



Snoqualmie Valley
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Meeting Notes

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Date: 10/2/26

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188605344?pwd=JSuGVdoE1E38uLB7bAgQf9lXHbysyt.1>

Participants: Judy Hsu (community advocate), Amy McGhee, Aaron Morrow, Amy Bright (COM), Jamie Gruenberger

Staff: Ysabel Yu, Lyn McCarthy, Randall Hoxie, Erin Funk (notetaker), Heather Clark, Nicole Ross, McKenzie Kneeland, Maria Calderon, Ari MacKenna, Grace Georgitsis, Dean Sydnor

Staff Support: Nicole Ross, Erin Funk, Heather Clark

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Week Without Driving

Nicole Ross with permission from Anna Zivarts

- Week Without Driving event spans Oct 1st – 8th
- Walk Massachusetts article about Week Without Driving:
- Week Without Driving presentation including videos

Snoqualmie Valley Scavenger Hunt Discussion

Nicole Ross

Partner Scavenger Hunt Trips:

- **Judy Hsu: North Bend to Bellevue trip review.** She missed the Route 220 because it left three minutes early and had to take the 223 instead. She then had a 15-minute walk to the Bellevue College campus, although walking directly from the stop to campus would take about 23 minutes. She also noted that the elevator was an unpleasant experience for people who are unable to use the stairs. Overall, the trip took more than twice as long as driving and left her more tired because of the longer travel time, but it was significantly less expensive.
 - Comment Erin Funk: the 220 is often early, so she also has to wait for the 223
- **Ysabel Yu: Seattle to Duval trip review.** This was her first time making the trip to Duval by transit. She shared a video from the North King County Mobility Coalition's video project, which highlights both the challenges and successes of using transit. The trip included long wait times between transfers, a bus stop sign that was difficult to read,

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and limited seating while waiting. She was also concerned about finding a restroom during the trip and potentially needing to stop at a local business to use one. The trip took approximately 3.5 hours. Due to the length of the trip, she ultimately arranged a ride home rather than taking transit.

- Comment: Judy Hsu said to try using a trip planner, but planning is tedious but can feel more confident the route and bus will work
 - Comment: Lyn McCarthy had advice on other routes using 215, but the wait is still long
 - Comment: Aaron Morrow: the video had such real word experiences, for example having to find a restroom. Fantastic video!
- **Ari McKenna and her 4-year-old daughter:** Rainier Beach to Duvall trip review. They waited approximately 17 minutes for Route 7 before transferring to the 2 Line. A transit ambassador gave her daughter a sticker, and she was excited to ride across the floating bridge. They later missed their connecting bus but were able to take Route 215, which only travels as far as Issaquah Highlands. The next connecting bus had a 30-minute wait, which felt too long with a 4-year-old. They decided to pivot and get ice cream in the Issaquah Highlands area instead. They then took the bus home and did not make it to Duvall.
 - Comment: Erin Funk – having a child in tow is so difficult and it’s a real word issue for time and complication
- **Nicole Ross: General Snoqualmie Valley trips:** Has taken all eight public transit options in the area. Her biggest takeaways were the difficulty of finding the correct bus stop and route, determining which side of the road to use, and understanding the stops along the route. She also noted that timetables do not always show all intermediate stops, making it difficult to know where to find that information. Other questions included whether passengers need to pull the cord for every stop. Trip planning and making connections can take significant time to figure out. She also identified gaps in service during the middle of the day and challenges with making connections in the Valley..
 - Comment: Judy Hsu uses a spreadsheet to plan the whole trip and can use the spreadsheet for future use
 - Comment: Jamie Gruenberger – learn landmarks to know when to get off the bus
- **Amy McGhee: South King County to Seattle trip review.** She drove to Bellevue and had a friend pick her up at Judkins Park. She was glad the train runs late enough to accommodate evening meetings. One tip she shared was to use Google Maps to track

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your location in real time and see which stop you are approaching. She recently joined a planning board and needs reliable transportation to evening meetings. She has used SVT's door-to-door service in the past but experienced long wait times, including waits of up to an hour after being told a ride was on the way. She also noted that some locations cannot be reached on time using the door-to-door service. For some trips, walking or biking makes more sense. A trip that would take about 20 minutes door-to-door could take approximately 1.5 hours using transit.

- **Grace Georgitsis and Dean Sydnor trip: Mercer Island to Snoqualmie Ridge.** Mercer Island to Snoqualmie Valley trip review: The traveler drove to the Mercer Island Park & Ride, while Dean took the C Line from West Seattle and met her at the Route 215 stop on Mercer Island. They noted that only every third Route 215 trip continues to Snoqualmie, so they were fortunate that their bus served the Valley. On the return trip, there was a 75-minute wait for the next bus, so they worked at the library while waiting. The trip required careful planning because they knew it would be lengthy and complicated. They said they would not have made the trip if they also had a partner meeting that day, as the additional travel time would negatively affect their work. They also noted that they were able to build additional supports into their schedule, which they recognized is a resource many people do not have. Dean was surprised to learn that the former Route 209 was the last bus serving the Preston Park & Ride and that the current service no longer stops there. He questioned why the route serves the first freeway-stop neighborhood but bypasses Preston. On the return trip, service diversions and a 45-minute offset added significant time to the journey. Traveling from the Valley to Redmond took approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, compared with a more direct trip to Mercer Island. Overall, leaving the Valley and traveling to Redmond took longer than returning directly to Mercer Island
- - JamieSVT can't make a turn around in the Preston P&R
 - Jamie: how can Metro improve communication of the difference in 215 frequencies
 - Lyn McCarthy provided link in the chat about giving feedback to Metro.
https://kingcountymetro.my.site.com/customers/cs_app#/cs/ride

Next Meeting: December 11th from 10:30am-12:00pm on Zoom

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