
Date and Time: May 19th, 2026 9:30-11:30am on Zoom

Participants: Kurt Ahrensfeld (Kirkland Senior Council), Mackenzie Kneeland (Community Van, Hopelink), Erin Funk (Hopelink), Mandy Wes (Disability Empowerment), Kelli Refer (Move Redmond), Steven Polunsky (WA State Dept. of Commerce), Mary Herman (KC Metro), Belen Herrera (SDOT), Katherine Mahon (Acquaint), Stephanie Fahey (Community Van, Hopelink), Hannah Cecena (ORCA), Erin Hogan (PSRC), Tyrone Savage (CDWA), Meg Cronister (Hopelink), Adam Halpern (Jewish Family Services), Anna Smalley (Commute Seattle), Dwight Sanders (MV Transportation), Arthur Bachus (Sound Transit), William Khadivi (Commute Seattle), Dorene Cornwell (WA Council of the Blind Advocacy Committee), Alison Turner (City of Tukwila), Scott Weinberger (King County Metro), Hannah Cecena (ORCA), Justin Deno (Sound Transit), Roz Novikova (Hopelink), Grace Lee (City of Shoreline), Valerie Maher (CDWA), Jacque Mann (PSESD), Kiana Parker (SDOT), Jamie Gruenberger (King County Metro), Kari Ware (Solid Ground), Blake Matthews (Seattle ADS)

Co-chairs: Aaron Morrow, Lorrie Alfonsi (KC Metro), Anny Smith (City of Kirkland)

Presenters: Guadalupe Torres (Sound Transit), Mari Wirta (Sound Transit), Nick Abel (King County Metro/Health Through Housing)

Hopelink Staff Support: Lyn McCarthy, Heather Clark, Staci Sahoo, Nicole Ross

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

Guadalupe Torres: Sound Transit Crosslake Connection updates

- Opening day: good feedback, small problems that were easily solved
- can catch a train every 6 minutes during peak times, 10-13 minutes off peak
- steady ridership, not too much overcrowding,
- about 9 minute ride over the lake

Question: Will 2 car trains for 2 line continue? Are there plans to expand or are there constraints?

Guadalupe: The goal is to have 3-4 car trains, there will be longer trains on the 2 line for World Cup. Guadalupe will follow up w/ Staci for clarification.

Mari Wirta, Sound Transit - FIFA preparedness tools

- Sound Transit has spent the last year preparing for World Cup, worked with 10 other agencies to build a tool about transit accessibility resources across the region,
- hosted by UW Taskar Center,
- public facing, designed to be shareable, regional document, not Sound Transit owned, will be updated regularly,
- Other resources available: trip planners have different methods to communicate preferred routing, depending on where you're coming from the goal is to get people to get off a little early at preferred stations to avoid crowding
- **Training video:** [Effective Communications with Travelers who are Deafblind - Full Video](#)
- **Sunflower Lanyard:** meant to signal to staff an invisible disability, Sound Transit has already adopted, staff is trained to watch for travelers with these lanyards, staff will have an identifiable lanyard to be identified as trained staff, [learn more](#)
- **Priority boarding**
- New tactile and braille station maps for Sound Transit stations, riders can request these through Sound Transit
- Google trip planning, want details to be more specific, name platform, etc. In google and transit app, in development for about 7 stations right now, hoping to be launched before World Cup, hoping to have it for more stations after World Cup
- Taskar Center trip planner/ app, will be linked in document that Lyn sends out.

Question: Are priority boarding plans just for World Cup or will it be permanent?

Mari: Piloting during WC, hoping to make it permanent.

Comment: I use Good Maps, have trouble angling the phone to see the arrows clearly.

Mari: Could be how you're holding your phone. Mari has had to train herself to hold phone differently. Justin Deno may be able to offer some tips.

- RTAN Regional Transit Accessibility Network (RTAN), focused on digital and physical accessibility across Puget Sound region, maintain a resource library of tools, trips and guides, great group for knowledge sharing, Mari is part of this group.

Nick Abel, King County Metro/Health Through Housing - Universal Basic Mobility Pilot

- Health Through Housing overview, mobility is essential! CTNs is a program through an ongoing partnership with Hopelink, residents had access to unlimited ORCA rides, provided access to great ridership data, downsides: pulling full adult fares for every rider, which made per trip cost significantly higher than program would have liked, weren't able to set residents up for success once they were out of the program, weren't able to enroll participants in reduced fare programs

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- Easy trip card: similar to WIC benefits, etc. Cannot buy gas, pay insurance, buy plane tickets
- Universal basic mobility, providing choice is important
- Can concurrently enroll people in reduced fare ORCA programs,
- Residents can save up benefits and make bigger purchases
- Laid framework for an expanded card
- Starting June 2025 started offering this card to all residents in health through housing sites
- Better options for emergency housing sites
- Most effective way to distribute cards is through onsite enrollment events
- Program is currently being evaluated, staff are at events conducting baseline surveys, follow up surveys will happen as well
- In total, across 15 enrollment events, they had about 800 enrollments
- Straightforward process for requesting new or replacement cards
- How is it affecting services outside of mobility, quality of life, etc.
- Interim report from end of 2025: people typically using the full \$50 amount each month, money is rolling over depending on when card was distributed, people use cards frequently so there is a little bit of drop-off,
- Micromobility is most used, good split between micromobility and TNCs, Lime has a reduced fare program, continue to see high micromobility usage
- Metro is being interviewed, staff will be interviewed, CTNs, residents, overwhelmingly easy trip has been well regarded, people are saving up for bikes, developing budgeting skills, etc.
- How can this program be scaled to other vulnerable communities, etc?
- Ended Orca Passport program at the end of 2025, hoping to see people spending easy trip on ORCA
- In April ORCA transactions outpaced TNC transactions for the first time
- Majority of data comes from 2025
- Seeing an uptick in money spent on public transportation
- Several residents are saving up easy trip funds to make bike purchases

- Numbers show that people are making the transition to Easy Trip to replace the ORCA passport program
- In ORCA passport program 50% of distributed cards weren't used in any given month
- Easy trips card are being used more regularly
- Easy trip is going much further because users can afford reduced fare programs

Question: Can easy trip be used for mobility devices?

