

MEETING NOTESAugust 13TH, 2021, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Zoom

Attendees: Aaron Morrow (Community Advocate), Aleks Poseilski (Kathy Lambert's office), Amy Biggs (SVT), Anahi Sandoval (Metro Community Engagement Planner), Asela Chavez (City of Duvall), Ben Swanson (City of Monroe), Brock Howell (SNOTRAC), Carol Ladwig (SVT), Caroline Villanova (Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust), Corey Holder (Metro Service Planning), Dylan Gamble (City of Snoqualmie), Gwyn Howard (Metro Community Engagement), Jamie Burrell (City of North Bend), Jean Lin (City of Carnation), Jesse Reynolds (Department of Local Services), John Taylor (Department of Local Services), Kelly Coughlin (SnoValley Chamber), Marie Marquart (Metro Transit Instruction), Robert Blumenfeld (Alliance of People with disAbilities), Victor Londono Quintero (Duvall Community Van/Hopelink), Linda Woodall (Eastside Friends of Seniors), Sandy Phan (Hopelink SKC Mobility Coordinator),

On the phone: Adair Hawkins (Carnation Councilmember)

Staff support: Bree Boyce and Salwa Raphael

Welcome and Announcements:

- Tuesday, August 17th is the next King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC) meeting from 9:30-11:30am which will include a presentation from PSRC as well as the One-Call/One-Click
- PSRC is conducting youth outreach with youth councils for the regional transportation plan. If you or partners in your network work with youth, reach out to Maggie Moore at PSRC, mmoore@psrc.org.
- Leafline Trails Coalition is preparing for Fall Summit, Oct. 12-16th.
- Duvall Community Van will be expanding the jurisdiction to Carnation as well. They are working on logistics right now but are starting to book trips originating out of Carnation as well.

Comprehensive Plan Update:

- Jurisdictions are starting to work on their timelines for updates to the Comprehensive Plan. The Task Force will collaborate with jurisdictions when the engagement period is established.
- Task Force also talked about drafting resolutions to be presented to councils throughout the Valley. The resolution would offer a dedication to prioritizing transportation and ensuring this is a priority during the planning and regulating for current and future development projects.

Presentation: King County Subarea Plan: Jesse Reynolds, Department of Local Services, Senior Subarea Planner

- See attached presentation slides

- The Subarea Plan covers all of Snoqualmie Valley to the County line as well as areas surrounding Skykomish to Stevens Pass. The sub-area is around 900,000 square miles. It does not include the incorporated communities, but the department works closely with municipalities, Tribes, and neighboring communities.
- The content and scope will be determined by the community within the scope of the KC Subarea Plan and Comprehensive Plans.
- The Community Needs List runs parallel to this plan
- Subarea Plan and Community Needs list are connected but have different timelines
 - Review slide 7 to compare timelines.
- Community Engagement
 - Some engagement will still be remote – online and phone – www.publicinput.com/SnoValleyNEKC
 - Beginning to discuss in-person meetings
 - Engagement will be tailored to each community
 - County seeks community input on engagement
 - Common themes from input to date (this is also available at the link above and is based on around 500 pieces of input):
 - Growth controls/slowing growth
 - Traffic/road capacity
 - Better transit service and infrastructure
 - Undergrounding powerlines
 - Parks and playgrounds
 - Agricultural support
 - Affordable housing
 - Homelessness/illegal camping
 - Internet access
 - Fall City (in general)
 - Flooding
- Coordination
 - Project kick-off happened in late July 2021
 - Will be coordinating with Planning Staff – you don't have to be a planner to coordinate so if you're interested in participating, please contact Jesse Reynolds
 - SEPA Process
 - Public Review Draft in mid-2022
 - King County Council Adoption Process
- Questions:
 - Did you hear a lot about the need to get people to Snoqualmie Valley from South King County for employers?
 - This has come up a couple of times but hasn't reviewed all the data yet. A part of the Subarea Plan is looking at the lands around where SR-18 meets I-90
 - Did you hear much about the need for weekend services?
 - Trailhead Direct and creating a more robust service for that. Weekend services did come up but not as much as general transit
 - Kelly Coughlin added that she has a lot of data about tourism, and she would be happy to share it with Jesse
 - How does coordination with the municipalities work?
 - Not necessarily overlapping geographically so they are coordinating on policies that expand beyond their boundary lines. There are a lot of people who get services from the cities but live in unincorporated areas for them to coordinate on. To go from city to city it's on county roads so it's beyond just cities.
 - Has trail infrastructure and connectivity been mentioned by the community?
 - Yes, recreation in general as well as trails and trailheads. River access has also been mentioned. They are also working with the Department of Natural Resources

