

South King County MOBILITY COALITION

Meeting Notes

Date: 5.14.2026

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87178941077?pwd=WFFiOFpYVjUrYlgwbnFHN3NTN3dOdz09>

Participants: Griffin Cole (Volunteer Services), Alan Bruckner (SVT), Jacque Mann (PESD/RTI), Veronica Bean (City of Auburn), Alexis LaFlamme (CCS Volunteer Services), Keegan Hull (World Relief), David Longmire (Museum of Flight), Daeveene May (PCCTC). Kahdijah Jackson, Chris Andree (City of Tukwila)

Staff Support: Ysabel Yu, Lyn McCarthy, Heather Clark, Mackenzie Kneeland, Chitra Subramanian, Erin Funk

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:

- David Longmire introduces himself as the Director of Campus Operations for the Museum of Flight, expresses support for the Boeing Access Road infill station in Tukwila and states he has been working with the City of Tukwila on it.
- Veronica Bean introduces herself as the transportation planner for the City of Auburn.
- Griffin Cole introduces himself as the Catholic Community Services Volunteer Services Program Manager and informs the coalition that Angie Kitheka has left her role as the transportation program coordinator. CCSWW is currently in the process of filling this position.
- Alexis LaFlamme introduces herself as the Volunteer Services Program Coordinator at Catholic Community Services.
- Lyn McCarthy introduces herself as the King County Mobility Coalition Program Supervisor and announces the next KCMC meeting is on May 19th from 9:30-11:30am on zoom. Anyone who is interested in joining can reach out to Lyn at LMccarthy@hopelink.org.
 - o Lyn also shared an update on the KCMC Story Mapping project. This project aims to help community members share their stories about how transportation barriers have affected their ability to access health and wellbeing. This project is ahead of schedule, as Lyn has already collected all the stories and is now refining story drafts. The finished product should be ready for the public to view in August.

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- Lyn also shares that the Snoqualmie Valley Rural Transportation Advocacy 101 Workshop is happening next Thursday, May 21st, 2026, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm at North Bend City Hall. The registration link can be found here:
<https://transportationchoices.org/join-tcc-for-a-rural-transportation-advocacy-101-in-snoqualmie-valley/>
- Daeveene May from Pierce County Human Services and PCCTC shares that they have completed a public-facing functional map to help identify dead spaces. The updated map will be rolled out by June 1st. Daeveene also shares that they are working on new videos for their travel ambassadors program, to help participants learn how to apply for services. There will be videos for audiences, including veterans, seniors, youth, and low-income individuals.
- Grace asks Daeveene to share the map and videos with SKCMC when they are released.
- **SKCMC announcements:**
 - Grace is promoted to the Find a Ride supervisor at Hopelink! SKCMC is vacant and in flux. SKCMC questions go to Heather hclark@hopelink.org, outreach questions go to Sara ssisco@hopelink.org
 - RTAP Advocacy 101 Workshop: May 21st, 5-8:30pm North Bend City Hall. Speakers: Mary Miller (Mayor of north bend), Amanda Pleasant Brown (KCM), Kelli Refer (move Redmond)
- Grace gives an overview of the South Link Connections project
 - Changes will take effect in August 2026
 - Service to increase by 28%, weekend service to increase by 72%, weekday service to increase by 51%
 - Pilot metro flex zones in Auburn and Federal way
 - Increased frequency and additional weekend service on many routes throughout South King County.
 - Some routes will be changing
 - Route 165 will be split into 164 and 166
 - Route 162 will be truncated at Kent Station; the section from Lake Meridian to Kent Station will be replaced by increased service on Route 168.
 - More information: [South Link Connections - King County, Washington](#), [New South Link Connections: Improved Transit in King County](#)

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Presentation: Volunteer Services Program

Presenter: Griffon Cole

- **What do we do?**
 - Volunteers assist low-income older adults and adults with disabilities with transportation and household chores. These are often things that they can't do on their own and can't afford to pay for.
 - Eligibility: 60+ or 18 with a functional disability, living independently, limited support from family/community, low income
 - Often this is about personal connections as much as it is about the actual chores.
- **Transportation**
 - Helps with medical appts, shopping, errands, social outings
 - Volunteer Services also help with in-home chores, yard work, etc.
 - More requests than volunteers, so will prioritize medical, dental, and grocery shopping over errands and social outings
- **Cost**
 - Free of charge
 - Saves money: avoiding assisted living, preventing injury, no need for COPES or other government assistance
 - These services act as a safety net for individuals who can't afford to pay for assistance, don't qualify for other assistance, don't have family/friends available to help
- **Volunteers:**
 - Need 3 references, background checks, national SOR check, training, and will have ongoing support
 - Staff matches you to your interests, skills, and preferred geographies
 - The orientation is 60-90 minutes mostly online, with in-person option available
 - Support for volunteers
 - Orientation
 - Training offered throughout the year
 - Mileage reimbursement for transportation volunteers
 - Volunteer insurance provided
 - Regular access to program coordinator for coaching and support
- **Transportation volunteers**

