

MEETING NOTES

October 11TH, 2019

10:30am – 12:00pm

Sno-Valley Hopelink

Attendees: Robert Blumenfeld (Alliance of People with disAbilities), Amy Biggs (SVT), Lane Covington (Representative for Kathy Lambert), Dylan Gamble (City of Snoqualmie), Cassidy Giampetro (KCMC), Marianna Hanefeld (SNOTRAC), Carol Ladwig (SVT), Steve Leniszewski (City of Duvall), Kim Lisk (City of Carnation), Amanda Smeller (City of Carnation), Mark Smutny (Sound Generations), Dan Story (DSHS), Ben Swanson (City of Monroe), Mandy Wes (Alliance of People with disAbilities)

On phone: Aaron Morrow (KCMC), Jean Kim (PSRC)

Staff support: Staci Haber, M'Liss Moon

Welcome and Announcements:

Staci Haber opened our meeting and shared the new SVTC website called [Get Around the Valley](#). M'Liss will be editing and uploading photos but feel free to share the link!

This is new information for some of us, but SVT will pick people up at the Stillwater Gas Station.

Discussion:

We launched into our morning project developing our list of 5 Year Transportation Plan project list for all of Snoqualmie Valley, the Unincorporated Areas, Duvall, Carnation, Fall City/Preston, Snoqualmie, North Bend, Youth, People with Disabilities, People with Low Income and Older Adults.

We had 16 people in attendance who were able to generate a lot of great ideas and then voted with dot stickers on ideas that were favorites with respect to our Guiding Principles.

Guiding Principles:

1. Design transportation innovations that are safe, affordable, convenient, and accessible for Snoqualmie Valley.
2. Plan for financially sustainable transportation programs and services while keeping it affordable for all users.
3. Create a coordinated transportation system that satisfies the Valley's needs and gets the Valley where they need to go.

All of Snoqualmie Valley: Each section below is numbered in terms of voted on priorities (e.g. #1 was the top priority)

1. Ensure that city comprehensive plans include transit:
 - Monday-Friday in city 5:00am-9:00pm
 - Sat and Sun service from 9:00am-6:00pm
 - Connections to neighboring cities
 - Connections to regional transit
 - Decide on frequency for each
 - Affordable
 - Accessible
2. Have each city decide on projects so that funding opportunities can be realized.
3. More data to establish need for transit (medical, employment, shopping)
 - Determine how many routes, which destinations, and demographics

4. Ensure that all Valley cities are collaborating on transit issues.
5. Build bus shelters that also have good lighting.
6. Increase Valley Shuttle.

Unincorporated Areas:

1. Loop to pick up people at Ames Lake Rd, Carnation Farms Rd and Tolt Hill Rd.
2. Tolt River Rd pick up every 30-45 minutes.
3. Connect Lake Joy, Lake Margaret and Cherry Valley to downtown Duvall (see #4 under Duvall)

Duvall:

1. Coordinate a schedule with Community Transit to connect Westbound or Eastbound commuter routes. (Marysville, Arlington, and Everett)
 - a. Need to understand work schedule first before proposing route
2. Transit from Monroe to Duvall.
3. Increase awareness and secure funding for Duvall/Monroe Shuttle.
4. Create service that connects to outlying areas (Lake Joy, Lake Margaret, Cherry Valley) to downtown Duvall.
5. Weekend service.

Carnation:

1. Transit to Park n Ride in Redmond. SVT?
2. Increase Valley Shuttle service to 30-45 minutes.
3. Transit to Park n Ride in Preston and "beef up service there."
4. Create an SVT loop with Carnation and Fall City on 202/203.
5. Add Valley Shuttle leg to Issaquah.

Fall City/Preston:

1. Build a larger Park n Ride in Preston to accommodate better connections from the upper and lower Valley cities.
2. Advocate for this area and increase awareness of Preston Park n Ride deviated route.

Note: there was a comment that Fall City/Preston have different needs and may not warrant being coupled together.

Snoqualmie:

1. Increase transit connections between Snoqualmie Ridge and downtown Snoqualmie.
2. Create (?) a Park n Ride to regional hubs

North Bend:

1. Get Metro to extend the current Valley Shuttle line with a stop in Edgewick.
2. Decrease time between stops/pick up's = add buses.

People with Low Income:

1. Eliminate fares for low income population.
2. Early and late options- 6:00am-7:00am and 5:00pm-7:00pm.
3. Child care transportation coordination.
 - a. Design challenge: Need a car seat for children on SVT and can't bring car seat on Metro buses.
4. Weekend services to west (Bellevue, Kirkland, Issaquah, Redmond).

Youth:

1. Youth need transportation to employment centers to the north and west especially on the weekends. (1 trip/1 bus).

2. Increase M-F 4am-8am service and evenings (for sports).

People with Disabilities:

1. Communicate shuttle options better.
2. Understand needs better.
3. Have more access to information and various options (e.g. at library).

Older Adults:

1. Increase trips to Eastside hubs- Issaquah, Redmond, Bellevue.
2. Find solutions to increase frequency.
3. Find ways/design solutions to reduce transfers a night.
4. Better understand needs.

M'Liss and Staci will be connecting with Metro stakeholders to share project lists and get feedback. Our next Task Force meeting will be creating performance metrics.

Amy Biggs gave a Duvall/Monroe shuttle update and ridership numbers are good but outreach is needed to bring more awareness and education about the shuttle. SVT is planning outreach in low income housing sector and at the Monroe Senior Center.

Monroe stakeholders met briefly post SVTC general meeting to discuss Monroe's inclusion and needs. Monroe has a variety of assets due to its size and being an employment center and having great medical options/hospital. We did not receive enough survey responses from the Monroe area for statistical validity but we were able to generate a project list for Monroe to continue our efforts in cross-county collaboration and working with the Snoqualmie Valley as a region versus a collection of cities.

Monroe:

- Increase outreach and relationship building with Monroe community stakeholders and members.
- Assess cross county connections with Metro and CT.
- Understand needs/gaps better.
- Support options in Monroe.
- Continue to support Duvall-Monroe Shuttle

Action Items:

- Idea to add "partners" documents and reports to SVTC website. M'Liss to connect with Laura Smith on adding SCFA.
- Add tent cards for regular attendees at meetings. Kim Lisk offered to create.
- M'Liss to review and include the target number we had for Monroe survey response.
- M'Liss to connect with any regular stakeholders who did not attend meeting for feedback on the project selection and priorities.

Next Meeting:

SVTC Task Force on November 8th at 10:30am -12:00pm at the Sno-Valley Hopelink.

SVTC General Coalition on December 13th at 10:30am -12:00pm at the Sno-Valley Hopelink.

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