- A big priority is folks being able to get to Redmond, was there any mention of 202 or 203 over Novelty Hill?
 - Yes, both getting from Carnation or Duvall to Redmond was mentioned a few times so they will be looking into this.
 - Amy added that there is no direct bus service from Duvall/Carnation/Fall City to Redmond so what should be a 20–30-minute drive takes 2-2.5 hours on transit.
- Kelly Coughlin shared about the work of the South-East Area Legislative Transportation Coalition and invited Jesse to come to talk to the group which includes Mayors and Councilmembers in the cities they cover. There is a huge deficiency in the workforce so it's critical to figure out transportation to assist with employment. They are seeing businesses closed down and move out of the Valley because they can't get workers. Kelly Coughlin is the point of contact for SEALTC.
- What can be the most meaningful and impactful engagement at this point now that the Community Needs List is closed?
 - Sign up for updates at www.publicinput.com/snovalleynekc
 - After further review, a refined list from all the information collected will be created.
 - Jesse could provide another update to SVMC in a few months after they compile this data and do a bit more planning
 - As more questions arise, please email Jesse as he will document the comment.
 - John Taylor added that the Community Needs List is never really closed even though the survey is. It's a living document that they will always be updating that helps inform planning and budgets.
- The Subarea map showed Skykomish which is an area that doesn't receive transportation coverage, does the subarea plan cover Skykomish?
 - It includes everything from the Baring area up to Stevens Pass. The team has met with the Mayor of Skykomish recently so there is coordination there even though there are some challenges. They will be exploring ways to better help connect them.
- In the survey of King County residents, have you seen any specific requests or thoughts regarding access from King County to Monroe or Skykomish into the rest of Snohomish County?
 - Not for Monroe specifically that he's seen yet. But yes, they have seen that for Skykomish so far
 - Brock is happy to connect further on this
- How does the partnership work with Metro and WSDOT intersect with this work?
 - A portion of the Comprehensive Plan and Subarea Plan will help guide future services. As the planning process is developing Metro, as an internal partner, and WSDOT will be involved in this.
 - Want to make sure subarea plan and strategic plans are aligned
- There is currently no way to get from Snoqualmie Pass
 - Snoqualmie Pass is a specific part of this plan and the regional planning director has been in conversations with community members in Snoqualmie Pass
- Caroline Villanova added that she would be happy to meet with Jesse and Kelly to connect with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
- Questions for future engagement:
 - What is our best way to engage with you?
 - What are your ideas for reaching more people through public engagement?
 - Healthy Community Coalition – Laura Smith
 - Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
 - RARET
 - What do you anticipate we will hear from the community?
- Jesse Reynolds contact info: jesreynolds@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-4237

- Salwa shared the goal of the project to increase awareness of valley residents, employees, and employers
- The project is finalizing the flyers, social media, and website content with partners. Once finalized, materials will be shared out.
- Distribution plan
 - Looking to partners for help with things such as posting flyers in physical locations, social media promotion, and providing feedback on the distribution
- Questions/comments
 - Original SVCM meeting highlighted that people didn't even know what transportation options are available and their cities and love to see the various cities participating in this effort as well
 - Adair suggested reaching out to Hillside Academy and Meisha Robertson at the Riverview School District to get support from the school districts in the Valley to share information with families.
 - Adair can follow up with Salwa for more information
 - After school activities can be hampered if they are living and going to school in different cities because a lot of school buses can't accommodate this

New Coalition Projects/Roundtable:

- Roundtable:
 - SVT has been chosen by WSDOT to be one of the Community Transportation carriers who works with a federal grant WSDOT got through the contractor Trillium. They work with bus companies to make sure all the data is geo-coded in a way that it shows up on a bunch of different apps. SVT will be having some initial meetings with Trillium next week. This will allow a user to go to Google Maps for example which would then include everything such as demand response and be a very impactful solution
 - There is interest in understanding how this project with SVT will be coordinating with the One-Call/One-Click project that Hopelink Mobility is working on
 - More information about Mobility's One-Call/One-Click project will be available at the KCMC meeting on 8/17
- SVMC projects
 - Transportation metrics
 - 2 angles – 1. Rural areas have a really hard time as long as metrics are being used that compare to urban areas and 2. It's a matter of budgets
 - Find out how much what we're asking for would cost and then find ways to help Metro
 - Noted that SNOTRAC just figured out how much it would cost to offer service in various ways – Stanwood/Camano project had some cost estimates
 - Qualitative vs. quantitative?
 - Loved Disability Mobility Initiative which was geared towards advocating for more transit services to elected officials. Thinks that all elected officials are on board for this in rural areas so this might not be the best approach

Next Steps:

- Next SVMC Task Force Meeting is Friday, September 10th from 10:30am-12:00pm on Zoom

Action Items:

- Adair and Salwa to connect on contacts for the School Districts for Awareness Campaign outreach

- Partners are encouraged to reach out to Jesse Reynolds with further questions and feedback on the King County Subarea Plan. jesreynolds@kingcounty.gov, 206-477-4237
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Next Meeting:

October 8th, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, via Zoom

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