

# Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (RARET)

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# Welcome!

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# Announcements

1. Staffing Updates
2. Steering Committee Update

# Staffing Update

- Welcome Nathan Emory, new full-time RARET Coordinator
- Welcome Maggie Harger, North King County Mobility Coordinator
- South King County Mobility Coordinator position – vacant, but hiring is on hold
- Staci's updates

# Update: RARET Steering Committee

1. RARET staff/steering committee seeking representation for Snohomish County.
2. Steering Committee has reviewed and finalized 2020 Work Plan and will begin implementing projects for Q1/2
3. Steering committee will report out at bimonthly meetings regarding strategic decisions.

# Update: RARET Steering Committee

- King County: **Mike Ryan**, King County Zone One Coordinator
- Pierce County: **Ivan Tudela**, Pierce County DEM
- Snohomish County: **VACANT – SNOTRAC TBD?**
- Emergency management: **Randy Fay**, Snohomish County DEM
- Transit Agency: **Jeremy Trenhaile/Anne-Marie Jehle (alternate)**, King County Metro Accessible Services
- Transportation Provider: **Tammy Mason**, Hopelink Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- Health: **Rebecca Lis/Susan Pelaez (alternate)**, Northwest Healthcare Response Network
- Human Services: **Deborah Witmer**, Human Services Department
- End users/community advocates: **Aaron Morrow**, Community Advocate

# 2020 Workplan Q1/Q2 Projects

## 1. *Launch and Promote RARET's Adverse Driver Resources Webpage*

1.1: Develop and launch an adverse weather driving resource webpage for transportation providers (Q1)

1.2: Promote the adverse weather driving resource webpage through a coordinated distribution campaign (Q1)

# 2020 Workplan Q1/Q2 Projects

2. *Establish an operational network of transportation providers willing to provide services during an emergency.*

2.1: Engage with transportation providers to understand their interest and capacity in operating during an emergency (e.g. focus groups, interviews) (Q1)

2.2: Formalize “Alliance” participation expectations and develop a partner agreement with participating transportation providers (Q2)

# 2020 Workplan Q1/Q2 Projects

3. *Facilitate discussions around implementing King County winter weather medical transportation procedures in Pierce and Snohomish Counties.*

3.1: Convene Snohomish and Pierce County partners to assess the possibility of implementing similar medical transportation procedures (Q1-3)

# 2020 Workplan Q1/Q2 Projects

6. *Participate in Cascadia Rising regional earthquake exercise in 2022.*

6.1: Engage with exercise planning group to assess feasibility of engaging RARET during earthquake exercise. (Q1-Q4)

# 2020 Workplan Next Steps

- Begin implementation of Q1/Q2 projects
- Steering Committee will provide strategic guidance on these projects
- Updates/input for workgroup members

# RARET Project Update: Adverse Weather Driver Resource Page

1. Identify taskforce – COMPLETE
2. Compile resources – COMPLETE
3. Taskforce reviews compiled resources – COMPLETE
4. Identify resource gaps: develop new resources – COMPLETE
5. Publish to Webpage – COMPLETE
6. Transportation providers review resources - IN PROGRESS
7. Develop distribution plan and next steps – IN PROGRESS

