

Thursday, March 11, 2021

10:30am – 12:00pm

Zoom Call-in

Participants: Adrian Down (Port of Seattle), Angel Bond (Mobility for All), Cassidy Giampetro (KCMC/Hopelink), Chris Andree (City of Tukwila), Joy Scott (City of Auburn), Lachen Chernyha (King County Records and Listening Services), Liz Tilton (Road to Independence), Phillip James (Muckleshoot Transportation), Sara Sisco (Hopelink), Salwa Raphael (Hopelink), Sean Bouffiu (King County Records and Listening Services), Tara Wagner (Catholic Community Services)

Staff Support: Bree Boyce, Bebhinn Gilbert, Camille Heatherly

Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements

The meeting began at 10:35 with introductions shared over the chat. Attendees were asked this icebreaker question: What are the three most critical resources that allow our community to meet their basic needs?

Responses:

- Information/technology, education, employment opportunities
- Housing stability, food security, resources/access to support
- Shelter/housing, food, general stability
- Community, transportation
- Food access, shelter, community bonds
- Communication/connectedness, disability resources, resource for folks to support engagement

Sean Bouffiu asked that members interested in participating in the King County wheelchair accessible for-hire transportation improvement project can contact FAST@kingcounty.gov.

2021 Find A Ride Update and South King Outreach

Sara Sisco, Mobility Outreach Program Manager

Sara described the role that Mobility plays within Hopelink's unique direct service and resource connection programs. The Mobility team provides a unique connection between direct and ongoing services, with a staff of eleven. Coordinators work both with their coalitions and provide mobility education and outreach throughout King County.

Hopelink's Mobility Education and Outreach (MEO) program is targeted outreach that shows the end user that transportation is a resource and not a barrier. MEO uses a multi-pronged approach to outreach that allows the end-user to get the services they need. In 2019, Mobility Management served 8,566 clients.

Core MEO Programs:

- Travel Ambassador Training
 - Designed to get service staff educated on travel resources to share with employees and clients.
- Getting Around Puget Sound
 - Connects King County residents with information about travel options to increase their independence and mobility.
- Public Transit Orientation
 - Currently suspended due to COVID precautions. A "fear reduction" program to demonstrate to community members how to use a specific transportation resource (light rail, bus, ferry, etc.) Includes a tour, how to set an itinerary, pay fare, and other crucial basics.
- Transportation Resource Line

- A way to help community better understand their transportation options
- Available Monday – Friday, 9:00AM – 4:00PM
- Contact: 425-943-6760 or mobility@hopelink.org

Sara explained the FindARide.org website resource, which offers travel options within King County dependent on each region and need. Attendees were encouraged to explore the site and recommend it to community members as an information finding resource.

Find A Ride also has a Covid-19 resource page. This page includes information on the following: options for finding testing sites, vaccination locations, and providers offering Covid positive transportation.

Discussion: SKC Roundtable Review and Approval

The 2021 SKCMC projects continue! The South King Round Table Discussions are planned for this spring, with the first session to occur on April 30th. The first topic is “Community Access to Key Resources” Bebhinn asked the group to give their feedback on the following:

- Definition of Key Resources
 - Current planning will use a definition of “key resources” drawn from Maslow’s hierarchy of needs. Key Resources are those that meet basic, crucial, needs of community members.
 - The current list includes housing, food access, medical care, employment support, financial assistance, digital access. The list will be adjusted according to the responses to the icebreaker question in the chat.
 - The group had no feedback or suggestions to share at the time of the meeting.
 - Subject Matter Experts and Invitations
 - Bebhinn asked that SKCMC members review and fill the invitation list for individuals who should be included in event invitations and promotion. SKCMC members were especially encouraged to identify potential key contacts who could represent sectors not currently represented by SKCMC membership.
 - The same invitation list will be shared with the coalition distribution list so that each member may review and update the list.
 - i. The file includes comments which provide direction on how to successfully complete the document.
 - Tara shared that the list looked thorough and helpful, especially because it’s all neatly available at one resource.
 - Promotion
 - The drafted flyer was shared with the group. Bebhinn asked if it accurately shows the coalition’s goals for each discussion and if the timing seems appropriate for each date.
 - Meeting attendees did not provide comments on the content on the flyer.
 - The dates were confirmed with the attendees.
 - Guiding Conversation Questions
 - Bebhinn was unable to share the questions during the meeting but will share out the document for feedback to coalition members.
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Discussion: KCMC Transportation Needs Assessment Results

Cassidy Giampetro, King County Mobility Coalition

Both King County Mobility Coalition and South King County Mobility Coalition share the same vision and population focus, but the KCMC remains more focused on countywide, high level needs-based programming. KCMC just completed the [Community Transportation Needs Assessment](#).

Of the resources that informed the assessment, 21 needs identified were found to be relevant in South King County. These were not only limited to South King County, but many of them directly relate to the suburban and rural landscape in the region due to less built-out mobility network. In addition to this, vulnerable populations facing awareness gaps are found with higher relative frequency in the south. Lastly, there is a need for connections from South King County to major medical and employment centers.

Cassidy explained that the needs assessment is being used to inform the Puget Sound Regional Council's Coordinated Plan to advocate for the needs they have identified, using the findings to guide the Coalition's future project plans, and will be meeting with community-based organizations to push education forward.

SKCMC members can use this needs assessment for internal advocacy and resource identification. The SKCMC will also be using this resource in the upcoming 2021 SKC asset assessment project to begin this summer.

Roundtable, Next Steps, & Commitments

Bebhinn shared some of the coalition's successes, with her partnerships with outreach organizations. Recent participation with Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP), Renton Technical College counseling department, and Communities in Schools to provide Travel Ambassador trainings. Every other Thursday, Bebhinn provides Getting Around Puget Sound outreach at Auburn Community Court virtual resource center. Bebhinn developed a new partnership with AJAC, a pre apprenticeship training program, to provide GAPS events focusing on resources for newly employed community members and jobseekers. The sharing of outreach updates will be a regular occurrence at future SKCMC meetings, especially as the updates relate to outreach for harder to reach populations. Bebhinn asked that SKCMC partners reach out to her for potential outreach and education opportunities.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 13th, 2021 from 10:30am-12:00pm

Location: Zoom

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