

King County Mobility Coalition

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 19th, 2016, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers
17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133

In attendance:

Members/Alternates: Gaby Bell, Alaric Bien, Amy Biggs, Gil Cerise, Dorene Cornwell, Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke, Francois Larrivee, Cindi Laws, Melony Joyce, Jacque Mann, Aaron Morrow, Aaron McCullough, Hollianne Monson, Jon Morrison Winters, Scott Ninneman, Alex O'Reilly (co-chair), Ruben Rivera Jackman, Jim Seeks, Priscilla Vargas, Dave Waggoner, Kari Ware, Ryan Warner, Caitlin Wasley, Cindy Zwart

Collaborators: David Buckley (Hopelink), Anat Caspi (UW Taskar Center), Kendra Dedinsky (Shoreline), Jeanette Frazier (First Transit), Ann Gifford (SNOTRAC), Tom Irvin (First Transit), Elizabeth King (Hopelink), Ray Krueger, Lauren Link (Hopelink), Wesley Nguyen (Seattle Jobs Initiative), Lisa Pan (DSHS), Edith Savadore (Northwest Center), Dan Walker (Hopelink), Bill Wooley (Hopelink)

Staff: Staci Haber

Welcome, Introductions & Brief Announcements

Alex O'Reilly, Coalition Co-chair, opened the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

New Introductions:

- Jeannette Frazier is with First Transit and oversees the King County Metro Transit Instruction program and Pathway Review Team;
- Tom Irvin is the General Manager at First Transit;
- Lisa Pan is the Special Projects Manager with DSHS; and
- Dan Walker is the General Manager of Direct Operations for Hopelink.

David Buckley, Senior Vice President of Business Development and Transportation announced the recent restructuring of Hopelink Transportation. Lynn Moody has transitioned to the Vice President of Quality and Workplace Excellence at Hopelink. Francois Larrivee now oversees Mobility Management, Brokerage, and Billing Operations. Staci Haber is now the Mobility Manager and permanent staff support for the King County Mobility Coalition. Dan Walker is the General Manager of Direct Operations.

Alex O'Reilly announced May 19th is Global Accessibility Awareness Day. More information can be found here: www.globalaccessibilityawarenessday.org.

Consent Calendar

February 2016 Meeting Minutes: The Coalition approved the meeting minutes as drafted.

New Members and Alternates: the Coalition confirmed the appointment of the following members and alternates:

- Francois Larrivee is now member of Medicaid Brokerage, replacing Lynn Moody;
- Ryan Campbell is now the alternate for Medicaid Brokerage.

Briefing: 145th Corridor Study

Alex introduced Kendra Dedinsky from the City of Shoreline. Kendra shared a presentation about Shoreline's 145th Corridor Study project. The presentation included an overview of the corridor, the status of the 145th Corridor Study, the timeline for implementation, and the improved accessibility features for pedestrians and transit riders.

Kendra explained the variety of current problems with the corridor, including traffic congestion, pedestrian barriers, limited transit service (and minimal amenities), and safety concerns. The corridor study and subsequent implementation includes the involvement of multiple agencies and jurisdictions: City of Shoreline, City of Seattle, King County, and WSDOT. The Sound Transit Shoreline station would also be constructed adjacent to the corridor. The solution would require the balance of various user needs, including pedestrians, cyclists, public transit, and vehicular traffic. There was an extensive public engagement process to uncover priorities for the corridor design. Several proposed solutions include transit queue jump, an off-corridor bike network, and a new non-motorized bridge to connect to the future light rail station. Corridor construction is expected to be completed in 2022.

Jon Morrison Winters (Seattle ADS) questioned whether sidewalks would be available on both sides of the corridor. Kendra confirmed the construction of sidewalks on both sides, but the design would encourage pedestrian flow on the north side to ease access to the Sound Transit station.

Alex O'Reilly asked about any "ah ha" moments in the public engagement process, and whether there was a particular benefit that came to mind for going through this process. Kendra recognized this context is different than other Shoreline initiatives, so it's important to understand the specific needs and the process brought out a "meeting of the minds" to uncover a context-sensitive solution. There was a lot of feedback from the

community on the need for walkable spaces, so the solution balanced the needs of the local residents with individuals who would be passing through the corridor.

Aaron McCullough (Sound Transit) questioned if the final design would meet the future traffic demand once the light rail station has opened. Kendra explained the project team used an aggressive traffic modeling system, coupled with conservative growth projections, to forecast demand and should be able to meet that demand.

Dorene Cornwell loved the Accessible Pedestrian Signals and appreciated that pedestrians were included in the model from the beginning. Dorene asked if there was a particular model that can be used to forecast pedestrian traffic. Kendra ensured pedestrian counts at the intersections were well represented. And while the range of people with disabilities is not being captured in counts, the needs are being considered when it comes to the design.

The Coalition thanked Kendra for her presentation.

Briefing: Emergency Management for Vulnerable Populations

Melony introduced Elizabeth King, the Emergency Management Program Manager at Hopelink. Elizabeth discussed the Emergency Management for Vulnerable Populations project. This project encompasses Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties. Elizabeth solicited participation for the transportation provider survey. The survey, coupled with the provider interviews, will set a baseline of level of preparedness to provide transportation services during an emergency and post-emergency.

Ruben Rivera-Jackman highlighted KCHA has a fleet of vehicles that may be used in cases of emergency. Elizabeth will follow up to have KCHA participate in the transportation network.

The Coalition thanked Elizabeth for her presentation.

Briefing: FTA Section 5310 Funding Opportunity

Alex introduced Gil Cerise, PSRC, and Ryan Warner, WSDOT and the upcoming FTA Section 5310 funding solicitation. These funds are designated for special needs populations. PSRC's call for projects coincides with WSDOT's Consolidated Grant Funds. On July 26th, there will be an eligibility workshop to learn if your project qualifies for this funding. PSRC applications will be due at the end of September.

