

**Pierce County Coordinated  
Transportation Coalition  
September 22 ,2022  
Meeting Notes**



Attendees	Staff
Bebhinn Gilbert – KC Mobility Coalition Eddie Clark – KP Bus Connects Audrey Lewis – South Sound 211 Brian G – Pierce County Aging and Disability resource Penni Belcher – South Sound 211 Brock Howell – Snow Track Ed Engel – Snow Track Marissa Edwards – City of Tacoma Fire Dept Lani Fowlkes – Pierce Transit ( <a href="mailto:lfowlkes@piercetransit.org">lfowlkes@piercetransit.org</a> ) Jacque Mann – PSECD Francie Peltier – A Potts – Pierce Transit Ryan Windish Jean Kim – PSRC Dean Sydnor - Hopelink Ivan Tudela – Pierce County Emergency Management Gerrit Nyland – Pierce County	Daeveene May Bryan Barmore

**Introductions:**

- Daeveene – Starts the meeting and welcomes everyone, gives a snapshot of the agenda.
- What is your favorite thing to do to wind down after a stressful day/week?

**Pierce County Announcements**

- Homeless ORCA Card Project- Update Daeveene -
  - Started in June – we issued 500 Orca cards to 6 homeless service providers
  - Only able to use no Pierce Transit
  - 90 days in we have done 3000 trips
  - Next Steps is to look at small sites, like homeless camps to see if it would help them
  - Are any other community’s doing anything like this?
  - Jacque – Orting Veterans Outreach?
    - We have talked about that, looking at if it would be successful, we are seeing if the Orting project would be success full, but it is an ongoing conversation.
- Orting veterans’ transportation update Daeveene -
  - Been going on Since April
  - Thought we would get 85-90 clients a month
  - Current ridership is 160 a month
  - Service is going well; people are using it to go to appointments and for leisure
  - We are current talking about adding another day of service

- Bebhinn – is there a capacity limitation?
  - Daeveene - The Vehicle we are using is a 12-passenger van, and so far they have not had to turn anyone away
- Jacque – How does the service work?
  - Daeveene - It is a circular route that starts at the veteran's village, then goes to near Safeway, then to the Puyallup transit, then the Walmart area, and back to the village. We do take people to dialysis site which is right by Walmart
- Bebhinn – is your grant looking for continuation or expansion?
  - Daeveene - It is for continuation
- Francie – had the same question as Bebhinn
- Affordable housing and transportation – Gig Harbor - Daeveene
  - Daeveene - Had the pleasure of going to Gig Harbor and talked to the mayor about transportation, for the affordable housing projects they are considering
  - Daeveene - What are your thoughts on giving advice to leadership when they are developing affordable housing?
  - Francie – is the development transportation orientated?
    - They are just in the planning stages
  - Lani – I would like to connect the mayor with someone in our planning department
    - I will connect your
  - Jacque – kudos to you daeveene to bringing transportation to the table as historically it is an afterthought, it takes time and consideration and money, great to start those conversations now
  - Daeveene – One of the issues is some of the projects are ending and the transportation from sites to jobs is going away as well.
  - Jacque – Is this for the Harbor mobile crew?
    - Daeveene – Yes
    - Jacque – technically it is not going away, but there are funding changes
    - Daeveene – I have talked to Pierce Transit about the 5-10 clients that are 5 miles away from transit stops, we want to make sure the services that get them to their job is not interrupted
- Update on Strategic Plan -Daeveene
  - I am in the final states to getting this completed, looking to pass it to leadership for final approval in October
  - Daeveene – How do you accommodate or help people with sensory disabilities?
    - A Potts – have you received any feedback from clients?
      - Daeveene – Yes from one client, we got feedback that they got on a bus, but didn't know when to get off
      - A Potts – Pierce Transit has training and would be available to help assist when we can.
    - A Potts – Though the school district, I have noticed they have been more inclined to do group trips. That could be an avenue. We can work with the transition program to schedule group trips, or setup monthly events to get them out into the community together to familiarize them with buses and transits. We have done it previously and would be happy to participate

- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program Notice of Funding Opportunity
  - Daeveene – Does anyone know about this? Have you applied for it before?
    - It does talk about improving sidewalks, lighting,
    - Daeveene - Just wanted to bring it to everyone’s attention
    - Brock – Looking at this I would imagine public works would be the lead agencies are applying for it. It looks like more around automation
  