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- Opportunities can be a regular match, where you're working with the same people repeatedly, a one-time ride, or a specific type of ride
- Volunteers volunteer based on their availability
- Based on 4 regions in King County: Eastside, North (including Seattle), South (Kent, Auburn), and Southwest (SeaTac, Tukwila, Federal Way)
- Need transportation volunteers the MOST
- **How to reach them**
 - Email: vc@ccsww.org
 - Phone: 2063285787
 - Mail: 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98144

Discussion and Questions

- Lyn asks how people can reach CCS to apply for the Transportation Coordinator position.
 - Griffin: You can always email me at griffinc@ccsww.org or contact one of the program coordinators.
- Veronica Bean asks if this service is only offered in King County?
 - Volunteer services is a statewide program with offices in various regions. In King County there are offices in Seattle, Bellevue, and Kent.
- If someone needs a ride across county lines, can they get one from them?
 - Short answer is yes, but is dependent on finding a volunteer that is willing to do that
- Who to reach out to get started?
 - Can email Griffin

Presentation: Stride Bus Rapid Transit

Presenter:

- Part of Sound Transit 3 ballot measure approved by voters in 2016
 - Bus Rapid Transit system consisting of 45 miles on I 405 and SR 522, serving 12 cities connecting to light rail in Shoreline, Lynnwood, Bellevue and Tukwila
- **What is Stride Bus Rapid Transit? (BRT)**
 - Bus service every 10-15 minutes, 17+ hours a day
 - Stations with near level boarding, offboard fare collection, dynamic rider info

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- Roadway improvements to improve reliability (dedicated bus only lanes, transit signal priority)
- Connections to light rail and other transit services
- **S1 line (Bellevue to Burien)**
 - 5 new stations along I 405 and SR 518
 - New transit center in Renton, moving current transit center to S Grady Way
 - 2 new parking areas in Renton
 - Connections to link at Bellevue Transit Center and Tukwila International Boulevard Station
- **Stride fleet and stations**
 - All electric fleet, first buses arrive summer 2026
 - Bicycle accommodations: front racks on bus and storage at select stations
 - Inductive charging infrastructure throughout service lines
 - Double deck electric buses for highway service for S1
- **Key Stride BRT benefits**
 - Right now, between Bellevue and Burien, it takes 57 minutes, with stride BRT it will take 38-42 minutes
- **S1 construction**
 - I405 construction already underway, from Renton to Bothell in partnership with WSDOT
 - Ground has been broken on the new Renton Transit Center
 - Staying informed: sign up for WSDOT construction alerts

Discussion and Questions

- Chris Andree: Can you touch on the enterprise initiative, how it might relate to ST's decisions on Stride while in financial constraints?
 - Stride is fully funded and in active construction, service itself is not impacted by enterprise initiative
 - Parking structures have been deferred indefinitely, specifically those at the Renton transit center. Will still have surface parking but not the garage
 - Renton transit center is being moved
- When is construction on Renton Transit Center happening?
 - Its already started, and construction in Burien will start later this year, the Tukwila station is still waiting to be sent out for bid

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- Reach out to Alison van Wandelen for any further questions:
Alison.vanwandelen@soundtransit.org

Roundtable Discussion

- Chris Andree: Tukwila TDM in an initiative with King County Metro, helping employers to offer \$25 transit cards to staff in anticipation for the World Cup. Will be receiving requests over the next month. The opportunity is oriented towards smaller businesses and nonprofits. Offer for employers who don't have ORCA business accounts. Enabling employers to try transit benefits, and Metro will follow up with them later about ORCA business options.

Next Steps

- SKCMC calendar holds will be transferred to Heather Clark.
- The July SKCMC meeting will be led by Heather Clark.
- Grace will introduce the new coordinator to everyone once they're onboarded.
- **Feel free to reach out to Grace any time to connect on Find a Ride!**

Next Meeting: July 9th, 2026 10:30am-12

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