

Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative (EERC) Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan

EERC VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Vision: A coordinated transportation network that allows all people to move freely around East King County and throughout the Puget Sound region.

Mission Statement: As the regional mobility coalition in East King County, the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative (EERC) works to improve regional mobility awareness and access to transportation for special needs populations in East King County through education, advocacy, coordination, and collaboration. The EERC focuses its efforts on older adults, people with disabilities, low-income households, people experiencing homelessness, refugees, recent immigrants, limited-English proficient populations, youth, and other populations that are disproportionately affected by limited transportation options.

EERC 2026 Priorities

- Priority 1** Advocate and support new and expanded transportation programs serving the Eastside.
- Priority 2** Support the East Link Light Rail expansion and connection project by planning, participating, and coordinating education, and outreach efforts.
- Priority 3** Support the use of Find a Ride as a tool for connecting riders to transportation resources.

2026 WORK PLAN PROJECTS

1. Volunteer Medical Chaperone Pilot Project - July 2024 to June 2025

Lead the volunteer medical chaperone pilot project in partnership with King County Mobility Coalition's Access to Health and Wellbeing workgroup and Eastside Friends of Seniors. This project seeks to address the barrier many older adults experience when arranging transportation and support following a medical procedure involving sedation or anesthesia. This pilot will be evaluated and recommendations for next steps and scalability will be documented and shared.

2. Develop City Transportation Resource Guides – September-2024 to June 2025

Develop transportation resource guides by city to educate the community about existing transportation services on the Eastside by October 2024. Include Find a Ride in each guide. Update these resource guides twice a year in alignment with bi-annual transit agency service updates. Ensure these resource guides are distributed to partners and providers.

3. **Develop and implement a Preparing for Driving Retirement Workshop – October 2024 to May 2025**

Develop and implement a Preparing for Driving Retirement workshop to support older adults in understanding transportation options available for non-drivers. Partner with transportation providers to participate in these workshops as appropriate. Create a supplementary resource packet to be shared with partners and older adults. Discuss possibility of coordinating public transit orientations if appropriate. Complete at least one workshop per quarter. Promote these resources during Older American Month in May.

EERC FISCAL YEAR 2025 WORKPLAN												
Project	Q1 2024			Q2 2024			Q3 2025			Q2 2025		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Medical Chaperone Project Lead pilot volunteer project in conjunction with KCMC and Eastside Friends of Seniors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transportation Resource Guides By city, updated twice yearly			✓	✓					✓			
Driving Retirement Workshop Develop and present quarterly				✓	✓			✓			✓	

Fiscal Year 2026 Mobility Education and Outreach Efforts

In support of the EERC’s priorities, vision, and mission, the Mobility Coordinator also engages in education and outreach efforts across the region. These efforts are incorporated into Coalition projects when applicable and exist independently as an effort of the Hopelink Mobility Management team. Coalition members are always welcome to partner on outreach and education efforts. In the 2024 fiscal

year the East King County Coordinator will prioritize outreach opportunities that are hosted in partnership with other service providers and offer opportunities for wrap-around connections.

Hopelink Mobility's Education and Outreach programs consists of three main programs: Travel Ambassador Trainings (train the trainer), Getting Around Puget Sound tabling and community events, and Public Transit Orientations (field trips). These programs focus on the end-user, the community member, and making accessible the information community members need for getting to where they need to go.

More information on Mobility Education and Outreach can be found at [this webpage](#). To partner on our outreach programming, please reach out to the East King County Coordinator.

More Information

For more information on the EERC, including meeting information, projects, eastside resources, and more, please visit www.kcmobility.org/eerc.

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