2023 Annual Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition Achievements

Vision
Connecting communities to improve transportation opportunities for the Snoqualmie Valley.

Mission Statement
Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition (SVMC) believes affordable, accessible, reliable, and safe transportation is necessary for life and is dedicated to connecting communities to improve transportation for all of Snoqualmie Valley.

Coalition Meetings
- Throughout 2023, the Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition successfully convened six meetings for the Coalition membership, with an average attendance of twenty-two members per meeting, including representatives from Carnation, Duvall, North Bend, and the City of Snoqualmie, among others.

- The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition held six Task Force meetings with representatives from all four Coalition city jurisdictions, focusing on valley-wide, coordinated advocacy projects, and peer support.
The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition’s efforts expanded membership to 183 partners on our distribution list. The Coalition added forty-five new partners throughout the year and counted twenty-three coalition members participating in at least one-third of all 2023 Coalition meetings.

The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition hosted several informative presentations as part of our commitment to further the Coalition’s mission:

- National Weather Service and RARET: SnoValley Winter Weather Preparedness and Resources Presentation
- King County Metro Accessibility Planning – Updating ADA Policies for Reducing Barriers to Increase Accessibility
- King County Transportation Planner Meredith Sampson discusses new King County Flood Management discussed its new two-year plan to Metro Flex services.
- University of Washington – Evans School of Public Policy and Governance and NKCMC’s Julio Perez detailed their cross-country transportation research, including King and Snohomish Counties, and actionable recommendations to improve mobility landscapes.
- King County Subarea team discussed the KC Subarea Community Survey, establishing the vision, goals, and policies to guide development decisions in rural community service areas and unincorporated areas for the next 20 years.
- Snoqualmie Valley Transportation discussed SVT service changes and updates.
- The Urbanist presented a WA State long-session transportation legislative update.
- Find a Ride - Mobility Management Program Manager Laura Loë provided a program overview and updates for the SV.
- Hopelink Community Van and Volunteer Services Program Manager Teresa Ngo provided SV updates.
- WA State Legislative Updates from City of Snoqualmie Mayor Katherine Ross.

Coalition Projects and Collaborations

In partnership with Amy Biggs and Snoqualmie Valley Transportation, the Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition sponsored the "Week without Driving" initiative. These coordinated efforts assisted policymakers, elected leaders, and transportation professionals in better understanding the barriers and experiences facing non-drivers while accessing their communities. A “Week without Driving” challenge champions local transportation services by encouraging the use of existing local
transportation options. Participants included Snoqualmie Mayor Katherine Ross, Carnation City Council Member Dustin Green, Duvall City Council Member Jennifer Knaplund, and North Bend Senior City Planner Jamie Burrell.

- The Washington State Department of Transportation recently awarded the Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition with a Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) Grant. This grant will allow SVMC to create resources, training materials, and curricula to expand transportation advocacy across all sectors. We will document when and how transportation planning occurs and how planning priorities are linked to program design and outcomes. The aim is to construct a more transparent transportation landscape for both end-users and providers while providing a clearer understanding of essential service decisions and how to advocate for all-encompassing services.

- The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition Task Force continued the Comprehensive Plan Update project with engagement from several Valley cities. The Carnation City Council approved recommendations for the Transportation Element. This ongoing project will be coordinated throughout the 2024 Comprehensive Plan updates to include other Snoqualmie Valley jurisdictions.

- The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition Task Force authored a companion resolution to elevate mobility priorities and concerns for the Snoqualmie Valley. The drafted resolution was submitted to Snoqualmie Valley cities to begin the review and adoption process with a proclamation adoption by the City of Carnation.

- In 2023, the Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition was an active participant in several partner groups, including the Snohomish County Transportation Coalition, Snoqualmie Valley Outdoor Action Team, Empower Youth Network, and East Snohomish County Transportation Committee. We also maintained partnerships with all Snoqualmie Valley cities and King County regional services by attending Town Hall Meetings with King County Representative Sarah Perry, local City Council Meetings, King County Parks and Recreation Meetings, King County Subarea Planning Meetings, Snoqualmie Valley Governance Association, King County Council Transportation Meetings, and PSRC Transportation Meetings. Our involvement allowed for an exchange of updates, resources, and information while establishing regional connections and fostering extensive collaboration.
• The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition received an overall 100% level of satisfaction through our Annual Survey. Furthermore, 100% of participants agreed that SVMC has improved regional transportation outcomes over the past 12 months. 93% of participants feel they are involved with the work, while 100% agree their involvement has added value to the Coalition’s work.

**Mobility Education and Outreach**

• The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition delivered partnership presentations to local organizations and agencies on behalf of the Coalition’s educational efforts, including presentations for Acres of Diamonds, King County Library Systems, local elected leaders from the cities of Carnation, Duvall, and Snoqualmie, along with city planners from the cities of Duvall, Carnation, North Bend, and Snoqualmie.

• The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition increased education and outreach opportunities in the Snoqualmie Valley by providing outreach opportunities at 40 Getting Around Puget Sound (GAPS) events, reaching 768 diverse community members, working in partnership with the King County Library Systems, Valley-wide senior centers, local farmers’ markets, resource and job fairs, and food banks. These education and outreach programs increase awareness and understanding of transportation resources and options available to the public while connecting people with access to services and mobility.

• The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition sent weekly newsletters to a distribution list of 183 partners. SVMC newsletters provided transportation news, regional updates, government tools, up-to-date resource materials, and partner announcements. This frequent communication kept partners informed of relevant transportation updates and facilitated connections.
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