

MEETING NOTES

Thursday, February 25th, 2021
10:30am-12:00pm
Zoom Remote Meeting

Participants: Nora Daley-Peng (City of Shoreline), Catherine Lander (City of Shoreline), Dan Story (DSHS), Robert Blumenfeld (Alliance of People of disAbilities), Marie Marquart (MV Transit), Candance Kydd-Bailey (Catholic Community Services), Mike Dee (Lake Forest Park Citizen’s Commission), Nancy Slote (Seattle Public Library), Sherman Goong (City of Bothell), Victor Londono (Community Van), Cliff Perry (Northshore Senior Center), Sara Sisco (Hopelink Mobility Education and Outreach), Brock Howell (SNOTRAC)

Staff Support: Maggie Harger, Salwa Raphael, Bree Boyce

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting began at 10:30 AM. Attendees provided introductions.

Maggie shared out updates from throughout the region. Hopelink Mobility will be partnering with SDOT again to help conduct outreach to seniors. Additionally, we submitted a letter of support to Metro in support of the North Link service changes using feedback from the Coalition. Finally, RARET is working on vaccine transportation.

Metro also requests that we fill out the survey related to Service Restoration. The feedback will influence future transportation plans.

NKCMC UPDATES (SEE SLIDES)

MAGGIE HARGER, NKCMC

Maggie provided updates on Coalition projects:

The 2020 Gaps Analysis has been officially published. We are working to present and share out the findings in the next few months. Available to present and share with organizations, please reach out if you are interested in a presentation.

Our first project of 2021 will be targeted outreach to LEP (Limited English Proficient) populations. The Gaps Analysis showed that language is a barrier to accessing information. Hoping for a Task Force meeting in mid-March, looking for transportation providers to possibly develop a toolkit with video, social media posts, and flyers corresponding to each provider. Do you think this will be useful? Feedback?

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Nora: Requested presentation for City of Shoreline with Gaps Analysis. Maggie will follow up.

Dan: Would like to participate with LEP project.

Candance: Would like to participate with LEP project.

Marie: Glad for LEP program. Metro only does seniors, and people with disabilities. A need for LEP and is willing to support and share information with LEP w/ disabilities.

Maggie asked: Does your program currently have translated materials?

Marie: It is pretty limited. They do have ability to bring interpreters.

FIND A RIDE LAUNCH

SARA SISCO, HOPELINK MOBILITY

Sara from Hopelink Mobility Management began discussing the new upgrades they have made to the Find A Ride website, which can be found at <https://www.findaride.org>

New features include:

- The front page now has defined sections on the map for Snoqualmie Valley, Seattle, Snohomish and Pierce counties.
- There is now a “find my location” feature.
- The site now features an accessibility panel
- Medicaid transportation-specific tab
- Glossary of terms tab
- Contact information, TRL, personalized trip planning if need further help
- You can share pages on Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, and LinkedIn. Pinterest has been discontinued.
- It is mobile/tablet friendly
- The majority of the site is currently in English, and they are working on translating specific pages to other languages. Currently translating everything would have been too expensive.

Sherman asked: Is it an app?

Sara: No, however the current website is compatible with a smart phone internet browser.

Sara then demonstrated how to sort and filter based on search parameters. You begin by selecting your region, and then can narrow to a specific city, wheelchair accessibility, age requirements, etc. Providers are encouraged to check their specific pages and reach out if they notice any misinformation.

We will soon have a COVID transportation resource page, which will feed into the COVID vaccine resource line.

The provider list allows users to see all providers alphabetically. This is a precursor the One Call/One Click (OCOC) system. Sara then turned it over to the group for questions.

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Dan: Are there transportation options for all needs?

Sara replied: Technically yes. But there are gaps depending on what region you live in. The number of resources become more limited as you move east.

Cliff: Does it cover 3 counties? How does it relate to One Call/One Click?

Sara: Yes, it covers King, Snohomish and Pierce counties. As for One Call/One Click, the information on Find A Ride will feed into that system. As OCOC develops out providers will be able to build out their profile. More test cases and more research and FindARide.org will become that system. We are also trying to incorporate the human element from end user experience.

Maggie: How should providers share it out?

Sara: Yes, please share on city websites. Please promote in any way you see fit.

