Connecting communities to improve public transportation for Snoqualmie Valley

October 14th, 2022
SVMC Welcomes Everyone

The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition welcomes and values all communities. We value, respect, and honor the identity and experience of all members.

We encourage everyone to participate, regardless of ability. We are committed to listening, learning, and improving in this process.

We acknowledge that the work we do takes place on the traditional land of the Snoqualmie Tribe and Coast Salish among others as the first people of this valley. We honor with gratitude the land itself and past, present, and future of these tribes.

Visit: http://snoqualmietribe.us/snoqualmie-tribe-ancestral-lands-movement/
Agenda

- Introductions and Announcements
- North Bend Comp Plan Updates with Jamie Burrell
- Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Priorities Updates with Councilmember Sarah Perry
- Roundtable Sharing
- Next Steps
Welcome to our new Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coordinator – Tracie Jones!
Introductions

• Name & pronouns if comfortable
• Organization, title, contact info
• What is your favorite Fall activity?
• Share contact info in chat to be added to distribution list
Announcement: Coordinated Awareness Campaign Evaluation Report

• Goal to increase transportation knowledge and ridership by creating a coordinated awareness campaign to inform residents of options.

• Targeted demographics: people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low-income, healthcare, and general public.

• Deliverables: City-specific transportation webpages, targeted social media content, press releases, newsletter content for city mailers/utility bills, physical and digital fliers.

• Highlights: importance of partnerships and coordinated efforts, importance of multi-pronged approaches & targeted demographic marketing, lead to better understanding of transportation gaps & the development of the priorities one-pager, simplify!
Announcement: SVMC Transportation
Priorities One-pager

• Full weekend service
• Central Valley Connection to Redmond
• SKC Commuter Connection
• Door-to-door/feeder-to-fixed route services
Announcement: SVMC 5 Year Anniversary in December!
North Bend Comprehensive Plan Updates

Jamie Burrell, North Bend Senior Planner
Snoqualmie Valley
Transportation Priorities
Councilmember Sarah Perry
District 3 Snapshot

252K residents in each of nine KC Districts!

- D3 cities include: North Bend, Snoqualmie Carnation, Duvall, Skykomish, Bothell, Woodinville, Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah, and the town of Fall City and communities of Preston and Snoqualmie Pass

- 74% of residents live within the limits of our cities and 26% live in our incorporated

- Wide range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds!

- 6 forests, 4 watersheds, multiple lakes and rivers, and 6,500 acres of farmland!
My Priorities

- Housing
- Transit
- Environment
- Behavioral Health
Engaging with Community Leaders

Meetings with Mayors, City Councils, Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Fire Chiefs, and Tribal Leaders!

- 10 mayors
- 55 city council members
- 9 police chiefs and sheriffs
- 6 fire chiefs
- 2 Tribal leaders (Snoqualmie and Tulalip)

Important Conversations on Behavioral Health with Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, Sheriff, and Tribal Representatives:

At the end of June, we had an in-person meeting at the Redmond Police Department to talk about these services as well as opportunities and next steps together for the optimal health of our communities!

Recently, we had a conversation with Senator Dhingra, Rep Orwall, Rep Davis, Rep Callan, BHRD Representatives Kelli Nomura and Kelly Rider, Police, Sheriff, Fire, and Tribes about options that we have as a community on a potential 23-hour care model, intake model, and funding sources.
Survey Results from 1,622 Responses!

### Top 3 Most Important Priorities (D3):
- Environmental Protections and Climate Change: #1
- Public Safety: #2
- Road and Street Improvements / Investments: #3

### Top 3 Most Important Transit Services (D3):
- Add Park & Rides: #1
- Increase Bus Routes: #2
- Increase Bus Frequency: #3

### Priorities for Human Services Funding (D3):
- Public Safety (50.0%)
- Behavioral Health (42.4%)
- Ending Homelessness (38.4%)

### 911 Options of Social Workers, Behavioral Health, Similar Support (D3):
- 59.80% of all respondents
Transit Priorities in Snoqualmie Valley

- Unique and diverse transit needs in the Valley
- **20 to 25%** of household income in the Valley spent on transportation
- Increased transit service could facilitate housing affordability in the area
- Everyone has their own set of needs to access work, school, and play, and each of these needs is valid. *One size almost never fits all*
Snoqualmie Valley Transit Meeting

- Sharing about & listening to transit service needs and opportunities for Sno-Valley
- Supporting collaboration and coordination to deliver equitable, accessible, and reliable transit
- Including:
  - King County Council District 3 Sarah Perry, Libby Hollingshead & Rebecca Mendelsohn
  - King County Metro Stephanie Pure, Chris O’Claire, Brian Henry & Amanda Pleasant-Brown
  - Snoqualmie Tribal Councilmember Jolene Williams
  - Snoqualmie Valley Mayors Rob McFarland, Katherine Ross, Jim Ribail, Amy Ockerlander
  - Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Amy Biggs
  - Hopelink Mobility Management Staci Sahoo & Bree Boyce
Identified Priorities

▪ Full weekend service and extended service hours

▪ Expanded local mobility into and outside of the Valley
  ▪ Example: Carnation and Duvall Connections to Redmond
  ▪ Example: Connections up and down Hwy 18 to allow workers from locations from areas with more affordable house to commute

▪ Youth mobility to remove barriers to participation in afterschool opportunities, additional educational opportunities (Bellevue College) and to and from work
Additional Identified Priorities

- Address relationship between transit development and affordable housing
- Strategize around how to get more people to commute into our cities for work, tourism and activities
- Strategize around how to utilize shuttle and van options provided by King County Community Connections so more of our residents have easy access to public transit
- More Park and Rides options or smaller parking lots throughout Snoqualmie Valley
Next Steps

- Continue quarterly meetings with Metro, Snoqualmie Valley Mayors, and valley transportation partners (early December)
- Next meeting will include WDOT and Mayor of Maple Valley to discuss Hwy 18 transportation options
- Future meetings to include Superintendents of Snoqualmie Valley and Riverview school districts and additional stakeholders and partners as we move forward in the discussion
- Metro will continue to provide more information on their youth programs
This Just in! Free Youth Transit in King County and Sno-Valley Transit!

- I’m excited to have supported our Zero Youth Fare legislation, which passed unanimously in King County Council

- Beginning Sept. 1, riders 18 and younger can ride for free on transit systems

- Young riders can use current classic blue youth and student ORCA cards, show their student identification, or simply board and ride free
Thank You & Please Reach Out!

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Robby Paige, Legislative Assistant
Roundtable/Next Steps
Next SVMC General Meeting:

❖ Friday, December 9th at 10:30am-12:00pm, on Zoom.
Next SVMC Task Force Meeting

❖ Meet bi-monthly on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Friday from 10:30am-12:00pm; \textbf{November 18\textsuperscript{th}, 2022} is next meeting
❖ Focus on accomplishing coalition projects
❖ Contact Bree to participate
Thank You!

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