



PCCTC Coordination Transportation Coalition

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2023 AT 9:30 AM

Present	County Staff Present
<p> Stacey Crnich, The Market/BLFB Jacqueline Man, PSED/RTI Jordan Hoover, King County Metro Ivanova Smith, People First Tammy Apthorp, Pierce Transit Ed Engel, Snohomish County Transportation Coalition Brian Guthrie, Pierce County ADR Susan Paganelli, Key Peninsula Healthy Community Marissa Edwards, Tacoma Fire CARES Jodie Moody, CCS Madysen McLain, Mustard Seed Project of Key Peninsula Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Dean Sydnor, Hopelink Mobility Eddie Clark, Bus Connects Ausha Potts, Pierce Transit Ivan Tudela, Pierce County Emergency Management Bree Boyce, Hopelink Mobility Audrey Lewis, Transportation Navigator Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Katie Drewel, Sound Transit Bebhinn Gilbert, King County Mobility Coalition Nick Johnson, PSRC Beth Hamby, Sound Transit Stephanie Dent, Gather2Grow Jean Kim, PRSC Laura Loe, Hopelink Mobility </p>	<p> Daeveene May Bryan Barmore </p>

Introductions

- Daeveene May Starts the Meeting and Welcomes Everyone.
- Asks for people to introduce themselves in chat, organization, and what is your favorite spring vacation spot?
 - Lots of great spots
 - Asks new members to introduce themselves.

Pierce County Announcements

- Welcome Isiah Croft to Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
- 2023 Access & Functional Needs Summit Recap
 - Ivan Tudela – AFM Summit on 2/15/2023
 - Went over the summit and what happened
 - How groups can work together for emergency transportation needs.
- Key Peninsula Update
 - In January we did a staff right out to the KP and had a meeting about out, we are going to collect data, and do a survey for the KP to help decide what are the next steps. We are talking with other local transportation groups in neighboring counties to see if they want to partner for a demand route.
 - The KP bus connect was a short-term solution, and now we are doing the long-term planning to try to solve the transportation issues out there
 - Susan Paganelli – we have a notice in the news coming out to the community and have members excited to solve the problem
 - Daeveene – as we start this process to help plan on solving rural transportation issues, what can members provide to help in this process?
 - Susan – One thing I would like to have is a list of other groups in the region that have created their own solutions in other rural areas.
 - Amy Biggs – Snoqualmie – I would be happy to be help in any way I can, we also assisted Stanwood when they were going through this same process.
 - Jacqueline Mann – These things need strong community support.
 - A Potts – Pierce Transit – is there a date to decide the survey questions
 - Susan Paganelli – we are working with someone now to design the survey.
- Inclement Weather Procedures for Homeless encampments
 - Daeveene – I received an email about a homeless individual passing away during cold weather events, and I want to go over what happens in this area.
 - Ivan Tudela PCDEM – it’s a complex issue, sometimes folks won’t leave their encampments or pets behind during these problems. Shelters will take their stuff and pets, but we are working on identify a solution for storage. Its one of the many conversations we are having, how can we encourage people come to shelters overnight.
 - When we see inclement weather on the forecast we reach out to local providers, to full the gaps, get supplies.
 - For the most recent event, we handed out hypothermia kits and blankets
 - We are in great partnership with Pierce Transit, and they will open up for free rides during any event
 - Daeveene – I am now going to be attending the homeless meetings, and worked with Rob Huff, we are working on solutions like lockers that people can use to secure their belongings for these situations.
 - Daeveene – what do other groups do for these situations?
 - Dean Sydnor – we assist on medical appointment transportation, but I know the KC brings in groups to discuss and problem solve these issues.

- KC Metro approach to inclement weather is that fares will not be a barrier during weather events.
- Ivanova Smith – I am with the pierce county homeless disability group – a lot of homeless shelters are not accessible for people with disabilities or neurodivergent.
 - Daeveene, that is a great point, and I will bring that up to the homeless coalition group this Friday
- ATS Trans, LLC - Job Opportunities
 - Daeveene – Ats has a lot of job opportunities right now, so if you know someone encourage them to apply.
 - [ATS Trans, LLC - Job Opportunities \(paylocity.com\)](https://paylocity.com)

