

MEETING NOTES

March 23rd, 2021

1:00pm-2:30pm

Zoom

Participants: Betsy Maxwell (City of Kirkland), Cassidy Giampetro (Hopelink/EERC), Chris Lovings (Eastside Legal Assistance Program), Corey Holder (King County Metro), Corrie Adams (Sound Transit), Dave Waggoner (King County Veterans Coalition), Griffin Cole (CCSWW), Hannah Kimball (Bellevue Network on Aging), Linda Woodall (Eastside Friends of Seniors), Pran Wahi (IACS), Robert Blumenfeld (Alliance of People with Disabilities), Sam Nigh (SHAG), Sara Boden (Beeline Transportation), Shanita Stewart-Burrell (CCSWW), Sol Dressa (GRTMA), Tristan Cook (King County Metro)

Staff Support: Bebhinn Gilbert, Bree Boyce, Camille Heatherly

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began at 1:00PM and the group shared introductions. Camille opened the meeting with announcements and agenda review.

Neighborhood Pop Up has opened their virtual information sessions and an online reduced fare portal to the public.

The City of Bellevue's Crossroads Connect service, is still searching for Ambassadors to support virtual outreach amongst the Bellevue community. To apply and learn more about this ambassador program contact Sara Sisco at ssisco@hopelink.org. This program has a small stipend to support the ambassador work.

Sol Dressa from the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association (GRTMA) introduced the GRTMA speaker series. This series will focus on the history of transportation in the Eastside and make sure that the changes coming to the region are rooted in lessons learned from the past. The series will include conversations on historical land use, indigenous practices, and civil rights activism. The first event will be held on April 14th at 11:30AM. Questions can be directed to Sol at sold@grtma.org. Sol asked for support from attendees with getting the word out about the event.

Hopelink Mobility and their partners have released the Coordinated Vaccine Transportation Helpline to King County residents. Flyers and the link to the online helpline form were shared in the chat. Questions regarding the helpline can be directed to Sara Sisco at ssisco@hopelink.org.

Corrie Adams and Tristan Cook from King County Metro shared information regarding the East Link project. Ten new stations are scheduled to open in 2023 with two more planned to be opened by 2024. Sound Transit and King County Metro are working together during phase one of the planning process for service planning and changes. They are currently seeking mobility board members, who will serve in a

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compensated position. Board members should live, work, or travel in the affected areas. Members should be transit users, and not be employed by public agencies working on the project. They are encouraging diverse applicants to apply.

To apply, [fill the application linked here](#). The application period will close at the end of March. The project will soon publish a public survey regarding public opinion on the projects.

Hannah asked, “At this stage what percentage of change can we expect to see from input given the timeframe between the survey and the implementation?”

Corrie responded, “Yes, there are certain givens – namely there will be changes to routes like 550. But the smaller details of what the changed service hours are is still open to feedback.”

Questions and feedback can be directed to Tristan Cook at tristan.cook@kingcounty.gov or Corrie Adams at corrie.adams@soundtransit.org.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAMS PROJECT UPDATES

The Volunteer Driver Programs (VDP) project’s goal is to make the recruitment of volunteer drivers easier and more streamlined for all volunteer transportation programs operating in King County. Camille encourages attendees to direct their questions to her by contacting cheatherly@hopelink.org.

Stakeholders and subject matter experts will meet again to review their work-to-date at the upcoming meeting on March 25th. This will include drafts of the Rider Guide, Driver Guide, and promotional material created for vaccine volunteer recruitment.

Camille is currently working with Catholic Community Services of Western Washington to strengthen and grow partnerships for volunteer recruitment especially for vaccine transportation. Interested volunteers can fill in the online interest form to learn more about programs they can donate their time.

The interest form is not an application; however, it can provide more information for interested community members who want to learn about where and how they can help. The impact of these tools will be measured in May and June of this year.

KCMC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

CASSIDY GIAMPETRO, KCMC PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

The King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC) has a shared vision with the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative to reflect the needs of the same priority populations and goals for the region. The distinction being the range of the KCMC and the long term, strategic planning aspect of mobility coordination. The literature review of the Needs Assessment has been pulled from diverse sources. This report focuses on the mobility and transportation needs for the priority populations defined by the KCMC.

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Cassidy highlights that there are 21 identified needs, 7 trends, and that the report is navigable by demographic or subregion. Mobility doesn't really recognize subregional boundaries; many needs can be understood to be universally relevant or relevant to specific demographics rather than locations.

Suburban needs came forward as theme. Especially considering special, specific transportation needs or programming. The variables connected to use are efficiency and time. Infrastructure impacts use and that infrastructure needs to be safe. Considerations include existence of sidewalks, placement of benches, covered stops, lighting.

Pran would like Cassidy to attend his organization and share information regarding the report. Camille added that this report will inform future projects for the EERC as to the needs assessment which will be regionally specific to the Eastside. Tristan would like to connect regarding the needs found for the Eastside. Both for this report and the future work that Camille has mentioned.

Questions regarding the report can be directed to Cassidy Giampetro at cgiampetro@hopelink.org.

ROUNDTABLE & MEMBER DISCUSSION

Sol Dressa:

GRTMA is looking to collect "commuting stories" with the goal of Redmond become a better place to walk and ride the bus. Public comments do not have to be commute related. Comments can be about walking, biking, and bussing. Online form is available to tell those stories. Incentive includes a \$25 ORCA card. Forms are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to anyone on the Eastside.

Chris:

Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) will be hosting the Tenant Rights and Moratorium webinar Thursday, March 25th from 5:00 – 6:30PM. For more information and to sign-up, visit <http://bit.ly/tenant-rights-mar2021> or www.facebook.com/EastsideLegalAssistanceProgram/live

Sarah:

Beeline Mobility is starting to hear about return-to-work conversations and moving to the June timeframe rather than previous conversations expectations around fall.

Cassidy:

NADTC equity survey is intended for diverse older adults, people living with care givers, and people with disabilities. The survey results will inform national policy making.

Take the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion survey here:

https://survey-d.dynata.com/survey/selfserve/53b/2102422?list=5&samp=2&source_id=9

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Bree:

The LEP outreach and education series offered by the North King County Coordinator, Maggie Harger. Interested parties can reach out to mharger@hopelink.org.

Linda:

In addition to Eastside Friends of Seniors regular services they have been reaching out to community members to see if they need help with their vaccine appointments. Recently scheduled a transportation trip for a community member who is excited to be getting their second dose. Eastside Friends of Seniors is broadening to non-clients for their vaccine trips and homebound individual support.

Griffin:

CCSWW has noted quickly changing situations and the need for adjustments to services as clients needed them. This includes applying for currently delayed services in preparation for returning to services.

NEXT EERC MEETING

May 25th, 2021

All meetings will be held virtually on Zoom until further notice. EERC encourages everyone to participate, regardless of ability. For accommodations or accessibility information, contact Camille Heatherly at least one week before the meeting.

EASTSIDE EASY RIDER COLLABORATIVE CONTACT:

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