

Snoqualmie Valley MOBILITYCOALITION

October 10th Meeting Notes

Date: October 10th, 2025 **Time**: 10:30am-12:00pm

Location: Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213949947?pwd=WnhpSm1HL0JmOC9nQklNelY2MkJZZz09

Attendance: Cheryl Paquette (Remlinger Farms), Sandy Phan (Hopelink/CTN) Amy Biggs (SVT) Carol Ladwig (Sound Generations) Elizabeth Maupin (Community Advocate), Rene Price (SVSD), Christopher Hsing (City of Snoqualmie), Natalie Sharp (Hopelink/Community Van), Roz Novikova (Hopelink), Jamie Burrell (City of North Bend), Laura Loe (Hopelink/FAR), Ysabel Yu (Hopelink/NKCMC), Rhonda Ender (City of Carnation), Amber (A Supportive Community for All)

Staff Support: Lyn McCarthy, Heather Clark

SVMC Mission: The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition (SVMC) believes affordable, accessible, and collaborative transportation is a necessity for life and is dedicated to connecting communities to improve transportation for all of Snoqualmie Valley.

- Staffing updates
 - Ysabel Yu joins the mobility team as North King County Mobility Coordinator
 - o Lyn McCarthy has been promoted to KCMC Program Supervisor
- SVMC position will be posted shortly
- Direct any questions about SVMC to Heather or Lyn
- King County Budget public comment period is open <u>public comment</u>
- King County has put out a request for written comments for their upcoming budget cycle.
 They have asked us to share our problems with them. OK! This (below) is a serious valley-wide problem that, if you choose, you can simply cut and paste into the comment section:

We have a problem with our lower valley residents being unable to connect to jobs, food, after school activities, and services due to the limited hours (7:30 am - 3:30pm) of demand response services available in the area.

Youth, seniors and people living with disabilities are unable to connect between Duvall and Carnation and/or the upper valley using the current fixed route service, since many of them live more than a mile from the Metro Valley Shuttle/629 service (which runs from 5:30am until 9:15pm). We are asking for consideration in the next budget cycle to solve this problem. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

SVT is <u>hiring</u>

Remlinger Farms Summer Successes Cheryl Paquette

- Listened to community feedback about ingress and egress
- Worked with King County to come up with a plan
- Left turns at 203 and Tolt Hill Rd were causing huge backups
- Officer Swift provided good recommendations
- NE 22nd became an exit only
- o Longest concert took an hour to empty the lot

o For southbound traffic on Tolt Hill turning into the farm, we adjusted the entry and into rear entry of the farm

Reducing left turns has helped significantly

Added new signs and reader boards

Shuttle buses from Redmond and Seattle

- How do you find out about the buses?
- Seattle Theater Group
- Is there a Hip Camp?
- Yes, that is another option. One has a van that drops guests off. You can also ride a bike to and from a Hip Camp. We have bike racks.

Hotels have also provided shuttle buses

Those using buses have the best experience as they get in and out more quickly

Amy Biggs - I would like an alternative place for SVT to drop folks off

Cheryl – we welcome buses to come to an area that works better

Amy – might be good to have a place where people can park remotely and we could shuttle people – but we need the funding for that.

Laura – Accessibility – for low-vision etc. What considerations are there?

Cheryl – we have a completely accessible section of the concert area. We welcome service animals, and we have seating available for people with disabilities. We have hard surface all the way and a spacious parking area.

Feedback to STG - market differently to let people know accessible options (e.g. videos)

Natalie Sharp - Community Van could potentially be a resource for shuttles

Lyn – could concert tickets be an incentive for volunteer drivers?

Cheryl - yes

Community Transportation Navigators

Sandy Phan

- Background of the peer-to-peer program
- Somali and Filipino communities were riding fixed route transit the least and were paying in cash
- 2022 Filipino peer navigator cohort was launched
- Program Goal connect hard to reach communities to trusted transportation sources to increase their access to transportation.
- Empower
- o Educate
- o Enroll
- Engage

Recruit individuals that are trusted by their communities to provide travel education

Aim to serve the communities

Cultural cohorts – shared experience, language, culture, and geography

Navigators were recruited through cultural community organizations and word of mouth.

Health Through Housing Cohort

Other community groups that could benefit?

- -Older adults
- -Indian/South Asian community
- -Multi-generational (youth partnered with seniors)
- -Youth
- -Additional cultural groups
- -Young adults
- -People exiting foster care
- -Hearing/vision impaired people
- -People with mental health challenges

Roundtable Sharing:

- Eastside Interfaith will meet in Bellevue to discuss possibly setting up severe weather shelters.
- Carol Ladwig November 6th 11am information for non-drivers about transportation options.
- Lyn will share video clips from RTAP event held in June

Action Items

Natalie Sharp to follow up with Cheryl re: use of Community Van as a shuttle for concerts

- Elizabeth Maupin will email information about interfaith meeting
- Carol will share information about transportation resource fair

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, December 12th

Time: 10:30-12pm

Location: zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84213949947?pwd=WnhpSm1HL0JmOC9nQklNelY2MkJZZz09

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