

TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

July 9, 2021, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Zoom

Attendees: Asela Chavez (City of Duvall), Jean Lin (City of Carnation), Amy Biggs (Director, SVT), Victor Londono-Quintero (Community Van Duvall Carnation), Jennifer Knaplund (City of Duvall City Councilmember), Dylan Gamble (City of Snoqualmie), Brock Howell (SNOTRAC)

On the phone: Adair Hawkins (City of Carnation City Councilmember)

Staff support: Bebhinn Gilbert, Bree Boyce, Salwa Raphael

Welcome and Announcements:

Meeting began at 10:35am with welcome and introductions. Newer task force members were highlighted. Asela Chavez is new assistant planner/permit specialist with the city of Duvall since January. Jean Lin is the City Planner for Carnation since November.

Comprehensive Plan Update Timeline

Salwa reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Update project. After engaging with Carnation and Duvall via the docket process, the task force decided to work with Valley jurisdictions during their update cycle. Now we are working to understand the update timelines and when it is best to engage with the city and city staff planners to recommend the changes, we would like to see.

Jean: Carnation's approach is to start broadly with city-wide goals and policies and then to focus on the various elements. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is updated annually. The Transportation Element references the TIP.

Carnation just approved the transportation plan. Adair mentioned that putting items through the docket process would be amenable to this approach.

Amy's question: Where is the best place to talk about mobility resources and transit to ensure that the infrastructure meets our transit needs?

Jennifer raised concern that waiting for the Comp Plan timeline and only bringing forward a goal that doesn't need to be addressed through legislation could limit the efficacy and move too slow.

Amy asked if city planners and city council members could bring forward a shared vision.

Adair thinks the best thing to do is write up an ordinance and start proposing agenda items for valley city councils.

Salwa proposed a dual effort to continue with the Comp Plan updates and engage on the agenda item front.

Dylan shared Snoqualmie's timeline. Currently, they are reviewing and re-reading documents. In January, they will begin collecting ideas, questions, and feedback on plans and policies. Engagement with staff could happen during this period. Salwa requested that Dylan guide the coalition on when to offer feedback.

Salwa shared that Jesse Reynolds will be presenting on the King County Subarea Planning, which begins now through November with their phase one efforts (presenting their engagement plan).

Asela will learn more about Duvall's update timeline. Jennifer recalled that there might be a committee that could be one way to influence Duvall's plan.

North Bend timeline will be starting in 2022 with the Transportation Element and is expected to be a 10-month project.

Salwa will reach out to Monroe to inquire about their update schedule.

In the sub-area planning survey, Amy noticed that comments related to transportation and transit seem to be off-loaded to Metro. She is concerned that the responsibility- because it is a gray area – will result in inaction. This question can be directed to Jesse Reynolds.

Needs Review and Policy Language

One coordinated goal across the jurisdictions:

Salwa shared the working message, the submitted language for Carnation's and Duvall's docket process.

"The city will partner with other cities and stakeholders on similar transportation policies and goals to ensure transit and transit infrastructure is accessible, affordable, convenient, dependable, and safe for its residents, businesses, and tourists."

Jean supports the language.

The challenge is to make sure that these goals don't get lost.

Is this the message that we should use?

Dylan thinks this language works.

Jennifer noted that goals and plans don't have a legal requirement aspect. The goals are not always backed by ordinance.

Once something is in a comp plan – how can we support the process of getting a related piece of legislation or city code?

Jean offered that the street standards could be the place we codify language.

Brock added that the comp plan is an enabling document – the place to start. Dylan and Brock both mention that getting people on board is also part of this work.

Next Steps:

Confirm update timelines and feedback process for Comprehensive Plan updates. King County Subarea begins in August. January for North Bend and Snoqualmie

The group approves language for the coordinated goal.

Immediate next steps: Jean suggests requesting agenda time on city council meetings to get the transportation issue on their radar.

Jean is not sure ordinance is the most effective approach.

Amy mentioned that ways to fund transit resources in the region need to start by being the will of the people and elected officials.

Adair likes the policy's language – she supports that we need to build relationships with other cities. Her opinion is that we need to build relationships with people who can make the goals enforceable. The more we present to the council, the more opportunity to build support.

Immediate next step could be to develop a resolution: transit is important

Jennifer's question is how to take the message of support to staff.

Building the connective tissue between plan goals and code.

Dylan suggested background work of checking in with the mayors of cities, city administrators, and city managers to see if there is capacity before going too far with the resolution process.

Adair said that the resolution process could move quickly, especially if presented in a complete state.

Action Items:

Continue to confirm timelines for Comp Plan updates.

Dylan to update the task force about Snoqualmie engagement opportunities in early next year.

Asela to update regarding Duvall's timeline.

Begin reaching out to city councils to build relationships and the resolution process.

Salwa to the draft resolution to be submitted to valley councils.

Next Meeting:

Friday September 10, 2021 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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