- Additional Factors for Consideration - Daeveene
  - Geographical Distribution of Regional Rankings
  - Project Types
  - Agency Equity
  - Compelling Cases for Agencies with Limited Resources
  - Strategic Application of State/Federal Funds
  - Coordination
  
- Daeveene – Any questions about the additional factors?
  - Francie – First thought is it is not a deal breaker, IE equitable distribution of grants, another thing I have observed, the group themselves, among the three counties, does a very good job to make sure there its equity in the distribution of funds, to date, I have not seen the factors as decision breakers for the grants
  - Jacque – I agree with that
  - Jean – PSRC the additional factors are what we use, but we use the ones during deliberation on projects. But there will be deliberation by the committee to decide what their main factors. I understand your concern Daeveene, but yesterday the PSRC decided not to use performance metrics this time around because Covid altering the data. For advancing equity, we have to review the applications to see what was submitted.
  - Brock – WADOT is the ultimate decider on grants, and they do their own eval process, but the regional process adds points for WADOT to consider. I would encourage you to be proactive in getting applicants to answer the equity questions, and PSRC should be encouraging applicants to answer them.
  - Jacque – we all measure differently, and until we get on the same page, I appreciate WADOT is considering those factors
  - Brock – The metrics will always be different, due to the services provided
  - Jacque – I think WADOT did a good job in bringing that into the conversation on existing projects asking for some level of improvement
  - Jean – That is why this time around we have included presentations in the PSRC application process, so we can understand the applications better and get more information that might not be reflected on the application.

#### Community Partner Announcements

- PSRC
  - Jean – The committee had the last meeting for the year, and December is when we have the presentation and early December is when the rankings will be due. Don’t forget to send your applications to me as well as WA DOT

- Daeveene – Make sure your grant is in on time
- Pierce Transit
  - A Potts – we are working on adding tactile signs at bus stops, to make our bus stops more accessible to those who are visually impaired
  - A Potts – Spanaway runner has started, and is underway, please inform your customers that it offers services from point to hub. Information is on the website
  - A Potts – We also offer travel training for those who need it, please reach out
  - A Potts – we are still working on website accessibility
  - Lani – free youth transit pass is now available, youth 18 and under not ride free
  - Lani – Pierce transit is hiring
  - Jacque – do you have plans to get the caravan program up and running again
    - Lani – yes, we are having an issue with available vehicles
    - Jacque – yes and to anyone else we are looking for surplus vehicles
- Tacoma Health Dept
  - Daeveene – I am working with the health department to get them into our group as representation
- PCDEM
  - Ivan – Folks might have received a stakeholder review survey, but it is due tomorrow, if anyone has any questions about it, please reach out.
- Aging and Dissolubility resources
  - Daeveene – Sent out a survey
- PSESD
  - Jacque – We are looking for a van
  - Jacque – we are working on our school project
  - Jacque – we are working on our applications
- United Way
  - Penni – Want to remind folks to contact 211 by phone or emails
  - Penni – if you are looking for services for a client please reach out
  - Penni – we are also hiring for a service coordinator and would love some quality applicants
- Hopelink
  - Bebhinn – County wide action plan project is just kicking off. Coordination with your regional partners is very important
  - Bebhinn – Community Transportation Navigators has launched; we have hired 3 people and they are working out in the community in partnership with king county transit
  - Bebhinn – One call one click works, regional open-source trip planning application, we have hired contractors and they are working on it and they are working on branding
    - More information <https://www.kcmobility.org/ococ>
  - Dean – We are hiring Snoqualmie valley coordinator
  - Dean – we are working on the emergency transportation provider coordination, stay tuned for more information on this
  - Dean – Skykomish was cut off by the bolt creek fire. The closure meant they had to go around though Leavenworth, thankfully escorted trips are now available through US2
  - Dena – food for thought – are there potentially isolated communities that could be cut off by fires or natural disasters
- Snohomish

- Brock – we have been launching groups and surveys for performance metrics, we currently have a 5-year strategic plan
- Brock – We have been focusing on getting service increase out to Darington, have some progress on that
- Brock – I am putting together a consolidated grant metric for a regional survey to highlight mobility gaps and what we can do to address them.
  - Brock – We do need match dollars for this project, we do have a small ask for the transit agencies, potentially need a Match of 20K or 5k per local transit agency
  - Daeveene – I think we all have aspiration that we need match dollars to make these projects run.

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#### Close Out and Adjourn

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