

## 2025 Annual Achievements

### Mission Statement

*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.*

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### Overview

#### Coalition Meetings

EERC achieves its mission by convening coalition meetings to discuss topics and initiatives to improve the mobility landscape in East King County. We convened 6 virtual coalition meetings with an average of 10 attendees. Topics discussed included:

- Link Light Rail 2 Line Extension
- Move Redmond 2 Line Celebration
- Metro's East Link Connections project
- City of Bellevue's Safety Assessment
- City of Bellevue Curbside Pricing Study
- 2025 Find A Ride Update
- Week Without Driving
- City of Bellevue Speed Safety Camera
- City of Bellevue SMART Grant Project
- Central Issaquah Station Alignment Study
- Community Organization Introductions from The Circle and Pride Across the Bridge

Participated in various stakeholder groups, including City of Bellevue, The City of Kirkland, The City of Redmond, The City of Issaquah, Sound Generations, Community Transportation Association of the Northwest, Eastside for All, King County Metro, Sound Transit, Issaquah Nourishing Networks, Molina Healthcare, Connections Health Solutions, Together Center, Move Redmond, Community Living Connections, Kirkland Senior Council, Bellevue Network on Aging, Bellevue Downtown Association, Chinese Information and Community

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Services, Indian American Community Services, Friends of Youth, King County's Redmond Community Court and Bellevue Community Court, Pride Across the Bridge, The Circle. Our participation enabled us to share resources and information, build regional relationships, and promote broad collaborations.

Created content and distributed weekly email updates and announcements on transportation-related news, region-specific announcements, and relevant resources to over 100 partners. These emails raised awareness about engagement opportunities, community events, and resource opportunities.

## **Advancing equitable transportation access**

Over the past year, EERC strengthened equitable access to transportation through sustained outreach, strategic partnerships, and community-centered engagement efforts across the Eastside.

## **Supporting the launch of the 2 Line**

EERC supported the opening of the 2 Line by attending the Downtown Redmond launch event and participating in multiple outreach activities. Through these efforts, more than 200 ORCA cards were distributed, helping community members experience the new service and reduce barriers to using public transit.

## **Outreach and public engagement**

Coalition members supported the RARET Tri-County Emergency Management Tabletop, collaborating with partners from Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties. In addition, the coalition completed 48 in-person Getting Around Puget Sound (GAPS) events, five Travel Ambassador (TA) trainings, and six Public Transit Orientations (PTOs), serving a total of 1,131 clients—an 80% increase over 2024. These activities created opportunities to share transit information, answer questions, connect residents to available transportation resources, and provide hands-on training that helped community members learn how to navigate public transportation with confidence.

## **Community engagement on future transit changes**

In partnership with Sound Transit and Cultural Mexicano, EERC hosted a community engagement event focused on educating hard-to-reach communities about proposed bus route changes planned for 2026, ensuring community voices and needs are included in future transit planning.

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