

**TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES**

March 12, 2021

10:30am – 12:00pm

Zoom meeting

**Attendees:** Amy Biggs (SVT), Brock Howell (SnoTrac), Jesse Reynolds (North Bend), Victor Londono (Hopelink Community Van), Ben Swanson (City of Monroe), Aleks Posiekski (King County Council staff)

**On phone:** Adair Hawkins (Carnation City Council)

**Staff support:** Bree Boyce, Bebhinn Gilbert, Salwa Raphael

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**Welcome and Announcements:**

The meeting started at 10:34am, attendees shared introductions including favorite part of spring. Salwa reminded partners of the new coalition name, Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition and to please update any references or mentions of the coalition. Ben suggested that the Monroe-Duvall Shuttle be part of advocating with influx of stimulus money. Amy shared the letter sent King County Metro that was signed on by Snoqualmie Tribe, and mayors in North Bend, Snoqualmie, Carnation, and Duvall.

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**Discussion: Countywide Planning Policy**

Jesse Reynolds shared an overview of Countywide Planning. The statewide GMA mandates the countywide planning. Vision 2050 is the current plan with updates to come in 2024. The statewide planning board reviews the county plan in a month-long review process with a focus on equity concerns. Jesse asked group about scope of countywide planning presentation at next general SVMC meeting. Policies are broad and cover many areas of planning. Group asked for a presentation that is focused on transportation with brief overview. Ben suggested drilling down on definition of equity and see as chance to advocate for Valley. Brock asked about population growth rates.

Adair Hawkins, would like to focus on transportation equity with the PSRC as it relates to growth because the infrastructure that exists now leaves anyone who can not drive or afford a car left out of transportation and cannot accommodate community growth. Along highway 203 WAsDOT is the agency and has limited capacity to provide infrastructure for bus stops, benches, etc.

- Amy suggests connecting with WAsDOT in their public outreach efforts to strengthen those relationships, and in their required public planning review
- Amy to connect Adair

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## **Comprehensive Plan Update/Discussion:**

Salwa gave update on Comprehensive Plan work. The Duval Transportation Element had been sent to the group. Supporting a unified and collective voice to send out county and state for increased services, Ben suggested expanding the current goal statement to include language for commitment of funding, why, and shared vision. He encouraged crafting an email to send out for further collaboration with group.

- Amy Q: what level of specificity and what level of language and which level of jurisdiction
  - A: Develop request to each jurisdiction. Could be in the land use element, could be in the transportation element. Build up from the jurisdiction up to regional, up to county, up to PSRC

Several partners agreed that docket entry should be less priority and focus on partnering with city planning staff. Partnering can help figure out best place for language, goals and policies. Could be a more efficient process by working with each jurisdiction's update and review cycle and let them take it into their larger review process.

- o Amy suggests using recent letter to KC Metro as a "north star" for this process
- o Ben we have good language in all of this stuff. Plenty of ways to move forward, because of compliance with county and region plans we will have plenty of leverage points to add goals with policies or the addition of policies under existing goals

Salwa mentions the work of the SVMC 5 Year Transportation Plan and distribution that was limited due to Covid. Should be used as a baseline for growing partnerships with planners leading to engagement with comp plan review and update process. Engagement should include planners, public works, as well EDC directors.

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## **COORDINATED AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

There is a need to inform the valley community of their existing transportation options. To that end would like to develop an ask for cities to include transportation on their websites. Adair suggested going to Chamber of Commerce as well. Carnation has a new resident packet where transportation information could be included.

Suggested to create ask for website, then a future flyer and mailer can include link. It is good to leverage Find A Ride website as an easy resource rather than specific lists that can become out of date. Balance broad and specific information.

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## **Roundtable Sharing**

Highlight of the Disability Rights Washington commuter stories campaign.

Salwa asked about bike lanes and bike safety. Amy suggested working with Mountains to Sound to promote bike and bus multimodal trip planning to connect to trails.

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## **Action Items:**

- Salwa to connect with city planning staff for more direct partnership with comp plan updates and best schedule.

- Salwa to draft an email for group to collaborate on for unified content, language, and messaging for use in comprehensive plan updates.
- Salwa to create content for cities and community organizations to use in newsletters, websites, mailings
- Amy to connect Adair to WASDOT

*Next Meeting:*

***SVMC General Meeting: Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-12:00pm via Zoom***

***SVMC Task Force: Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-12:00pm via Zoom***

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