Nick: Yes, it can.

Question: How does somebody in a wheelchair use this program?

Nick: CTNs are adept at serving people in wheelchairs and helping to educate.

Question: Thinking of so many other use cases. How easy would it be for another agency to take on a program like this and adapt it to their own programs? (Ex. Seniors, veterans, etc.)

Erin Hogan, PSRC consolidated grant, At CMAC meeting they will be working with the committee to prioritize the ranking priorities, there will be some trainings coming up as well. Public is always welcome to list in on Coordinated Mobility Accessibility Committee Meeting (CMAC? Meeting) www.psrc.org
Largely for specialized transportation providers (people with disabilities, older adults) It brings together multiple funding sources, tribes are eligible. Any service that is filling a gap that isn't met by traditional fixed route services. Mobility management gets funding. Please support partners if you get requests for letters of support.

For more information about the Consolidated Grant 2027-2029 process (including eligibility and key application deadlines), visit the WSDOT website:
<https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/grants/public-transportation-grants/public-transportation-grant-programs-and-awards/consolidated>

WSDOT will offer an optional application training webinar on **July 8** to answer questions on using the state's grant management system and applying for this grant. Puget Sound Regional Council will also hold a training on **July 15** (11:30 AM – 12:30 PM) to explain the Regional Priority Ranking process for Consolidated Grant applications. Please register in advance for the July 15 PSRC webinar:
https://psrc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tku1Uph3QNa-vY6s6VB-bg#/registration

A recording of the webinar will be posted on PSRC's website afterward if you are unable to attend.

Morgan Cowick, King County Metro Feeling really good about World Cup preparedness. Doing a lot to improve passenger experience, enhancements to safety and security, employees on the ground to support passengers in transit, enhancements added on match days, during tournament period plus combinations of both, metro match day shuttle is custom service that will run between Seattle Center and stadium downtown, running 3 hours before matches and 3 hours after. There will also be an accessible service Thursday the waterfront shuttle will start
Match day shuttles will be free, signage will label shuttles
Adding extra capacity on metro flex, and water taxis
Street Car and light rail will also have increased trips on match days

Hannah Cecena, ORCA, working on FIFA messaging, cohesive & easy to understand, working to make it very visual (icons & visual symbols), posters, floor decals, messaging at transit stations across the region

3-day pass, new ORCA pass \$18 for adults, \$6 for reduced fare, this is new, not a permanent product, piloted for World Cup, you do need an ORCA card to use it, must be used over 3 consecutive days, water taxis are included other ferries are not included

Belen Herrera, City of Seattle DOT, ADA team, curb ramps and audible push buttons, beginning of May kicked off outreach and engagement to include online survey, available in multiple languages, survey available through 9/15, Here & Now event, tabling there for the resource part of the event from 1-5:30PM at the Tukwila resource center DOT_ADAProgram@seattle.gov

[ADA Transition Plan - Transportation | seattle.gov](#)

Staci Sahoo, Find A Ride Team, promotion for Dean Sydnor, new manager of Find A Ride, Grace Georgitsis Partnerships & Engagement for Find A Ride, just added Red Link to the trip planner, the waterfront shuttle

Phase 2: focused on eligibility and getting users signed up

Recently participated in a hack-a-thon, blog post will come soon to summarize the hack-a-thon.

Find A Ride just published a video, highlights Hyde Shuttle, SVT, etc. [Watch Video Here](#)

Staci & Lyn planning to dive in to FAR in more detail in August KCMC Meeting

Sandy Phan, Recognized at CTANW for her work. Community Transportation Navigators have recruited and hired a cohort that will serve both the Spanish speaking and Russian speaking communities that will focus on older adults and anyone with a disability

Erin Funk Eastside Easy Riders Collaborative Bi-monthly meeting coming up in-person at the Together Center, May 26 from 1PM-2:30PM

Nicole Ross, Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition hosting ‘Rural Transportation Advocacy Workshop’ on May 21st at North Bend City Hall. [Register here.](#)

Dorene Cornwell: Will share information about a group looking for people to share about vision changes in the last 5 years

Kelli Refer: class about e-bikes, in class translation for simplified Chinese, at Redmond Senior Community center <https://form.jotform.com/260986424106055> -

When: Saturday, May 30th, 2026. from 10AM-11:30AM

Where: Redmond Senior & Community Center ([8703 160th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052](#))

What: Join United Hub, Move Redmond, and Bicycle Teacher to learn about the e-bike essentials you need to know as a first time rider! This workshop will help you build the

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confidence, skills, and knowledge you need to know in choosing the right e-bike model for your lifestyle.

Simplified Chinese translations will be available during the workshop!

Snacks and refreshments will be available!

Who: For everyone who wants to

William Khadivi Commute Seattle

Free tune ups and light repairs, <https://www.commuteseattle.com/2026-bike-month-send-off/>

Next Meeting: August 18th 2026, from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – in person

Bellevue City Hall – 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, 98004

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