the state mandated requirements for the Shoreline Master Program update, the extensive process the Commission has undertaken to comply with the mandated requirements, the key decisions made by the Commissions, and the next steps necessary to complete the Commission’s work.

The next steps will involve significant work for staff to research and analyze the Commission’s remaining questions, address and respond to the Department of Ecology’s concerns with certain elements of the current draft SMP, and ensure that the Commission’s final product will address all of the mandatory requirements that the Department of Ecology will be reviewing.

Staff proposes taking a short break from SMP related Commission meetings over the summer. The break would allow staff to gather and analyze all necessary information so it can provide the Commission with well researched and concise recommendations along with answers to the Commission’s outstanding questions and requests.

Staff will continue through the summer to diligently work with experts, the Department of Ecology, and our neighboring jurisdictions to ensure the Commission has the necessary information to finalize its work on the SMP in an efficient and effective manner.

QUESTIONS:
Staff welcomes any questions or concerns you may have with the work plan and any of the topics identified at the June 16th meeting. Feel free to contact me at (206) 275-7717 or travis.saunders@mercergov.org.