<https://www.kcmobility.org/adverse-weather>

# RARET Project Update: Adverse Weather Driver Resource Page

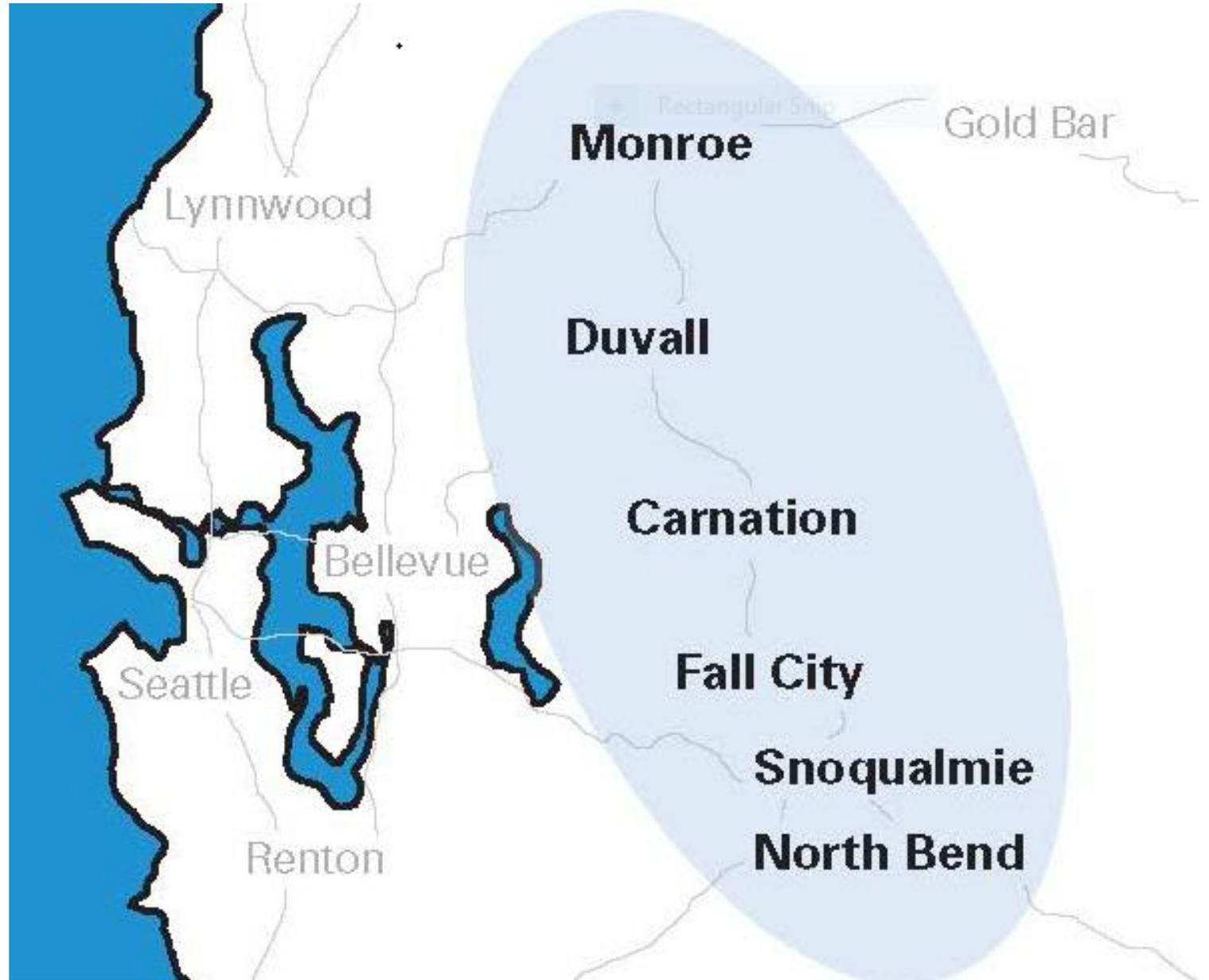
- Where have you shared about this page? *Email, social media, newsletter, in-person, etc.?*
- Will revisit the page and distribution in the Fall
- How else can RARET's webpage be leveraged?
  - *Working on adding weekly COVID-19 Impact Summaries to landing page.*

# 5 Year Transportation Plan

Snoqualmie Valley

***TRANSPORTATION*** COALITION

In the far east  
of King County lays  
the Snoqualmie  
Valley...



