SVMC Taskforce Notes - January 2023

Attendance: Roz Novikova (Hopelink), Meredith Sampson (King County Metro), Amy Biggs (SVT), Jennifer Knaplund (City of Duvall Councilmember), Ed Engel (Snotrac), Asela Chavez (City of Duvall).

- Welcome, intros
  o Gratitude, Intros, Goals
    ▪ Space for conversations about paths moving forward
    ▪ Collaborate and develop strategies and timelines to engage local Valley jurisdictions before recommending Comprehensive Plan updates
    ▪ Consider how to evaluate and measure success.
  o Agenda review
  o SVMC Priorities
    ▪ Full weekend services
    ▪ Central valley connection to Redmond
    ▪ South king county commuter feeder connection
    ▪ First mile/last mile - Feeder to fixed route

- Debrief 11/30/22 Regional Transportation Action Plan
  o Summarized Meeting Notes
    ▪ Updates
    ▪ Action Items
      • Advocating/letter writing, getting answers from groups, understanding traffic patterns, engaging those needing transportation. Stepping up to set priorities.
  o City Specifics and Feedback?
    ▪ Amy: Does region have overarching goals? Disconnect where cities want folks to be able to get around with ease County has many restrictions with funding that create disconnect. Still deciding if cities are clear with overall mission, having different priorities.
    ▪ Tracie: we can tweak something; how to push envelope and increase urgency: housing in Duvall and Carnation. How to stay ahead of curve?
    ▪ Amy: meeting with human services discussing other agendas; Jeffery Thomas – the importance of getting all on same page. Setting priorities and goals. So many people moving here. Unmanaged growth stress cities without internal bandwidth and transit.
    ▪ Jennifer: Necessary 2023 corridor study and road network. Also needed transportation options in and out of valley. Nobody wants 3-hour bus trips. GMA wants more density and housing, with goal of having connected services, which is not happening, along with zero follow-through. Advocating 2023-corridor study, including transit components.
    ▪ Amy: yes. Mobility should include walking/biking with transit. Snoqualmie developing over Dirtfish site. Hearing from the county: no impacts. Not within ¾ of a mile from transit, but an enormous impact on SVT. Big disconnect.
    ▪ Bree: Jennifer summarized quite well. Growth, economic impact, etc. Needing these corridor studies, Perry is pushing, but emphasizing the need for letters. What is the task force/coalition’s role in supporting East/West Connections? Good next step - overarching goals? Next focus priority?
    ▪ Tracie: Amy talking about finding a way to create a study for expansion on this. Need tangible evidence to present -corridor study. How do we get that moving forward? Where do we want this to land?
    ▪ Meredith: impacts were clearly strong; moving things forward has challenges. Growth projections from PSRC: no straightforward evidence. Current priorities seen as long-range
Moving things forward would require need highlighting growth in comparison to other parts of county. If growth is unprecedented, Metro will take another look.

- **Jennifer:** everyone believes corridor study is necessary, irritating as it should be self-evident, but that is just how government works. Who are we asking to start study? Do we need money from the state? Where would that go to? Who will write RFP and hire someone? Articulation would help. Also mentioned attending Eastside meetings, requested we look at transportation into/out of Snoqualmie Valley, recently added to list. Trying to raise awareness externally.

- **Amy:** Important to figure out who could do this study. Have some money coming in from an IRS thing. We could initiate corridor study about roads/bridges, etc. Will info be enough for Metro to make decisions? If not, it might not be the right move. Need to understand what the county needs from us to decide. Upcoming statewide meeting to look at rural transportation and assessing metrics. Transit agencies are often stumped by transit/mobility dichotomy: the desire to fund service frequency in denser areas vs. mobility in rural areas with lower ridership. Tipping point for Metro to consider funding? Additionally, what tangible data is necessary before green-lighting spending for SV study.

- **Meredith:** processes are different due to size. Fixed routes are extremely strict processes, whereas other services are more flexible.

- **Asela:** What information can we generate/present to achieve something? Thinking about certain numbers/data. What are the modes of transportation? Census data. Have there been any changes in the last year? Basic exercise but can be useful.

- **Ed:** Parallels Snohomish County and conversations being held there.

**Work Study – brainstorming session -metrics discussion**
- **Amy:** How do we initiate? Any other updates/conclusions?
- **Jennifer:** That meeting in Nov, was that in conjunction with regional Mayors’ meeting?
- **Tracie:** separate, but many of the same people
- **Jennifer:** defining what the corridor study could require input from many groups. Collective effort to get it right; regional Mayors’ group might be key, with access to influence. Work to start writing up scope.
- **Amy:** Corridor study vs Mobility survey, getting the right information and delivery is important.
- **Bree:** next, working meeting with WSDOT and Brock, reconnect with Councilmember Perry, legwork to connect their spaces, and providing taskforce updates on what we are hearing.
- **Amy:** Working with other micro transit groups. Important conversations - clear expectations on what to expect from rural areas.

**Roundtable/next steps and announcements**
- **Next SVMC Task Force Meeting:** March 10, 2023, at 10:30 AM
- **Next SVMC Coalition Meeting:** Feb 10, 2023, @ 10:30 AM