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**MEETING NOTES**

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Bellevue City Hall

Participants: Candace Ives (King County Housing Authority), Carla James (King County Housing Authority), Francois Larrivee (Hopelink), Lauren Link (Hopelink), Sherman Goong (City of Bothell)

Staff: Mark Carson (Hopelink)

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**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting began at 10:45AM. The attendees provided introductions

Mark Carson (Hopelink) filled everyone in on the Public Transit Orientation (PTO) and Getting Around Puget Sound (GAPS) trips being planned (12/20 at the Northshore Senior Center)

Lauren Link (Hopelink) Recapped the Seattle Stand Down event which took place on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at South Seattle College. This is an event to connect veterans with support, services, equipment, and connections they are entitled to. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the event, and King County Metro generously offered free transportation to veterans both days. For more information, please contact e-mail [llink@hopelink.org](mailto:llink@hopelink.org) or go to [www.theseattlestanddown.org](http://www.theseattlestanddown.org)

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**BRIEFING: BOTHELL COMMUNITY VAN**

Sherman Goong (City of Bothell) shared the status of the Bothell Community Van. At the last North King County Mobility Coalition meeting, (10/27/2016) the Community Van was discussed as an alternative service. Community Vans are not based on a fixed route and are provided by community partnerships; in this case, the Cities of Bothell and Woodinville are partnering with King County Metro and the UW Bothell/Cascadia College.

There is a difference between the Community Vans and the Van Pool *Commuter* vans. The Commuter Vans use route match to group people and pool monthly operating costs to specific locations on a regular basis; essentially creating a new, targeted fixed-route that appeals to up to 5-16 people. The Community van has no fixed route, no regular passengers, and no set schedule. Participants use phone or internet to suggest a trip through a Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) then get picked up at pre-arranged stops and pay a trip fare just as they would on a King County Metro bus. One caveat is that the trips must start OR end somewhere within King County.

One goal is to provide service to the large number of locations without handy fixed route. Vans are based out of Bothell, Woodinville, and the UW Bothell/Cascadia College campus. Drivers are recruited from the community, and King County Metro trains and screens drivers. The CTC works out of UW Bothell/Cascadia College and is responsible for assessing trip demand and coordinating driver volunteers. Due to the small number of vehicles and broad scope of the service, priorities will be set for the CTC by an advisory group composed of representatives from the City of Bothell, the City of Woodinville, King County Metro, and UW Bothell/Cascadia College.

Francois Larrivee (Hopelink) asked if there is a limit to the service area. There really isn't a practical limit as long as it begins or ends in King County and does not conflict with higher priority trips. Lauren Link asked about passenger fare, and method of payment. The cost will be a standard bus fare (\$2.75 during peak hours, or less based upon the rider's qualifications and/or time), and would most likely be handled with an ORCA reader, paper transfer, or Smartphone app.

There are still a few details being worked out between the partners and an agreement is expected to be signed within the next month. It is hoped that the Community Van will begin operating mid to late January 2017. Lauren Link (Hopelink) asked if this would operate similarly to the Duvall Community Van. Sherman answered yes. Francois Larrivee (Hopelink) asked if the van was equipped with a wheelchair lift. It does not have a lift, but each is equipped with a shallow ramp making them wheelchair accessible. Lauren Link asked about secondary costs like tolls and parking. Sherman replied that King County Metro has agreed to cover gas and maintenance costs, and since it is a King County Metro vehicle it is presumed to be exempt from tolls, but parking would need to be addressed on a trip-by-trip basis. Francois Larrivee asked about the frequency of board meetings to set and discuss priorities. It is likely that the board will meet monthly to begin with.

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#### **BRIEFING: 2017 TRANSPORTATION RESOURCE FAIR**

Mark Carson (Hopelink) updated everyone about the upcoming transportation fair which is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Shoreline-LFP Senior Center from 11am-2pm. There was brief discussion around potential partners to table at the event. Mark mentioned that he would be getting in touch with Sound Generations, the Northshore Senior Center, Snohomish Community Transit, Catholic Community Services, Sound Transit, ORCA to-Go and ORCA Lift, and asked for suggestions. Sherman Goong (City of Bothell) thought this would be a good place to promote the Community Van. Lauren Link (Hopelink) suggested 1<sup>st</sup> Transit Access, and perhaps even having an Emergency Management Coordinator from Hopelink come.

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#### **DISCUSSION: 2016 WORK PLAN**

Mark Carson (Hopelink) opened the discussion by handing out printouts of the 2016 North King County Mobility Coalition Work Plan. Mark, being new to this mobility coalition asked simply “How did we do on these items?” Regarding Older Adult Driver Safety Classes, Lauren Link (Hopelink) recalled that some contact was made with AARP, but we were not able to get into the right centers. Candice Ives (King County Housing Authority) said of our Resource Guide of Local Governments’ Accessibility Programs that there had been so many people in the mobility coordinator position (5 people in 2 years) that there hasn’t been much cohesion around the work plan. Candace Ives ((King County Housing Authority) suggested reaching out to Robin McClelland (Citizen at Large) as a resource about the efficacy of the coalition.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

- *Mark* will e-Mail members about the 2016 WorkPlan

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