

MEETING NOTES

April 9TH, 2021, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Zoom

Attendees: Aleks Posielski (office of Kathy Lambert), Amy Biggs (SVT), Ana Colon (Mobility For All, Boulder County), Brock Howell (SNOTRAC), Carol Ladwig (SVT), Ben Larson (King County Regional Planning Associate), Ben Swanson (City of Monroe), Corey Holder (King County Metro, Service Planning), Crystal Koch (Navigation Hub at Lifelong), Dan Story (DSHS), Dylan Gamble (City of Snoqualmie), Gunner Scott (KC Metro), Haley Cohen (A Supportive Community For All), Jesse Reynolds (City of North Bend Economic Development), Heather Koellen (North Bend City Council), Karen Wolf (KC Senior Policy Analyst), Lara Thomas (City of Duvall), Linda Woodall (Eastside Friends of Seniors), Peter Heffermen, (KC Metro), Shanita Stewart-Burrell (VS CCS), Steve Leniszewski (City of Duvall), Valerie Stewart (FESH), Victor Londono Quintero (Community Van), Tristan Cook (King County Metro)

On phone: Adair Hawkins (Carnation city council)

Staff support:

Bree Boyce, Bebhinn Gilbert, Cassidy Giampetro, Sara Sisco

Welcome and Announcements:

This meeting began at 10:35 with introductions posted in chat by meeting attendees. New attendees and phone attendees were invited to verbally introduce themselves.

The coalition's new name, Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition (SVMC), was announced and reiterated. Partners were reminded to update coalition references and material with new name and logo.

Sara Sisco gave update on Coordinated Vaccine Transportation Helpline. There have been no calls from the valley. Helpline aids in providing transportation to and from vaccine appointments. 3-5 days advanced notice is preferred, however, rides can be fulfilled with shorter notice with at least 90 minutes notice.

Gunner Scott shared the East Link Connections survey is open, it's the beginning phase of community outreach for the Redmond opening. Tristan Cook is available for more information.

Bree provided updates on the Find A Ride Covid 19 Page. New language translations will be available.

Amy Biggs is meeting with Terry White of KC Metro to discuss transportation needs in the Valley. Meeting attendees were invited to share their questions with her so that she can ask Terry on their behalf.

Project updates:

Coordinated Awareness Campaign – Bree and Salwa are scheduled to meet with UW Communications Leadership program for possible support on the Awareness Campaign. Amy Biggs proposed new brochures for SVT. June is the targeted deadline for content and deliverables.

Comprehensive Plan Updates – Docket submissions for comprehensive plan amendments have been made and waiting approval from Carnation and Duvall. At last Task Force meeting, a new direction for updates was proposed; instead of using the docket process, connect with jurisdictions during their scheduled 2024 comprehensive plan update schedules. Attendees were invited to join the monthly taskforce meetings.

KCMC Needs Assessment Presentation – Cassidy Giampetro, KCMC Program Supervisor

KCMC Needs Assessment was recently published, updating the last assessment done in 2014. KCMC has shared vision and population focus with the SVMC, the same equity focus. The difference between the two coalitions is noted in their distinctive approaches on strategic and long-term planning at the county level.

KCMC projects include a one call, one click plan. It is an effort to centralized information and use scheduling software. The coalition also hosts Inclusive planning summits to elevate community experience.

The Needs Assessment is a great resource and pulse check on the needs and barriers experienced by our key community members. The methodology included the review of 49 resources, including the SVMC 5 Year Transportation Plan. Twenty-one needs and 7 emerging trends were identified in the process. The document uses a tag system to help sort through the needs and what population is impacted.

Summary of Needs for Snoqualmie Valley:

- Suburban and rural landscape
- Value for quick and efficient options, which historically has meant a priority on SOV use
- Services that meet unique needs of those impacted by displacement and isolation, specialized users, specific destinations and types of travel
- Safety: on buses, through bus shelters, benches, etc.
- Understanding of true cost of transportation

Top 5 Identified Needs

1. Better connections to employment and medical centers for rural and suburban populations
2. Better connections within local neighborhoods for rural and suburban populations
3. More culturally competent education and outreach
4. A reduction in the confusing/overwhelming nature of understanding mobility options, specifically understanding specialized transportation options. Ex. One call/One Click system
5. More off-peak options

KCMC will use the assessment to inform PSRC coordinated plan, guide coalition projects, and use as an advocacy tool with other agencies and partners.

SVMC can pair Needs Assessment with the 5 Year Transportation Plan to strengthen our advocacy effort to fill our needs and gaps.

Thinking about solutions! Next time we do an assessment, let's make sure that the same needs are not unmet.

Attendees invited to reach out to Cassidy if they have distribution points of contact or connections to solution-holders. Cassidy Giampetro, cgiampetro@hopelink.org.

KC Countywide Planning Policies Presentation– Ben Larson (Regional Associate Planner) Karen Wolf (Senior Policy Analyst)

GMA+ GMPC Overview

The Growth Management Act was adopted in 1990 by Washington State which directs counties in their comprehensive plans and requirements for multicounty planning policies. PSRC approves the multicounty planning (current version is Vision 2050), the Countywide Planning adapts requirements to specific requirements for King County.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), a representative body, develops CPP and makes recommendations to King County Council. The CPP establish guidance for city comprehensive plans, Urban Growth Area boundaries, growth targets, criteria for established centers, and policies for countywide issues.

CPP hasn't been updated since 2012. Updates will adapt to changing vision 2050, update ahead of 2024 Comprehensive Plan updates, take guidance from housing and affordability, and integrate regional policy, legislative updates, and integrate social justice.

Environment policies is a new subsection with emphasis on climate change, update greenhouse gas reduction goals, and address environmental justice. Other subsections discussed were Economy, Development Patterns, Housing, Transportation, and Public Facilities and Key Services. Growth Target were shared that extend to 2044. What will the added units mean for levels of service and infrastructural needs such as schools, sidewalks, transit, and all connected pieces.

Transportation has an emphasis on social equity, improved safety, alternative to single occupancy, strengthen connections between land use, and prioritize transportation and mobility where communities need it most.

NEXT STEPS

The public comment period opened April 5th and runs until May 5th. Attendees are encouraged to review changes, chapter summaries, and submit comments.

Amy Biggs: How can geographical equity for services be accommodated?

Karen Wolf: Facilities and services in rural area, GMA limits urban services to urban areas.

Amy: Can transit be labeled as a basic human need? Does this county plan get determined by KC Metro or is it led by the County?

Peter Heffernan: The county plan informs Metro, guiding principles for the other agencies.

Brock Howell: Suggests it would useful to establish a baseline level of transit services for all areas. Special needs transportation users is a broad definition, which should include rural community members, within reason.

Jesse Reynolds: Notes; bridging gaps between county wide policies with regional needs.

For questions and comments contact Ben Larson, blarson@kingcounty.gov or gmpc@kingcounty.gov

Discussion:

Roundtable and announcements:

Salwa invites suggestions for coming meetings

Cassidy asks about the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital vaccination site: is it walk up accessible? There is mixed messaging from SVH.

Amy reminds folks to submit questions for Terry White. Also, Summer Freedom program begins June 1st through August 31st. Kids ride free for the summer in Snoqualmie Valley.

Action Items:

Partners to submit comments on CPP @ GMPC@kingcounty.gov

Partners to submit questions for Terry White about transportation in valley

Salwa and Bree to meet with UW Communications about Awareness Campaign

Next Meeting:

June 11th, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, via Zoom

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