

Mission Statement

Identify and initiate coordinated, creative and sustainable ways to assist older adults, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals on the Eastside attain a better quality of life by increasing their transportation options.

This year presented unprecedented challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our partners, stakeholders, and community members have met these obstacles head-on to support our recovery as we enter the new year. The following achievements demonstrate our coalition's teamwork, resiliency, and creativity this year.

2020 Achievements

Coalition Meetings

- Hosted six (6) bi-monthly meetings in East King County with an average attendance of sixteen (16) participants.
- At bi-monthly coalition meetings, hosted a total of seven (7) presentations from King County Metro Community Ride, King County Metro North Eastside Mobility Project, RARET workgroup, City of Bellevue's Transportation Department, GRTMA, Puget Sound Regional Council, and Bellevue Crossroads Connect.
- Coalition adapted meetings to a virtual format in response to the ongoing pandemic. Four (4) meetings were held remotely via GoToMeeting and Zoom platforms.

Member Engagement and Outreach

- Enhanced membership and added twelve (12) new additions to the distribution list, some of which represented the following agencies/organizations: Issaquah Highlands Council & Blakely Hall, Eastside Legal Assistance Program, Issaquah Nourishing Networks, Sophia Way, Jewish Family Service, Complete Street Bellevue, & City of Sammamish.
- Provided weekly email updates on transportation-related news, region-specific announcements, and relevant resources.
- Participated in five (5) stakeholders groups including King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC), Issaquah Nourishing Networks, Lake Washington Institute of Technology's Community Partners, Community Living Connections, and King Eastside Local Planning Area committee.

Projects and Partnerships

- Continued the Eastside Advocacy for Transportation Services workgroup, in partnership with East King County city staff, stakeholders, and active EERC members. The group focused its efforts on increasing transportation services for special needs populations in East King County, namely Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond. The workgroup was suspended in Fall 2020, due to the lack of transportation resources and funding available after the onset of COVID-19 in the region.

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- Finalized the Volunteer Transportation Driver Programs project plan, to be completed in 2021. This project will use previously collected information and materials from the EATS workgroup.