



ACCESS PARATRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, June 14, 2021

TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM PST

ZOOM [MEETING RECORDING:](#)

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LINK EXPIRES: 07-28-2021

APAC MEMBERS: Clark Matthews, Dorene Cornwell, Deborah Artis, Kristina Sawycky, Ginger Kwan, Christina Schaefer, Joe Welinske

Absent: Jamilah Ibrahim

METRO STAFF: Gunner Scott, Gwen Clemens, Ashish John, Lorrie Alfonsi, Gwyn Howard

MV TRANSPORTATION STAFF: Lanai Tua, John Gray

Facilitator/ Presenter	Topic
<p>Gunner Scott</p>	<p>1. APAC vacancies There are currently two APAC vacancies. The group discussed the plan to start recruitment for two new members, and noted waiting until after the July meeting to move forward with the process. APAC members were invited to volunteer to join the interview task force.</p> <p><i>Action items</i> Kristina, Dorene, Clark, and Joe all expressed interest in participating on the interview task force.</p> <p>2. APAC Annual Report Gunner shared an update and draft timeline for the APAC Annual Report. Metro staff will be available to help with any formatting or editing needs. The group discussed how the report can be tailored to help inform the King County Council regarding future budgeting and to illustrate the value of APAC.</p> <p>The group discussed interest in requesting that APAC submit a short status memo or response to satisfy the August 31 Council due date, and target December to submit a report with more information from the group. Ideally the December timing would provide Council the opportunity to address resource requests for the following year. The group also highlighted interest in submitting future annual reports in August moving forward.</p> <p><i>Action items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunner to follow up with Government Relations team to relay APAC's requested approach for the reporting process, and will follow up with APAC to confirm. • Joe, Kristina, Deborah, and Christina to meet as a subcommittee to draft the initial response to send out to APAC prior to July meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristina will reach out to Gunner and Gwyn about setting up the subcommittee meeting.
Deborah Artis	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group congratulated Deborah on filling the vice chair position on the APAC Executive Committee. • No specific questions or concerns were raised by APAC members regarding the Mystery Rider Program.
Joe Welinske	<p>Open topics</p> <p>What are some opportunities or needs you are seeing with Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure needs to support more riders accessing fixed transit: The group discussed a potential project idea of conducting rider outreach to better understand the obstacles that cause some riders, who are otherwise interested in fixed transit, to be limited to paratransit services only due to lack of access to bus stops. • Public listening sessions: The group discussed working towards hosting public listening sessions as an opportunity to both hear from the community about transit needs, but also to share more about APAC's role with King County Metro. Some interest in using business cards to help APAC members introduce themselves to the community as well as potentially creating a flyer/brochure about APAC was also expressed. Deborah, Clark, and Christina volunteered to track this topic. • Overall improvements for paratransit riders: Interest was expressed in tracking updates from Metro's trial of same-day scheduling opportunities. The group discussed partnering opportunities to support promoting the availability of sufficient wheelchair-accessible vehicles throughout the paratransit transportation system. Follow up on this topic was identified for the August APAC meeting <p><i>Action items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per group support, an August APAC meeting will be scheduled. • Metro's flexible services staff will provide an update at the August meeting regarding accessible vehicle options and services.
Kristina Sawyckj	<p>Agenda items for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access needs for new Bus Bay: MV staff conducted a site walk with King County Metro and Sound Transit of the new Northgate Link Light rail station area and future Access vehicle bay. The MV team plans to conduct a site evaluation later in 2021 following the station's opening. • Access future fleet update: The group reviewed areas of interest for an upcoming video tour of a future Access vehicle prototype. The video will be shared with APAC members along with a survey regarding the features of the vehicle. <p><i>Action items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunner to reach out to Dion regarding attending the July APAC meeting

Upcoming meetings



- **June 28:** APAC Executive Committee Meeting (all APAC members welcome to attend, ask Gunner for link)
- **June/July TBD:** Subcommittee meeting to outline draft response and request for December submission of APAC report to King County Council
- **July 12:** July APAC meeting
- **August TBD:** August APAC meeting