EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A variety of unique transportation gaps exist in North King County, an area that includes the cities of North Seattle, Shoreline, Bothell, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and Woodinville. These gaps may be spatial, temporal, institutional, infrastructural, or awareness gaps. Seeing these needs, a community task force supported by the North King County Mobility Coalition formed to understand the region's unique needs better. The purpose of this analysis is to: Understand the mobility challenges in the North King County region for populations with special transportation needs and, in doing so, better coordinate members and service providers to facilitate mobility improvement projects.

As a result of this analysis, the North King County Mobility Coalition has identified several prioritized projects and actions for the region. Whether you’re a resident, an elected official, a human service organization, or a private business, a unified voice is required to enact these changes and ensure transportation better serves people throughout North King County. We invite you to join in on these conversations.

Accomplishing projects related to the needs identified in this report will result in many benefits for the region and the people our coalition aims to serve. The most prominent recommendations for the North King County Region identified by this report are as follows:

➢ Directly engage with all North King County cities around transportation issues outlined in this Gaps Analysis and implement actions that will address these issues.

➢ Increase outreach to underserved communities, especially limited English speakers.

➢ Alternative services should be as low-barrier as possible with their intake process.

➢ Increase coordination of cross-county travel, both for fixed-route and paratransit services, by providing more comfortable transfers and more local connections around the county border.

➢ Increase access to the following areas via transit:
  • Areas near to but not immediately along the SR 522 Corridor;
  • Areas near to but not immediately along the Bothell/Everett Highway;
  • Accessing Bellevue, nearby Snohomish County, Seattle, and Ballard.
  • Traveling from Kenmore and northeast Seattle to a variety of locations.

➢ Improve sidewalk and bicycle infrastructure, particularly near the two KCHA properties located along Ballinger Way.

Community engagement should be the first step in any transportation planning process. We hope this report provides enough information for those working on improving transportation in the North King County Region. To request this report in alternative formats or get more involved, contact:

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