

King County Mobility Coalition

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers
17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133

In attendance

Members/Alternates: William Ayears, Gaby Bell, Amy Biggs, Dorene Cornwell, Tracey French, Francois Larrivee, Ref Lindmark (co-chair), Aaron Morrow (call-in), Scott Ninneman, Alex O'Reilly (co-chair), Julie Povick, Jim Seeks, George Smith, Irene Stewart, Kari Ware
Collaborators: Jessamyn Findlay, Carolyn Foster, Edith Savadove, Ryan Warner
Staff: Cameron Duncan

Welcome, Introductions & Brief Announcements

Ref Lindmark opened the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

New Introductions:

- Carolyn Foster is Hopelink's new Project Specialist. She is working with Jon Morrison Winters and staff from SHAG and Catholic Housing Services on the Housing Connections Mobility Project. Carolyn is also a third-year undergraduate student in the University of Washington's Community, Environment, and Planning Program
- Cameron Duncan is the new Mobility Coordinator. His main role on Hopelink's Mobility Management team is providing staff support for the North King County Mobility Coalition, South King County Mobility Coalition, and Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative
- Ryan Warner is the new Special Needs Transportation Grants Manager at WSDOT.

Announcements:

- Ref noted that Jon Morrison Winters, Mobility Manager, would not be staffing the meeting. Jon is attending the National Homeland Security Conference in Philadelphia, PA to present on the Coalition's work collaborating on Emergency Management/Transportation Planning for Vulnerable Populations. Cameron will be staffing the meeting in Jon's absence.
- Irene Stewart updated the group on the work of the Outreach Committee developing a local travel tool for the SeaMar health clinic in Kent. She also announced plans for an event on mobility and universal design that she has proposed for this year's Seattle Design Festival.

Consent Calendar

February 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes: The Coalition approved the meeting minutes as drafted.

New Members and Alternates: the Coalition confirmed the appointment of the following members and alternates:

- Amy Biggs of Snoqualmie Valley Transportation to the vacant Rural Services Representative seat.
- Diana Brackett of Greater Maple Valley Community Center to the Rural Services Representative seat vacated by Amy.
- Kari Ware of Solid Ground to the vacant Non-profit Transportation Agency seat.

Briefing: King County Metro Service Reductions

Ref Lindmark gave an update on Metro's current plan for service reductions. The King County Council will vote on a package of cuts on June 9, after a public outreach period.

With the failure of Proposition 1, there is uncertainty about where additional funds to avoid transit cuts might come from. Seattle mayor Ed Murray's plan to "buy back" lost Metro service in the City of Seattle would allow other cities in the region to join a match fund to buy back some hours. Other cities could also develop their own plans.

Ref encouraged Coalition members to look at Metro's planned service cuts to find out during which of the four phases of cuts different routes will be affected, emphasizing how those cuts will potentially impact different populations, including people with special needs.

Gaby Bell spoke about the affect of service changes to people in outlying areas, creating an additional burden on the transportation system, including paratransit service.

Ref noted that the King County Council is currently holding public hearings on Metro's service reduction proposal. Irene Stewart asked if there was any chance of a new transportation package at the state level. Coalition members discussed the car tab increase that would have been part of the transportation benefit district tax package and other options for transportation funding.

Ryan Warner added more detail about the legislative process for moving a transportation package forward at the state level.

Francois Larrivee spoke about the King County Council's public hearing that was held in Bellevue, observing that there is tension between planning for service and cuts based on Metro's current plans and projections. Cameron reminded everyone that there was a final session scheduled for that evening in Renton.

Discussion/Decision: Revised KCMC Charter

Alex opened the discussion about the KCMC Charter that members had received and reviewed prior to the meeting. She opened the floor for members to have a discussion about the document. She noted the recent changes to Section IV, "Sponsorship," providing background on that section's development and updates. She said the group needs to do additional work to obtain renewed commitments from existing sponsors and seek new sponsors.

Dorene Cornwell asked who would be responsible for coordinating the effort to reach out to sponsors. Alex replied that Jon Morrison Winters would be the staff lead, along with the KCMC co-chairs, with the possibility of assembling a committee to work out the details.

Jim Seeks asked what the term “funding or resource allocation” meant in the “Sponsorship” section of the Charter. Ref answered that it was intentionally an open-ended phrase, allowing for direct or in-kind support, including allocation of staff time for Coalition initiatives.

Irene Stewart motioned to approve the Charter. Aaron Morrow seconded. The Coalition approved the new Charter.

Discussion: King County Special Needs Transportation Assessment

Ref discussed the background of the Coalition’s planning efforts and the purpose of creating an updated Assessment with a Needs and Gaps Analysis.

Ryan Warner added that county-level plans are currently being created in many jurisdiction across the state. He said it would be worthwhile for interested people to log onto the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation’s website to see how similar plans were done in other areas.

Ref opened the floor for participants to add what elements they had found were missing, lacking, or otherwise in the Assessment. Cameron recorded the conversation on a flip chart. Ref invited participants to join him, Alex, Jon, and Cameron in analyzing and organizing people’s responses into a work plan. Today’s discussion will be the starting point for a work group, with the goal of having an updated Assessment prepared prior to the August KCMC meeting. Jim Seeks, Aaron Morrow, Francois Larrivee, Kari Ware, and Carolyn Foster all expressed interest in assisting with this work.

Quick Briefings

Updates were provided on the activities of the North King County Mobility Coalition, Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative, and South King County Mobility Coalition.

Gaby provided an update on the Livable Communities Committee’s work, noting that the Access to Healthcare project had received partial funding. She also asked whether the King County Mobility Coalition could write a letter of support for Harborview’s mobility improvement plans.

The Mobility Manager’s update was provided via a written handout.

Next Steps

- Next Meeting: **August 19, 2014** from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at **Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-112**, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

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