Guest Speakers

- Daeveene Introduces Stacy Crnich the CEO of Bonney Lake Food bank
 - Bonney Lake Food Bank Presentation slides start.
 - Stacey Crnich – when the pandemic started, we started looking at transportation for food bank so more people could have access to services
 - We have started a food delivery route
 - Gives organization history, location, and site setup
 - Explains refrigerated lockers, so people can pickup supplies on irregular hours
 - Community Members are welcome to come and see this.
 - Explains farm to fork program and local producers
 - Explains next steps for the market and what they are looking for
- Daeveene – Does anyone have any transportation stories for people in need?
 - Jodi Moody – CSS – we pick up from local food banks and deliver directly to those who need. Program has no income verification, but you have to be over 60 or have a disability to qualify. We do reimburse for milage and have multiple volunteers.
 - We also take clients to the grocery stores if they lack transportation
- Daeveene – my next question is the lockers like at the market something that could support the needs of the community?
 - Ivanova Smith – I think the Bonney Lake food bank is a great concept, are you looking at expanding?
 - Stacy Crnich – thank you, we have met with a lot of other food banks who come out to visit and are thinking about exploring parts of what we do for their own locations, but I hope some of things we do help shift the norm. We are looking at expanding our lockers to other rural areas.
 - The lockers can actually serve more then just food, we could put emergency supplies in them, they can be used to communicate.
- Daeveene Introduces Jordan Hoover from Metro Flex
- Jordan Hoover – I am with King County Metro
 - Shares Screen and starts presentation
 - Just consolidated all of our on-demand services into a new program called Metro-Flex
 - Explains background of On Demand Services – Community Ride, Pingo, Via

- Explains service areas and hours and how to access the services
- Katie Drewel – Sound Transit – if you have an orca card, you pay what the normal fare would be. If you have a reduced fare card, what ever fare you would regularly pay is what MetroFlex costs.
- Susan Paganelli – are there any age limitations?
 - Jordan – you have to be 13 or older to ride, but waivers can be filled by guardians
 - If you have someone who needs a car seat you have to bring the seat
- A Potts – Pierce Transit – What App do you use for this service?
 - Jordan – the service has its own app and it decides how you pay
- Jordan – I would love to connect to pierce transit about on demand services
- Dean Sydnor – how is the service impacted during inclement weather, especially snow?
 - Jordan – I am not sure, I know in the past we have put the service on pause during those instances, but I can get back to you with more information?
 - Dean – how does this service communicate the curb-to-curb service?
 - Jordan – Our marketing is working, because curb to curb is not an easily understandable term for those outside transportation. But we send out constant communication.

Community Partner Announcements

- **PSRC** – Nick Johnson – no big announcements, had a successful meeting yesterday to discuss the coordinated mobility plan
- **Pierce Transit** – A Potts – just returned from the ADA conference and encourage those to attend, its a good place to network and learn about other programs in the state
 - We are preparing for a service change in March, the goal is to improve efficiency and gain back routes that were suspended during the pandemic
 - We are not a partner of orca lift – to sign up there is a link, and at DSHS offices
 - New podcast about transportation safety
 - Talks about runners out to the underserved areas
 - Tammy – I just want to add about the runner service there is talks about starting something in the Puyallup area.
- **Sound Transit** – Katie Drewel – We are excited that Pierce Transit is joining orca lift
 - Though tomorrow we have an online open house for the Tacoma Dome Link extension and encourage those to submit their input. Link was originally slated to open in 2032 but has been pushed back to 2035
 - One of the things we are looking at for sound transit, is looking at ways to supplement the lift sounder service, look in a couple of months for more information on that.
- **PESD** – Jacqueline Man – No updates, working on training coming up
- **Pierce County Emergency Management** - Ivan Tudela –
 - Wanted to plug Wildfire & Disaster Info Fair (04/01 at Wilkerson Elementary)
 - <https://pierced.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=2310>
 - Video on Access & Functional Needs:
 - <https://youtu.be/05kZGoISbYI>

- **Tacoma Fire Department** – Marissa Edward
 - No update
 - Curious if the conversation is happening from Homeless coalition and pierce transit about on demand rides?
 - Daeveene – I can bring that up at the next homeless coalition meeting
- **Hopelink** – Dean Sydnor
 - Find a ride updates – trip planning tolls for the smaller providers
 - We are looking for Beta testers, please sign up
- ***WSDOT** –
 - WSDOT just announced the Notice of Funding Opportunity for their Zero-Emissions Access Program. This grant is for \$50,000 to \$200,000 for local governments or community-based organizations to implement programs that increase access to low emission transportation options for low and moderate income communities. The funding can be used for projects out to June 30th, 2025. A 10% match is required.
 - Some example projects include:
 - Transportation services for shared users (e.g., carshare or rideshare programs)
 - Micromobility programs for shared users (e.g., bike sharing)
 - Free and reduced-fare programs
 - Subcontracts with agencies that have provided clean-fuel transportation and shared-mobility pilot programs for the community
 - Installation of electric-vehicle infrastructure for community use
 - This seems like a great opportunity for PCCTC members.
 - * sent message through Pierce County Public Works

Important Upcoming Events/Dates

- Beyond the Borders Request for Proposal being released March 22,2023
- We have a new solicitation process, and you must register on OpenGoV

Close Out and Adjourn

Next meeting June 15, 2023- 9:30 – 11:00 AM