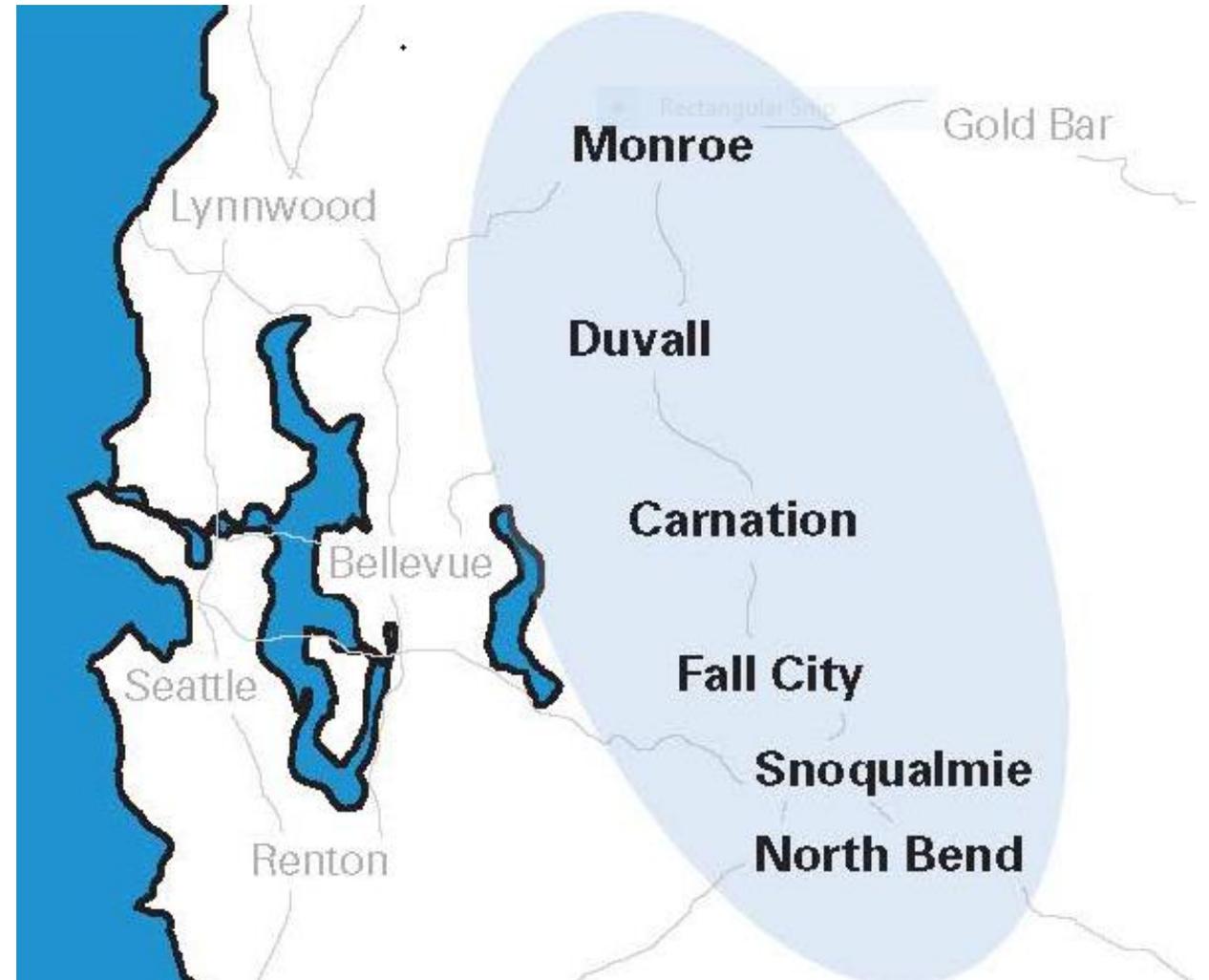
# Snoqualmie Valley

## **TRANSPORTATION COALITION**

In 2017, a team made up of:

- Transportation providers
- Members of the Snoqualmie Tribe
- City officials and staff
- Human Services Providers
- King County elected officials
- Medical Providers
- School District Staff
- Community Members

convened to address much needed transportation improvements in Snoqualmie Valley.



The Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition was created following the initial meeting and within two years had completed:

- 2017 Broad Needs Assessment sent to 26,000 households.
- A promotional video highlighting existing transportation options.
- Numerous 1:1 interviews, bi-monthly general/task force coalition meetings.
- Launched the Duvall-Monroe Shuttle that reduced a 3.5-9 hour bus trip to a 30 minute shuttle ride that now occurs every 90 minutes.
- A second targeted needs assessment distributed online and on social media.
- A 5 Year Transportation Plan.

Snoqualmie Valley

## *TRANSPORTATION* COALITION

The purpose of the 5 Year plan is:

To create a coordinated  
transportation plan uniting all cities  
in Snoqualmie Valley.

### Community Engagement included:

- 2017 Needs Assessment was conducted by hiring a research firm to mail a printed survey asking only residents who currently use, want to use, or willing be using public transportation to reply and return the survey in the envelope provided. A PSRC grant funded this survey.
- Community partner discussions and interviews were conducted to zero in on transportation gaps and desires.
- 2019 targeted paper and online survey conducted by staff and partners at events and on social media.

**2017** Broad Needs Assessment  
sent to 26,000 households

**2019** Transportation Priorities  
Online Survey

**2018** 1:1 Interviews, Coalition  
Meetings

Implementing 5 Year Plan projects will include:

- Increased collaboration and networking among a wide range of cross sector partnerships.
- Increased awareness and education of transportation services currently available.
- Meeting transportation needs in the community through an equity and access lens.

What does this look like:

**1. Increased collaboration and networking among a wide range of cross sector partnerships.**

- Coalition staff and stakeholders have met to review current comprehensive plan goals with city staff and elected officials. We will continue these efforts through the life of the 5 year plan.
- We will continue to build relationships across county borders and increase transit connections to requested cities such as Seattle, Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond and Sammamish.

## **2. Increased awareness and education of transportation services currently available.**

- SVTC staff and stakeholders will continue to provide education on available transportation services and resources and will establish means for increasing our reach.

### **3. Meeting transportation needs in the community through an equity and access lens.**

- Our community engagement process has yielded robust information on transportation needs and gaps. We have plans to continue our outreach efforts to establish better community connections among residents over the next five years.

## **More specifically Snoqualmie Valley Transportation staff and partners will be...**

- Presenting in all cities on the 5 Year Plan at City Council meetings, community associations, Rotary clubs, and Chambers of Commerce.
- We will also be meeting with city staff and elected officials in 1:1 interviews to align Comprehensive Plan goals with the 5 year plan priority project list.

## Outreach will also include...

- Connecting King County residents at tabling events with **information about travel options, increasing independence and mobility.**
- Providing **one-on-one transportation assistance** in community centers, libraries, on excursions, and at outreach events.
- Partnering with school district staff, social service agencies, medical providers, and community organizations in order to **provide travel resources to their employees.**
- Trainings tailored to meet the needs of the clients they serve so employees are left with **a toolkit of resources and handouts.**
- Hosting local “Coffee Talks” in partnership with city staff, elected officials, community organizations and members.

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**TRANSPORTATION COALITION**

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# Discussion: COVID-19

Intended outcomes:

- 1. Increase situational awareness by hearing updates from partners about COVID-19 impacts*
- 2. Gather ideas for how RARET can support without duplicating efforts*
- 3. Receive feedback about weekly transportation impact summaries*

# Discussion: COVID-19: What is RARET currently doing?

- Gathering information to increase situational awareness
- Tracking transportation providers' level of operations
- [Weekly transportation impact summaries](#)
- [March newsletter](#) featured resources about COVID-19 and call to action for partners share how RARET can support with duplicating efforts
- Discussions about food access and emergency transportation providers meeting
- Send post-event survey to providers to assess impacts
- Complete after-action report

# Discussion: COVID-19

- How has COVID-19 impacted your operations?
- What needs are you hearing from your community?
- What is currently being done and where are the gaps?
- What else can RARET be doing right now without duplicating efforts?
- Feedback for weekly Transportation Impact Summaries?

# **Roundtable and Next Steps**

## Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00am – 12:00pm

Pierce County Department of Emergency  
Management, Policy Room

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**Please contact us with any questions!**