

King County Transit Advisory Commission - Agenda June 18, 2019 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 201 S. Jackson St. General Manager's Conference Room

6-6:05 p.m. Consent Agenda [action required]

Approve minutes from May 21 meeting

6:05-6:30 p.m. General Manager Rob Gannon [no action by TAC required]

Follow up on meeting with management about including TAC on checklists

- Tentatively on checklist: Real time customer information, Employee services (workforce development and inclusive recruitment) and operator trainings

Access contract signed

6:30-6:45 p.m. Chairperson report, Aaron Morrow

TAC representative to serve on King County Mobility Coalition

Update on Access

Relevant updates about Sound Transit Citizen Accessibility Board

Lin: Mobility Framework Equity Cabinet update

6:45-7:45 p.m. North Link Connections – Shelby Cramer, Community Relations [action: advise]

Overview of the North Link Connections project launching in June. This project will improve mobility and access to transit in anticipation of the three new light rail stations opening from University of Washington to Northgate. Metro will specifically prioritize improving access to transit for all communities, especially historically underserved populations who are disproportionately impacted by transit inequities. The project will utilize a Mobility Board to help develop the concepts.

TAC action: learn about and advise on the Mobility Board process for this project including recruitment, applications, engagement and accessibility.

7:45 p.m. Adjourn



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Attendance: Aaron Morrow (chair), Lin Robinson, Cheryl Harrison, David Johnson

Staff: DeAnna Martin (Partnerships and Engagement Manager), Rob Gannon (General Manager), Shelby Cramer (Community Relations)

Approved on consent: Meeting minutes from May 21 meeting

General Manager Rob Gannon attended the meeting and gave several updates:

- New Access Paratransit contract with MV signed
- How can the TAC be an essential check box on all large programmatic efforts, and how can we include TAC input?
 - Metro staff met with Metro division leadership and
 - Matt Hanson, gather feedback from TAC re: real time customer info (date tbd)
 - Meg Saffranic, HR, conversation on workforce development/recruitment, inclusive and engaging (folks who don't have full access now)
 - Steve Hopkins, Operator training/engagement re: awareness of rider diversity and riders' needs
 - TAC will figure out scheduling
- Future updates might include more opportunities to engage with the fares program on the needs of low-income populations, and the crossover users of Access Paratransit.
 - STBD ballot
 - Involve TAC, share info, gather feedback

Chairperson report:

Aaron Morrow reported on the following items:

TAC representative needed to serve on the King County Mobility Coalition

The Access Task Force will transition to become the Access Paratransit Advisory Committee later this year. They will need representation from all nine County Council districts and identify the gaps in their representation, especially those with cognitive disabilities, developmental disabilities or other types of disabilities. 51% of their members should be actual Access customers. Information about alternate forms of engagement and recruitment should be passed along to Metro staff.



Sound Transit Citizen Accessibility Committee is working on the transition for the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel from bus/rail to rail only. Additional work around Sound Transit's fare enforcement policies is underway.

Equity Cabinet update

Lin Robinson is serving on the Mobility Framework Equity Cabinet. He gave a brief update on their work. They are currently looking at travel trends in the county, including displacement. The Equity Cabinet continues to meet every two weeks to identify gaps in service, balance investments and integration with other transit agencies.

North Link Connections Project

Shelby Cramer (Community Relations) gave the group an overview of the North Link Connections Project which will significantly improve the current transit network in north King County with the opening of three new Link light rail stations in north Seattle.

The group asked several questions around connections to the Eastside, Mobility Board, gaps in coverage and concerns about transfers. The group also asked how the needs of the community would be balanced with what planners have in mind. The project launched on July 1.

Commission members gave feedback on recruitment for the Mobility Board. Some of the suggestions included finding ways to reach those who don't ride transit, bicyclists, large employers, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, youth (within King County procurement limits), in the community and in the monthly Hopelink newsletter.