



King County Transit Advisory Commission

Agenda

May 21, 2019

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- 6 p.m. Consent agenda, agenda development
Aaron Morrow, chair
- *Approve minutes from January, Feb., March and April*
- 6:05 p.m. Follow up on collaboration and updates
Rob Gannon, General Manager
- 6:30 p.m. Innovative Mobility (Ride2 and Via) report
Dan Rowe, Innovative Mobility
- 7:00 p.m. Mobility Framework engagement overview and Guiding Principles workshop
DeAnna Martin, Partnerships and Engagement manager and Tessa McClellan, Mobility Division
- 7:45 p.m. Chairperson report
Aaron Morrow



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201 S. Jackson St.
General Manager's Conference Room

Commission members in attendance: Cheryl Harrison, Aaron Morrow, Angela Theriault, Gale Shinozaki, Judy Stenberg, Linwood Robinson

Metro staff: Robyn Austin (RapidRide), DeAnna Martin (Partnerships & Engagement Manager), Rob Gannon (General Manager), Dan Rowe (Innovative Mobility), Tessa McClellan (Service Development)

I. Consent agenda

Minutes approved from January, February, March and April.

II. Follow up on collaboration and updates – Rob Gannon

Discussion about work plan items #1 and #2:

- 1) Be on checklists – Bringing into action. Committed to important part of the plan and commission
- 2) More and better service with long range plan and funding – Rob talking in the community on what we mean by mobility and how funding is brought into the picture. Mobility Equity Cabinet is meeting for the first time, which is a step in the right directions towards a participatory government.

Questions/Comments for Rob

Members asked about several issues including:

- Better training for employees on diversity
 - Rob said operations is in transition and that fall would be a good time to weigh in. Town halls with the workforce will also lay the groundwork to trainings and this is a critical part of the TAC's work plan that could be tied to the Equity Cabinet's work.
- ORCA Next Gen roll out
 - Timeline likely in 2021-22
- Access Paratransit service needs to have the best service possible – good, on-time service that gets people where they need to go.
 - Agreement that the service is good but not as good as it should be. Metro will work with the current contractor for near-term improvements as well as with the new contract to provide the best service possible.
- Lighthouse for the Blind has concerns about Renton Transit Center; no way to identify the individual bays for those who are using a cane or are visually impaired.
 - ACTION ITEM: Follow up with Transit Route Facilities



- Ballot measure options for additional funding
 - Could be a standing item for this group; will learn more about it during the Guiding Principles workshop for the Mobility Framework.
- Will the new income-based fares program affect or impact Access fares?
 - Metro is looking at all of its fares, and will need to balance needs to make sure that the fares program guides people to the right system and fare. When looking at the income-based fares program, we're also assessing how it will impact others.

III. Innovative Mobility

Dan Rowe, from the Innovative Mobility team, gave an update about the First-Last Mile programs including Ride2 Eastgate, West Seattle and Via 2 Transit in Southeast Seattle and Tukwila.

Members noted their concerns about unions and non-union workers for these services in the future, and clarified that the service is available to all riders including Access Paratransit riders.

Dan will return when there is more robust data collected on the programs, all of which started late last year or this year.

IV. Mobility Framework

Metro is creating a Mobility Framework in order to ensure that policies and investments put people first, advance equity, meet mobility needs and reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions. Tessa McClellan, project manager for the Mobility Framework, led the group in a discussion about the Guiding Principles, which will inform the recommended actions to center equity and sustainability.

The TAC will be included in the engagement process for the Mobility Framework over the next several months.

Guiding Principles discussion feedback:

- Guiding principles are full of buzzwords that need to be defined so people can understand them. Engage neighborhoods. Having clean and concise policy recommendations for jurisdictions as transit goes through different jurisdictions.
- Concerns about how Metro will meet sustainability goals and how it will achieve it by getting people out of their single occupancy vehicles. There may need to be tradeoffs. What would the infrastructure look like?
 - Tessa's comment: Not necessarily parking, could be other services that connect people to transit.
- How are priority populations being identified?
 - King County's Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan identifies priority populations – Metro added people with disabilities to that list. Investing in those with the most need can benefit everyone. Benefiting everyone by investing in those with the most need.

Additional feedback:



- Connecting people to opportunities also means expanding service hours since people need to work varying hours.
- Park and rides fill up very quickly. If you need to work but you cannot rely on parking to take transit it then is not a viable option.
- Change the way we think about density and changing neighborhoods. Must work with the City of Seattle to get to people to transit.
- Tolls affect accessibility as well.
- Education is essential to inform people who could use it but do not know how to use it or know that it is an option. More ridership would benefit everyone.

Feedback/Parking lot:

- Less items on agenda to do deeper dives into each topic
- Presentation on funding and financial forecasting.