

## MEETING NOTES

Date: 6/25/2026

*Participants:* Mark Smutny (Founder & President, Civic Reinventions), Alan Budde, Bailey White, Congressman DelBene's Office, Belen Herrera (City of Seattle Department of Transportation)

*Staff Support:* Ysabel Yu (Facilitator), Nicole Ross (Notetaker), Heather Clark, Erin Funk, Lyn McCarthy, Roz Novikova

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### NORTHSHORE SENIOR CENTER UPDATE – CLIFF PERRY

- Cliff shared his appreciation for Erin Jones' encouragement to begin meetings with gratitude and announced his upcoming retirement.
- Northshore Senior Center is the second-largest senior center in the U.S., serving members through its main campus (including an adult day center) and additional centers in Kenmore and Mill Creek.
- The transportation program continues to expand, including a newer service around the Mill Creek Senior Center. Demand has grown to approximately **1,500 one-way trips per month**.
- Services currently cover Bothell, Kirkland, Kenmore, and Woodinville, with efforts to accommodate riders across county lines whenever possible.
- The transportation team includes 20 drivers and dispatchers. Drivers often build ongoing relationships with riders and serve as "caregivers on wheels," helping identify additional needs.
- Funding primarily comes from King County Metro, supplemented by legacy gifts that recently helped purchase additional vans. The organization continues to pursue grants and donations for future vehicle replacements.
- Cliff emphasized that funding remains a constant challenge despite growing demand and encouraged anyone with transportation questions to call the center directly. During the leadership transition, the main transportation contact number is **425-286-1026**.

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- Discussion highlighted the unique funding challenges for communities that cross county boundaries, while Mark Smutny noted that transportation equity remains especially difficult for rural residents.
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**RIDE CIRCUIT**

- Ride Circuit was introduced as a micromobility option designed to address first- and last-mile transportation needs.
  - Participants discussed barriers to access, including the requirement for a smartphone, and raised questions about sustainable funding for smaller communities.
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**DOWNTOWN BOTHELL WORKGROUP PROJECT UPDATES**

- The City of Bothell is beginning a downtown revitalization effort and is actively seeking feedback from residents, businesses, and community members.
  - Ysabel shared that she is participating in the workgroup and encouraged attendees to attend the upcoming open house or share comments with her for inclusion in the planning process.
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**NKCMC FISCAL YEAR 2027 WORKPLAN**

- Ysabel provided time for attendees to complete the Speaker Series Workplan feedback form and encouraged additional input on priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.
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**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

- **Belen Herrera** requested suggestions for community organizations with bulletin boards or other outreach opportunities.
  - **Lyn McCarthy** shared an updated StoryMap.
  - **Heather Clark** announced the upcoming South King County RTAP meeting.
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**NEXT MEETING**

August 27, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Zoom)

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