

# Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition Meeting August 8th, 2025

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Snoqualmie Valley  
**MOBILITY**COALITION



# ABOUT US

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## The Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition:

Believes affordable, accessible, and collaborative transportation is a necessity for life and are dedicated to connecting communities to improve transportation for all Snoqualmie Valley

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

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# Welcome all!

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SVMC values all members' experiences & identities with honor & respect. SVMC encourages all to participate, as we are committed to listening, learning, & improving our collective processes.

SVMC acknowledges our work takes place on traditional Snoqualmie & Coast Salish Tribal lands, among others, as the first people of this land. We gratefully honor the land, as well as the past, present, future of these tribes.

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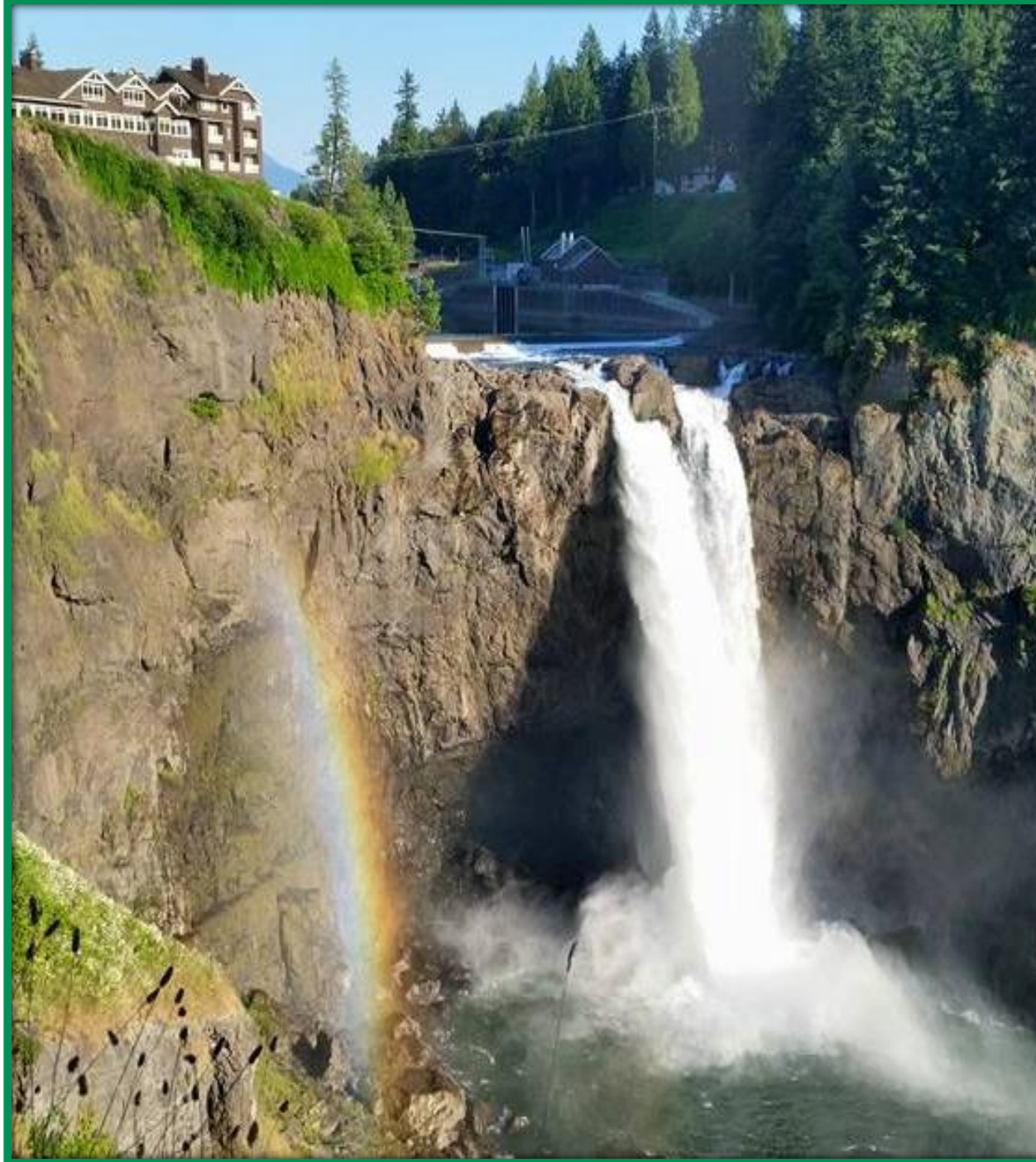
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**Snoqualmie Tribe Ancestral Lands Movement**



