
MEETING NOTES

February 23rd, 2017

Northshore Senior Center

Participants: Brittany Krein (Hopelink), Carla James (King County Housing Authority Resident), Harry Horst (Northshore Senior Center), Sherman Goong (City of Bothell), Staci Haber (King County Mobility Coalition), Zoe Jorna (Hopelink)

Staff: Mark Carson (Hopelink)

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. Coming up is a recurring event at the Northshore Senior Center on April 18th from 10:00am-2:00pm. There is a Northhaven Wellness & Senior Health Fair at Northgate happening on March 24th from 8:30am-Noon. On March 31st, Cascadia College in Bothell will host a Community Resource Fair from 2:00-4:00pm. Finally, there will be a Senior Health Fair at Edmonds Senior Center on April 28th from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Mark Carson gave a recap of the Transportation Fair that took place on February 7th at the Shoreline-LFP Senior Center. Even though there was inclement weather that day which suppressed vendor and participant turnout, there were still 12 vendors for 13 spots, and around 60 diners Harry Horst who exhibited for the Northshore Senior Center said it highlighted the importance of Special Needs Transportation. Harry related one conversation that stuck in his head where a woman concluded by saying; "Thank you for talking with me. My walls don't talk back." This iconic statement highlights what we strive for. Mark shared Hopelink was adapting a survey, which had been used at the Transportation Fair, for use in other fairs. Harry suggested future events also include contact information for City council members and state legislatures so participants can contact their representatives with requests and concerns.

Mark read an e-mailed update about the King County Metro late-night bus service reorganization. (Included here)

I'm happy to let you know that King County Metro and the Seattle Department of Transportation have finalized a proposal for expanded late-night bus service to help meet the demand of riders including:

- *Workers in jobs with early-morning or late-night shifts such as health care and many segments of the service industry.*
- *Travelers and workers heading to and from downtown to Sea-Tac Airport after 1 a.m.*

- People enjoying Seattle's nightlife, including music and arts venues.
- Low-income and vulnerable populations.

I wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to work with you and for your valuable input and support as we developed our outreach and proposal. We got more than 4,500 responses from our survey, talked with riders on the buses, and worked with many groups like the King County Mobility Coalition that represent the diverse needs of our riders. This input was used to shape the recommendation [now before the King County Council](#). If the Council approves the recommended changes, they will go into effect this September.

The proposal invests about 11,000 annual service hours, 8,800 of which are funded by the City of Seattle. It replaces the current Night Owl routes 82, 83, and 84 by adding late-night trips to existing all-day routes that serve many of the same areas, and expands late night service to many new areas previously not served by late-night transit. It also adds late-night trips between downtown Seattle and Sea-Tac Airport for improved access for airport employees and travelers. To learn more about the proposal details, please visit the [project webpage](#).

If you would like to provide a letter or email expressing you or your organization's thoughts please address it to the Chair of the King County Council, Councilmember Joe McDermott and copy to the other Councilmembers (contact information is available [online](#)).

Zoe Jorna gave an update on the recently completed Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (RARET) workshop series that was just completed. 91 people from different counties attended workshops to work through an adverse weather scenario.

DISCUSSION: ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

Sherman Goong (City of Bothell) gave an update on the Community Van being implemented in Bothell. The contract is in the final approval stage. Ideally this would be a hub location to destination and return type service rather than door-to-door, but such things are not set in stone. There is also a TripPool service in the works wherein "van pool" type vans are being used to carpool commuters from their homes to park-and-ride locations. Staci Haber (KCMC) mentioned that King County Metro's Alternative Services Program is a topic that she's been running into a lot. She (Staci) talked about the Kenmore Listening Sessions that happened in 2016 and some of the frustrations she heard with the existing public transit services. Harry Horst (Northshore Senior Center) brought up the logistical issues of getting transportation to and from the senior center for residents in the North side of Bothell since the King/Snohomish county line

runs through the city. In some cases next door neighbors are in different counties. Sherman Goong (City of Bothell) said this was one reason the community van project was must allow rides to start *or* end in King County, and therefore cross the county line.

Sherman Goong also announced the City of Bothell was awarded \$500,000 through Washington State's Complete Streets program. Sherman thanked the King County Mobility Coalition for nominating the City of Bothell for this award.

RECAP: 2016

Mark Carson (Hopelink) recapped the 2016 accomplishments, discussions, and presentations. Among the discussions in 2016 were: Washington 522 update; the split of Northshore Senior Center from Sound Generations which happened in March 2016; the Future of King County Metro's Access Para-transit program which is currently working off of feedback from an online survey; the Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (RARET) workshops which were just completed; the Kenmore Listening Sessions, summaries of which were sent out to Coalition members and King County Metro Staff; the Seattle Stand Down resource fair for Veterans which happened December 1-2, 2016.

There were also presentations to the Coalition on projects in the region including: Opening of Light Rail stations in Capitol Hill and UW (Husky Stadium); the Woodinville/Bothell Alternative Services project, which later became the Community Van that Sherman talked about at the beginning of the meeting; King County Metro's Long-Range plans; the creation of Vets-go.com, and the sister site FindARide.org which are both currently online; the Bothell Complete Streets program; and the King County Metro Late-Night bus service reorganization.

Staci Haber (KCMC) added the Kenmore listening sessions were a continuation of a 2013 effort and project 2; "Continue Efforts from the Listening Sessions. Continue efforts stemming from the 2013 and 2014 Listening Sessions, including (1) following up on feedback from the community, such as sidewalk improvements; (2) organizing new Listening Sessions at relevant facilities, tentatively in Kenmore; and (3) presenting the findings to captive audiences, including city councils and other coalition entities" from the 2016 work plan. We as a group started working on projects 1 and 3; "Education on Technology Tools for Trip Planning" and "Partner with Older Adult Driver Safety Classes" but were unable to complete them in 2016.

DISCUSSION: 2017 MISSION STATEMENT

Mark Carson (Hopelink) opened the discussion by handing out printouts of the 2016 North King County Mobility Coalition Mission Statement. This had been e-mailed out to everyone, and everyone had been asked to edit the mission statement so revisions could be discussed. Everyone present edited the handout. Mark read edits that had been e-mailed in from participants who could not be present. After much discussion, the mission statement was edited to become

“The North King County Mobility Coalition brings together individuals and organizations with a common interest in improving transportation by increasing awareness and coordinating services for residents of North King County, including older adults, low-income individuals, veterans, immigrants/refugees, and people with disabilities. Together we identify existing needs and opportunities to provide a comprehensive, active transportation network for all ages and abilities. Our goal is to improve quality of life and reduce isolation.”

The meeting adjourned at Noon.

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