SHORELINE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE (SEE SLIDES)

NORA DALEY PENG, CITY OF SHORELINE

Nora then began her presentation on the [Shoreline Transportation Master Plan Update](#). It has not been updated since 2011. A successful plan will have a clear consistent vision, the priorities will reflect existing work and future needs, and it will be feasible and financially sustainable.

They will conduct three waves of outreach over the next two years. Key considerations include: substantial growth in the area, and development of a plan that balances land use and transportation choices. Many transit investments are coming to Shoreline, including Link Light Rail and Metro BRT.

Nora then shared [current projects](#) that are in the works:

- The Sidewalk Prioritization Plan; adopted by council in 2018. It is based on data instead of a complaint driven process. The City looked at safety measures, equity, proximity, connectivity to determine which sidewalks would be prioritized. It uses a sales tax levy which recently passed for projects over next 10 years.
- Multimodal Corridor Plans for the following streets:
 - N. 185th Anticipating light rail arrival and looking at corridor to fit transportation choices
 - N. 175th
 - N.145th St. – pair of roundabouts to improve safety and flow at interchange
- In 2024 Shoreline will receive 2 Light Rail Stations. They have adopted subarea plans around these stations for more dense and walkable neighborhoods.
- Stride Bus Service
 - Swift Blue Line is coming to 185th Station, extend to meet Light Rail system
- Metro will also be working on altering bus service to connect to the Light Rail.

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- Trail along the rail – A shared use path next to light rail. It will provide direct access to two stations, as well as parks, districts, and connections to other regional trails. 20 blocks, it will be constructed by 2024.
- 14th Off street Corridor Bike Network
 - Slower paced streets, similar to Seattle’s Greenways, it will also include a new pedestrian and cycle bridge

Nora then led the group in a “Where do you want to go?” activity. Thinking about the City of Shoreline, where would you like to access without a car?

Mike: Lake Forest Park to Shoreline not available after 7pm. via bus.

Brock: Senior Center, City Hall, Churches, YMCA

Marie: The intersection of Hamlin and Mary Avenue to Shoreline Community College

Nora asked: What interests does group have in contributing to the project? The City needs details. For example, the NKCMC could focus on accessibility supporting populations with disabilities. Or they could focus on first/last mile connectivity. Or how to provide more reliable connections from transportation hubs

Sherman stated: I am curious about the multi-modal corridor, what does it look like? Are there bike plans in the TMP? What outreach methods are you using?

Nora: For the 185th multi-modal corridor plan, there are web pages to show vision. We hope for wider sidewalks, bike lanes at sidewalk level and then lanes dedicated to transit for buses to and from Light Rail. No funding yet.

175th is still in design but there is a similar vision, with travel lanes and a protected bike lane on the downhill side.

145th – vision in place, they have funding for interchange on Corliss. They hope to improve roadway and building wide sidewalk on the north side.

In terms of specific outreach, they have a survey, are conducting group conversations and presentations. Additionally, UW Evans school is studying mobility hubs and enhanced bus stops. Shoreline also has 14 neighborhood associations; Nora has been reaching out to them and has presented at four so far.

Mike: Are you working with Metro to improve the frequency of bus lines?

Nora: We are. Transit stakeholder group that they have met with include Metro, Community Transit, and Sound Transit. This summer, Metro is looking North at Shoreline at bus restructure to future light rail stations. You can go to individual webpages for these projects to find surveys.

Maggie: How would the coalition like to continue providing feedback in the future? Are there specific topics we should focus on?

Nora: Summer is next wave of outreach. I am open to hosting focus groups as well.

Sherman: Does Shoreline have a city-wide bike plan?

Nora: Yes, but it is ten years old now.

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Sherman: Bothell is getting close to drafting their bike plan, would like to present to group before going to council

NEXT STEPS

Maggie asked the coalition if they had any topics they would like to focus on in the upcoming year. Does anyone want to come present on something they are working on?

Cliff: There is always the issue of transporting people across border of King and Snohomish. Challenge getting between counties, especially for Bothell which covers both counties.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Maggie** will reach out to Nora to coordinate on presenting Gaps Analysis findings for the city of Shoreline
- **Maggie** will email out about the LEP Project Taskforce
- **Maggie** will email out about follow up steps for the Shoreline Transportation Master Plan

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND, FROM 10:30AM-12:00PM, ZOOM REMOTE MEETING

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