# Agenda

- ✓ Introductions & announcements
- ✓ **Welcome Panick Kalambay – University of Washington, Tacoma. “Addressing Active Transportation Gaps in Rural Residential Clusters”**
- ✓ **Welcome Dean Sydnor (RARET) Intro to RARET/ETPN Tabletop Exercise, Funding changes to the VA**
- ✓ **Welcome Heather Clark, Program Manager of Coalitions. Intro to KCMC Story Mapping Project (to be supported by SVMC)**



# Introductions

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**Please share:**

Your name, pronouns, organization and title

**Focus Question: What is your favorite restaurant/venue/activity in the Snoqualmie Valley.**

If you are new to SVMC, welcome! In chat, please share your name, organization, and contact info to be included in our distribution list.

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# Announcements

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**Did you know you can contact King County Metro and offer feedback?**

Contact King County Metro:

[Contact us – King County, Washington](#)

- Welcome Grace Georgitsis to the Hopelink Mobility Team – SKCMC Coordinator

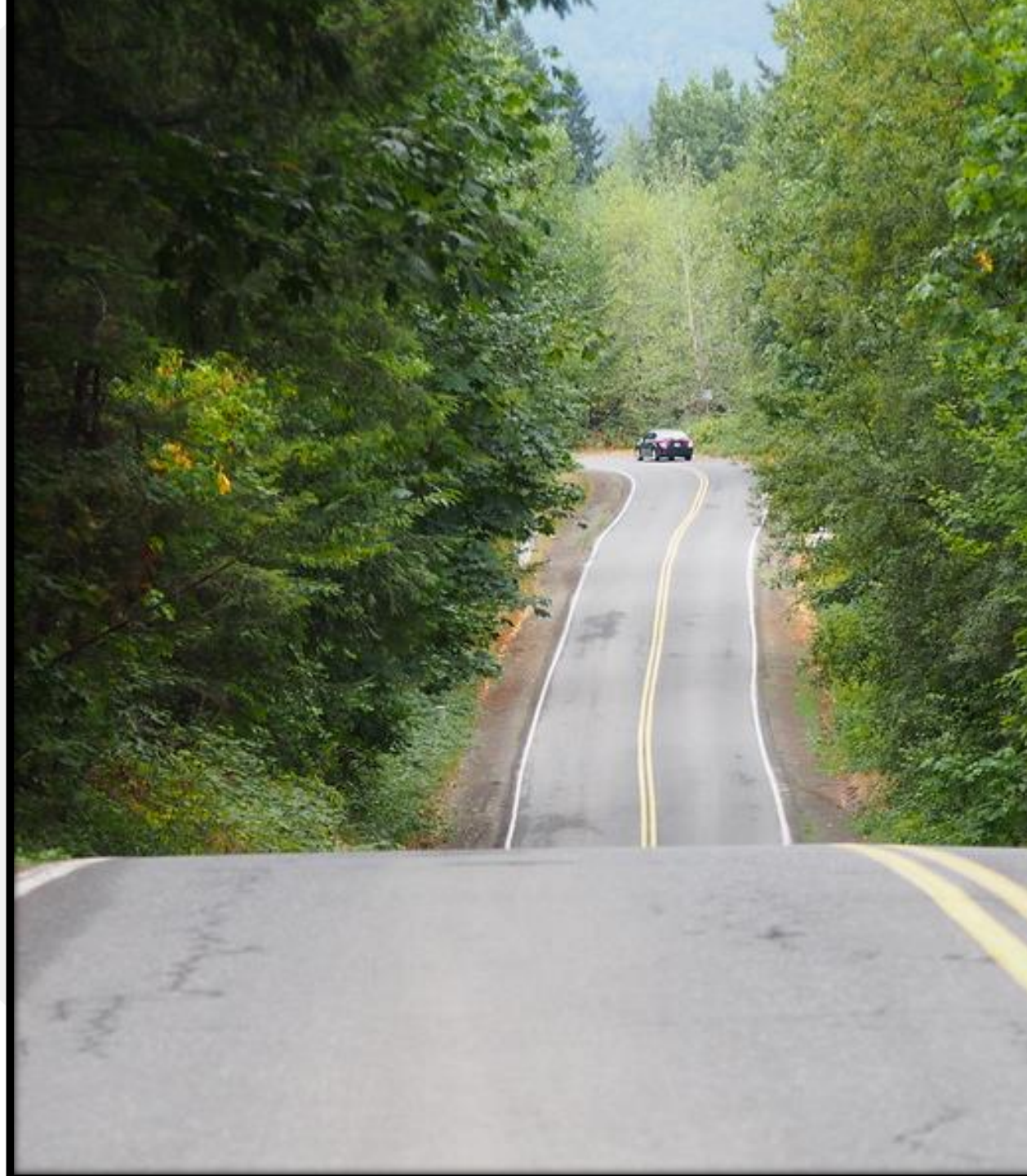


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Welcome Panick Kalambay, PhD  
– University of Washington Tacoma –  
“Addressing Active Transportation Gaps  
in Rural Residential Clusters”

Please help amplify the distribution  
of this important survey

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Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation

Dean Sydnor, *RARET Program Supervisor*

SVMC August, 2025

# **Veterans Transportation**

# What did transportation for Veterans look like before?

- VA appointment transportation was served via two methods:
  - an 8 driver roster from VTS
  - and a taxi contract the VA had with Medstar, a cabulance service with an extensive roster of drivers.

# What changed?

- The funding sources for the VTS service required alteration meaning the driver roster shrank to 2 down from 8. Mostly served the American Lake area.
- The taxi contract expired with Medstar, with there being no indication that a new one will be signed, unless there is action from the federal government. This is seen as unlikely. This service covered many of the Seattle trips.

# Details of Needs

- Around 2,000 veterans with VA appointments with potential needs
- Concentrations in Lakewood, Federal Way, Renton, Kent, and Seattle. But located across the region in smaller numbers.
- Destinations are the VA hospitals in Seattle and American Lake (JBLM/Lakewood area).

# Example of the problem

- In 2024 a veteran could arrive at your cooling center and require a future ride a medical appointment on Beacon Hill at the VA.
  - You would get them connected with the VA and they would arrange a ride with Medstar via their taxi contract.
