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

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Announcements:

- WSDOT Consolidated Grant Application letters of support
- [Storymap](#) Project is complete. PDF version available at <https://www.kcmobility.org>

Find a Ride Phase 2 – Grace Georgitsis, Program Supervisor

- What is Find a Ride?
 - Serving tri-county - King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties
 - Currently offers tri-county phone support and FindARide.org
- Phase 2
 - Centralized application platform for transportation services
 - Reduce the admin burden of applying for transportation services. Streamline intake and application processes
 - Gets us closer to truly one-call/one-click system for trip booking and payment
- Prototype Testing Feedback
 - Thought it was for eligibility but then it offers trip planner for items we aren't eligible for
 - Translation on the site is important
 - Trip planner - when putting the text, it's white on white
 - Purpose - terrific for one stop shop.
 - Displayed an array of things on this site. Guidance on order of operations a user might use. Chronological order for more guidance and scaffolding.
 - You're eligible for this trip. What are our real options.
 - Sharing capabilities. texting and emailing and sharing from assistor to the user directly
 - No back button after you answer in the modal
 - Do you have one of these services for low income? Help for financial support.
 - Mobility devices - need to answer more than one
 - One application. See apply now and didn't see the select all. Apply to all! Vs select all - the same? Select other programs you're eligible for?
 - Pop up will throw people off and alarm folks. Advertisement.
 - When your eligibility changes, what is the process? How do you go back,
 - Self-identifier that cross-pollinates with different databases.
 - Agent. Load to all the programs. Read all the documents versus filling out all the services.
- Action steps
 - Recruiting for Technical Advisors
 - Hosting a Coordinated by Design Summit

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Cecilia Black - ADA Title II and Digital Accessibility

- Every department is accessible from the ADA
- Title II
 - New rule for state and local governments, or contracting on behalf of the government
 - WCAG - web content accessibility guidelines
 - Consider it like a spell-checker. Make it part of your work flow
- 80 conformance criteria for WCAG 2.1 - four categories

Perceivable:

- Captions on all your videos and alt text
- Color contrast
- Hyperlink - blue and underlined. If you're color blind, you can still see the underline. And also accessible for a screen reader by the label

Operable:

- Accessible not just with a mouse. Voice activation, keyboard.
- Do you have enough time to process the information (like a pause button)
- Properly labeled headings (i.e. section headers)

Understandable:

- Cognitively and non-Native readers
- Plain language - easy to understand; concise sentences. Acronyms spelled out.
- Instructions are clear.
- Clear error message if something goes wrong

Robust:

- Web developers and the backend coding. Ensures what we're creating is future-proof and can be read by assistive technology device.
- When updated, is it still accessible?

Resources:

Platform accessibility checkers - AI tools, so great but can't check for plain language

○ Minnesota IT Dept created free resources. Quick cards

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- Not an overnight fix. Long term process. Not a point in time. Not just the April 26th deadline. Then if more content is created. Thinking about digital accessibility into workflows and evaluation. County-wide policy and standards to make sure the county is accessible.
- Michael with Move Redmond - any accreditations? DQ University. Will share with Lyn.
- Shawli - creating a new website and a tenant portal. Oversees the ADA program at the housing authority.
 - WA has a community of practice and a PDF workgroup that's more technical
- Staci - Dr. Nekya Young is a great resource with WSDOT. Also mindful of maps and having redundant information.
- Karen - member who is blind on the Kirkland Senior Council. How to support them.
 - Pay people to do the review; best people to give the feedback

Anat Caspi – Director, Taskar Center for Accessible Technology

- Why is this important?
 - Many organizations supported the change in Washington State. Growth Management Act. Implementation and prioritization of roadwork. Concerned about maintaining this data because they don't have local resources to make it happen.
- SR99 and SR7 - simulate the experience of someone using a mobility device. Otherwise the work can sometimes take 18 months and locals don't have the capacity to do this in house.
- Hotspot - connect people to destinations but cannot connect someone using a sidewalk (and otherwise need to walk on the road).
- Comply with the policies needed to move in the right direction. This supports the operational capacity to support that.
- Using this AI, can support assessments like Growth Management Act, ADA transition plans, etc.
- Testing with SR99, SR9, and SR203 in Carnation
- OS-Connect Viewer
 - Type in your jurisdiction
 - 537,670 sidewalks in the state
 - Now updating to the 2025 imagery (currently 2023)
 - Not just data, but before and after photos
- Open Pathways Alliance
 - Will continue to manage the assets away from UW
 - Working with advocacy groups on the ground. Not just the stories but the actual mobility on the ground for everyone.
- Not trying to impose, but support the work you're doing.

- **Action steps**
 - Signing and sharing the petition (<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/keep-washington-connected-to-opportunity>)
 - Joining the Open Pathways Board
- Capacity Building
 - Tools to comment directly on the assets
 - AVIVScoutRoute for a walkabout
 - What does that comment include? Free-form notes.
 - Also a contractor close out tool - contractors to provide the ADA compliance through this tool. Otherwise it's a PDF that can be hard to interpret. So now being able to add this directly.

Questions:

- Michael with Move Redmond: ground truthing with our station maps. How could we use this data effectively by advocacy partners?
- For SR7, first we did the walkshed to the new Pierce Transit center. It is dangerous. Do these walkabouts and get these artifacts. This many people, this many comments. What is the extent and reach of the walkshed. Demonstrating these are highly disparate and not providing equitable reach. Census and population data to tying it to local population. Who is impacted? Tie it to the HEAL Act. Transition packet that shows the disparity. You're engaged and have community behind you. These are the facts on the ground.
- Move Redmond - Walk and Talks coming up. Using a google form. Is this tool accessible on phone.
- We've hosted 17 events. Organizers select the location and bring people in. Accessible map. Screen reader accessible and mobility accessible. Create a workspace for you. Everyone gets a link and use the app. Prep in advance to not take precious time together to do the download. Connect with Anat!

Partner Agency Updates:

- Kari Ware - operate formally the Circulator. Rebranded as Easy Loop. It goes in a loop! Still the same route; 7 stops in the downtown area. On Find a Ride. Easiest transportation option. Free, just hop on. Colors have changed, but still the same service.
- Michael - bike policy ride. BelRed connection going on. September 10th at the Redmond GOAT coffee in the evening. Walk and talks during Week Without Driving.

Next Meeting: November 17th 2026, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM Bellevue City Hall

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