Gaby Bell (Harborview) questioned whether new projects are encouraged to apply for funding given the perception that sustaining projects are prioritized in the scoring process. Ryan Warner clarified there is no priority between new or old projects in the WSDOT application, and would encourage new projects to apply. Jon Morrison Winters (Seattle ADS) explained it can be made more difficult for new projects to be funded through PSRC but is hopeful greater funding is available at the state level.

The Coalition thanked Gil and Ryan for their presentation.

Discussion: Special Needs Transportation Funding Coordination Efforts

Melony began the discussion on coordination efforts to leverage special needs transportation funding. Staci Haber asked the participants how many attendees currently received 5310 funding, five raised their hands; then how many attendees have never heard of 5310 funding, four raised their hands.

Staci Haber began the discussion by questioning what is working with coordination, what's not working, and what can we do to leverage partnerships moving forward. In addition to Section 5310, another funding source was mentioned, FTA Mobility On Demand (MOD) Sandbox grant, as an opportunity for members to coordinate and apply for a project.

With successes in coordination, Gaby Bell (Harborview) believed there's been a lot of project coordination among agencies. The accessible travel map and the immigrants and refugee projects are successful coordination efforts with KCMC members. Gaby acknowledged the confusing process of eligibility and applying for FTA Section 5310. Jacque Mann (PSESD) recommended the coordination discussion take place at the subregional coalition meetings, given many of the projects are taking place at a local level.

Alex O'Reilly mentioned PSRC staff have been researching other funding opportunities and reporting back to the Special Needs Transportation Committee. Gil Cerise said PSRC compiles a spreadsheet of funding opportunities and can disseminate the spreadsheet to the KCMC listserv. Gil also suggested partnering to apply for JARC funding.

Melony Joyce acknowledged success in bringing stakeholders together to apply for the Rides to Wellness grant opportunity. Though members did not apply, Melony recommended members start having conversations about grant opportunities and communicating to members if you're interested in applying.

Staci Haber also appreciated PSRC hosting the Rides to Wellness webinar as an opportunity for interested parties to come together in the same room and discuss who may want to apply. This allows us to bring together stakeholders in the beginning given the short timeframe to apply for grants.

Dorene Cornwell believed there is value in everyone being in the room and encouraging ways for people who have transportation difficulties to participate in these conversations via phone. Staci Haber will assess having the KCMC meetings available via conference call.

Lisa Pan (DSHS) questioned if the Section 5310 funding is only for public transit, or for any transportation options to encourage individuals to get to work if public transit is unavailable. Melony Joyce clarified the funding is available for transportation beyond public transit and the example may serve as a JARC-funded project.

Ryan Warner (WSDOT) acknowledged if a project or idea is not funded through Section 5310, by bringing up ideas and identifying barriers now then other funding could come available later on.

For next steps, further information will be distributed on the two upcoming funding opportunities. Attendees can also reach out to Gil Cerise and Ryan Warner directly for specific questions on the funding sources and eligibility. Alex recognized the coalition subcommittees can also serve as incubators of ideas that can lead to grant opportunities.

King County Mobility Coalition 5-Year Action Plan Updates

Alex provided an overview on the 5-Year Action Plan for 2015-2020. Staci Haber introduced the Action Plan Status Reporting to track progress with the strategies. In order to prioritize the formation of several subcommittees, a survey was distributed to coalition members, alternates, and interested parties.

Access to Healthcare: The Transportation Travel Tool Tips is currently underway at Overlake Hospital following the completion of the Sea Mar and Harborview tools. The subcommittee will then move to developing a resource for a medical facility in North King County. This subcommittee will also be a good platform for discussing next steps in the Rides to Wellness project.

Veteran's Subcommittee: Lauren Link (Hopelink) provided an update on the Veteran's Subcommittee. Lauren discussed progress with the action plan, including representation at the King County Veterans Consortium. For next steps, Lauren will continue to reach out to relevant housing facilities for outreach; partner with the Seattle Stand Down to provide transportation; and continue to recruit new members.

Quick Briefings:

King County Metro Update:

Melony Joyce announced King County Metro received the inclusive planning grant; one of eight in the country. This will focus on the future of Access Paratransit services. Metro will disseminate a survey followed by the formation of a user committee. Feedback and ideas will be incorporated into Metro's contracts that come out in January 2017. Melony will continue to update the coalition on the process of the outreach.

Sound Transit:

Aaron McCullough stated the opening of the Angle Lake station will open early and under budget. Sound Transit is also recruiting members to serve on the Citizen's Accessibility Advisory Committee, specifically in King and Pierce County. Jacque Mann (PSESD) recommended contacting Jerri Kelly in Pierce County for member ideas. Dorene Cornwell acknowledged the difficulty in finding accessibility events and meetings and a calendar on the website would be helpful to know where to go to provide feedback and find information.

Subregional Coalitions:

Staci Haber provided an update on the subregional coalitions. In North King County, the coalition is partnering with computer classes to offer trip-planning education as well as scheduling a listening session with the City of Kenmore. In South King County, there has been great discussion on affordable housing and transportation. The coalition is also planning on developing a travel tool map for city downtowns that include relevant facilities. For the Eastside, Alex O'Reilly and Alaric Bien (City of Redmond) are working on a travel tool map for The Landing, a shelter for 18-24 year olds. The Eastside is also promoting The Bench Program Cookbook.

Next Steps

- Next Meeting: **Tuesday, August 16th, 2016** from 9:30 – 11:30 am in Bellevue City Hall

Agendas, minutes and handouts from past Coalition meeting are available online at:
<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/kccsnt/agendas-minutes.html>