- In 2025 now you do not have that option, so how do you assist them? Do they have Medicaid? If they don't are they already registered with ADA Paratransit? If they are not then what?

# Steps to take

- Build relationships.
- Plan to connect vets with pathways to known desirable destinations.
- Connect assistors with travel training and mobility management.
- Leverage tools like FindaRide.org, connect with the team to train staff on how to get the most out of it.

# **RARET/ETPN Tabletop 2025**

# Format Change

- Moving to each county having an in-person venue with all spaces connected virtually.
  - Each venue will have specific scenarios related to their county and some that require cross county collaboration.
  - Instead of multiple groups at one venue we will attempt to have each venue act as a single, larger group.

# Where and When

## Venues:

1. Snohomish County DEM Training Room: 720 80th St. SW  
BLDG A Everett, WA 98203
2. (King County) Hopelink Redmond Rainier Room: 8990 154th  
Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052
3. Pierce County Emergency Operation Center: 2501 S 35<sup>th</sup> St,  
Suite D, Tacoma, WA 98409

## Date and Time:

- The tabletop exercise will take place on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:30pm (3.5 hours).

# Virtual Option

## Virtual Option:

- With 3 in-person venues we are encouraging folks to attend in-person if they can.
  - If that is not feasible for them, they can register for virtual attendance and a Zoom invite will be provided to their email.
  - Virtual attendees will still need to select a county they wish to participate in, so we know which virtual room to sort them into.
    - If you are from outside the region or a statewide partner, select whichever you like. If you need a recommendation, contact [Dsydnor@hopleink.org](mailto:Dsydnor@hopleink.org)

# Event Blurb

The RARET/ETPN Tabletop 2025 is a mobility management tabletop focused on transportation coordination for life sustaining needs in a hypothetical emergency event striking the Central Puget Sound Region. The 2025 edition of this event features 3 hybrid venues where registrants will collaborate to understand the disaster's impacts and engage in transportation problem solving. This event is open to all, with particular encouragement to emergency managers, transportation providers, and accessibility subject matter experts to join the discussion. Prospective registrants outside the region are welcome to join as the core themes will have relevance beyond the local geography. The registration deadline is August 22nd, reach out to Dean Sydnor ([DSydnor@hopelink.org](mailto:DSydnor@hopelink.org)) for questions, concerns, or if you wish to join but it is after the registration deadline.

