

King County Transit Advisory Commission

March 21, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

Teleconference:

Link to join the meeting via computer: <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/87953606503>

Dial in information: (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 879 5360 6503

6:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns, if you would like to share
- Access needs
- Check in question: The first day of spring was yesterday! What do you look forward to most this spring?
- Present:
 - **TAC Members:** Sonja Tracy, Aaron Morrow, Lin Robinson, Angela Theriault
 - **Metro staff and guests:** Margarita Aguado, Bebhinn Gilbert (King County Mobility Coalition), Alle Brown-Law

6:15 p.m. Consent agenda, Announcements, January meeting recap

- Consent agenda
 - **Vote: Meeting minutes – January 2023**
 - No changes or updates to the January 2023 minutes.
- January meeting recap, reflection, follow up
 - Service Recovery Plan
 - Reviewed what was discussed at last meeting. No follow-up comments.
 - Lynnwood Link Connections Mobility Project – Phase 2
 - Reviewed what was discussed at last meeting.
 - Question on when Lynnwood Link will start running. Currently website states 2025.
 - **Interest in having the Lynnwood Link team back before/when services opened.**
 - **Interest in getting an update on the Federal Way link extension in a future TAC meeting.**
- Announcements
 - The TAC Application is open from now to April 8. Interviews will take place in late April. Nominees will be selected during first week of May.
 - **Interested in being a part of the TAC recruitment interview process? Contact Margarita**

- TAC Comment: How many members do we have on TAC right now? How many members do we want on the TAC?
 - Staff Liaison noted that we currently have 4 members and hope to recruit 6 new members for a total of 10 members.

6:30 p.m. An Overview of the King County Mobility Coalition

Presenter: Bebhinn Gilbert, Program Supervisor of the King County Mobility Coalition

- King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC) introduction to the TAC. Provided update on their work, what issues/projects the coalition covers and where, and invited TAC members to attend their future meetings/welcome to join KCMC. Attending meetings can also help raise the visibility level of the TAC. Coalition provided contact information.

Refer to presentation. TAC feedback follows:

- Question from TAC: Are safety and security on public transit in King County being discussed in the Coalition, and how is that discussion going?
 - Response: Yes, the coalition has discussions about safety, as well as considerations about what transit could bring or will do for their community. The Mobility Coalition Action Plan highlights several elements connected to safety.
 - The coalition asked for people about their experiences of being discriminated against on transit. People had experienced ableist, sexist, and racist comments while riding on transit. Coalition is working on creating supportive infrastructure so that people can use the options available to them without putting themselves at risk.
- Question from TAC regarding the trip planner system the coalition is working on: What would make it different from what was currently in place? What would be different from Trip Planner? Are you looking at accessibility features like that, and what would those be?
 - Response: The product the coalition is designing is a website, used on smartphones. So, it won't be an app, but it can be used like an app. The main difference is that it will be the first site where specialized transportation services will be among the first results of your search. Website is being designed to be 508 compliant, making its online materials ADA compliant.
 - Follow-up Question from TAC: Can you see a dot on a map that shows where you're located in space, so you know you're getting off at a particular spot? Will that feature be available?
 - Response: Yes, there will be a dot to represent you in space. Bebhinn can attend a future meeting to show TAC how the trip planner works when it's launched.
- Question from TAC regarding partners and membership of the Coalition: Are the organizations in the coalition also the groups that can help implement change in transit and in mobility? Do those groups help you implement your strategy? Difference between "partner" and "member". Is HopeLink part of your coalition?

- Response: Many regional transit agencies are on the roster and active participants. How they participate in the coalition varies. Coalition has a broad range of types of agencies that attend their sessions. Hopelink is the coalition's fiscal agent. Coalition has formal members and alternates who can vote on administrative items (like the work plan), partners are not formal members but can provide feedback on projects and day-to-day work.
- Question from TAC: Is it hard to come to consensus and agreement when you're such a large group?
 - Response: It can be hard to hear from everyone, but so far, the Coalition has been really committed to this unifying idea of an equitable network that works for all people. Because all members are mobility champions in their own right, a lot of progress has been made.

7:10 p.m. Good of the order

- Staff liaison shared that there are some bus rapid lines in the works right now. The H Line recently launched. The G line (Madison St and downtown Seattle) is in Phase 1.
 - Staff liaison provided link to project survey for public feedback.
 - The TAC is interested in hearing more about project at a future meeting.
 - TAC member suggested project get feedback from the Deaf-Blind community as project work will be near deaf-blind services.
 - **Staff Liaison will follow up with the G Line Metro team about outreach to the Deaf-Blind Center.**

7:20 p.m. Adjourn