



August 14th Meeting Notes

Date: August 14th, 2026

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Location: Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188605344?pwd=J5uGVdoE1E38uLB7bAgQf9lXHbysyt.1>

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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.

SVMC meetings are an action-oriented space to collaboratively support SVMC partners, projects and initiatives.

Focus Question: What is an interest or hobby you would like to make more time for?

Announcements:

Amy Biggs: please take SVT surveys! And share out! And please offer letters of support! More info here: [Home - Snoqualmie Valley Transportation](#)

Mayor Miller: Wyndham hotel groundbreaking mid-August

Isabel Smith – Community and Engagement Manager, Councilmember Sarah Perry’s Office District 3

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- Team from District 3 has been involved in this project for about 3 years.
- March of 2026 - 2.5 million dollars secured for funding the entire scope of the roundabout project.
- This intersection is approached at high speeds and cars turning onto 203 have to enter high speed traffic from a stop sign.
- Oval design will fit over intersection
- Improve safety, reduce congestion, and reduce collisions.
- Important freight corridor
- Gratitude to Snoqualmie Tribe and City of Carnation for bringing awareness of this important project
- State Route intersects County Road.
- Robust coalition support from Cities, County and State as well as Remlinger Farms and Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance.
- 3 Trips to Olympia 2024-26 with representatives from cities, county, state, tribe and Remlinger Farms.
- City of Carnation, Snoqualmie Tribe, King County collaborated on grant applications. PSRC was a great support in identifying funding pathways.
- WSDOT Timeline:
 - phase 1 – planning. 2026-27
 - Phase 2 – Right of Way. Pre-construction and acquire easements 2027-28
 - Phase 3 - Construction 2028-29

Rhonda Ender – City of Carnation

High level lessons learned in roundabout advocacy process:

- We are stronger together. All worked well together to collaborate and make this happen.
- Tight budget. Took consistent advocacy for many years
- Advocacy is year round. Consistency has been key.
- Benefits the entire Snoqualmie Valley. A very busy corridor.
- Carnation is thrilled with how this came together through partnership and collaboration.

Amy Biggs: Thank you so much to everyone who worked on this. Busses go through there several times a day.

Mayor Miller: Kudos to Rhonda and everyone for setting such a wonderful example of advocacy and collaboration.

Nicole: Youth Transportation Ambassador project update:

- Met with school district and garnered support
- What other priorities need addressing? Where should we focus our time/energy?
 - **Amy:** really in depth needs and gaps assessment. Last done in 2017
 - **Anat:** AVIV ScoutRoute challenges. We used ScoutRoute in Pierce County and quests showed how people are experiencing areas near bus stops. SVMC could create questions about barriers in Snoqualmie Valley.
 - **Nicole:** would it be helpful to schedule walkabouts?
 - **Anat:** folding community experience baseline into other projects. Project impacts from the roundabout could be recorded this way.
 - **Amy:** it's very important to figure out how to make cities more walkable. 99 percent of the Valley overall has no sidewalks or shoulders. ScoutRoute would be great in Valley Cities.
 - **Anat:** We should distinguish between lived experience and asset management. The walkabouts with Pierce transit were funded through state legislative proviso to collect sidewalk data. This was to assess what mobility challenges exist. The incentive is to demonstrate mobility issues in certain locations.
 - **Nicole:** After taking SVT to a location where there weren't sidewalks and having to walk to another location was scary. It wasn't very safe.
 - **Lyn:** Keep tourism as a part of a new work plan as the numbers of vehicles traveling to the valley is immense.
 - **Anat:** Data we collect supports the work that you all do. We are asking jurisdictions to work with us to determine how this data can be used.
 - **Amy:** Another possible project for us - that would help with all aspects of valley travel, Would be cool to create a short video telling people how the local bus system works. It could be used to create a basic travel-training that could be sent out to people.

Week Without Driving:

Will move next SVMC meeting from October 9th-October 2nd to accommodate the Week Without Driving.

Ideas:

Scavenger Hunt. Participants navigate to assigned destination. Then create one slide with photos and what the experience was like. October 2nd share out in SVMC meeting.

Isabel: collaborate with Chamber. Have local businesses get involved.

Michael Bailey: (in chat) Would like to participate. Happy to collaborate with King County Metro if there's interest in pursuing a county proclamation. Might be able to help with the needs assessment. We would like to bring life to these ideas!

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Roundtable

Heather: Rural Transportation Advocacy Workshop 8/20 10am- 2pm at Muckleshoot Community Center [Join TCC for a South King County Rural Transportation Advocacy 101 Workshop! - Transportation Choices Coalition](#)

Amy: New Route, like Cedar Falls Loop, on weekends coming from Edgewick into town. Cedar Falls/Edgewick loop. Hubs out of outlet mall so people can connect with Valley Shuttle. [Get a Ride - Snoqualmie Valley Transportation](#)

Grace: October 9th – Coordinated by Design Summit. How to safely and securely share data during Find a Ride Phase two. Hoping to create more secure interoperability. We are also looking for tech advisors. Contact Grace for more information: ggeorgitsis@hopelink.org

Lyn: Access to Health and Wellbeing [Storymap](#)

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, October 2nd, 2026

Time: 10:30-12pm

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