RARET encourages everyone to participate, regardless of ability. For accommodations or accessibility information, please contact Dean Sydnor, at 425-429-5995 or [DSydnor@hopelink.org](mailto:DSydnor@hopelink.org) two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting. Reaching out after that two week window is encouraged, a sincere effort will be made to make accommodations.

# Registering

Meeting Registration Link:

- <https://www.cognitoforms.com/hopelink4/raretetpntabletopregistration2025>
- Open to all with capacity limits in mind, official deadline is August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Need your help to promote, we want robust participation for each venue so the discussion is strong. Local support to get the right people in seats is critical.

# Next Steps

- Promote to your networks.
- Connect with Dean about planning meetings.
- Ask Dean about assisting with facilitation of the meeting.



Join our email distribution list by contacting Dean Sydnor at [Dsydnor@hopelink.org](mailto:Dsydnor@hopelink.org) or [sign-up here](#)



Participate in monthly, regional partner meetings – contact Dean for more info



Enjoy this meeting? Contact Dean for an invite to the next one!



Reach out to Dean with questions or ideas!

## Next Steps

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## **SVMC FY26 Work Plan Projects**

**\*Story Mapping:** KCMC is undergoing a Story Mapping project to capture the stories of non-drivers facing transportation challenges county wide

Transportation Access For  
Everyone Storymap - Disability  
Rights Washington

**\*Rural Transportation  
Advocacy 101 Curriculum**

**\*Week Without Driving**



# Storymapping Project

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HEATHER CLARK

## About the Project

- From the King County 2023-2026 Action Plan
- In partnership with Disability Mobility Initiative
- Storymap of successes and challenges accessing healthcare in the region
- Stories provided by community members who face the highest barriers meeting their travel needs
- Will be shared with decision-makers to improve available resources and programs

## Example of a Storymap

- Disability Mobility Initiative (DMI) created a [storymap](#) to raise awareness about how people without access to cars navigate to essential services in our communities
- In the process, DMI heard numerous stories about transportation barriers for community members needing to access medical appointments and other activities that are known social determinants of health

## Desired Outcomes

King County Mobility Coalition members and partners will understand what elements of our mobility landscape are well connected with health and wellness destinations and which are not.

The coalition and our partners will be prepared to advocate effectively for necessary improvements.

The voices and experiences of specialized transportation users will be heard.

# What Do We Need From You?



If you know of community members who might want to share their story, let us know



Ideas of organizations to reach out to



Help promote our request for stories among your networks

**Week Without Driving:**  
**September 29-October 5<sup>th</sup>.** In support of this international initiative, we will aim to highlight the challenges the rural residents in the Snoqualmie Valley face.

**Please help to amplify this important work via social media, newsletters, proclamations, invitations.**

[Week Without Driving](#)

[2025 Week Without Driving Toolkit](#)



**SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5, 2025**

WEEKWITHOUTDRIVING.ORG/JOIN

# Roundtable Sharing

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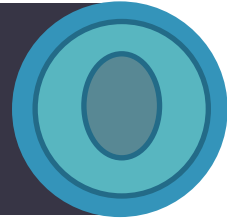
- What are you working on right now?
  - Is there anything you would like the group to help promote?
  - Are there outreach opportunities you'd like to share?
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# Calendar

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## NEXT SVMC MEETINGS



### **Next Task Force Meeting:**

Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:30am-12:00pm

Zoom

### **Next Coalition Meeting:**

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

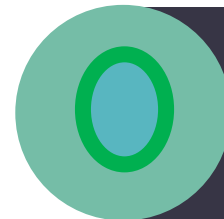
10:30am – 12:00pm

Zoom

**SVMC is currently scheduling 2025 outreach events.**

Let us know of any upcoming outreach events you think we should attend!

SVMC offers support through Valley-specific educational trainings and tabling events.



## Upcoming Events

Questions, suggestions, or agenda ideas, email Lyn McCarthy – [EMcCarthy@hopelink.org](mailto:EMcCarthy@hopelink.org)  
Calendar information found [HERE](#).

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