Sustain Community Shuttles for Seniors and People with Disabilities in King County

Application Term: 2027-2031 / Application Request Total: $1,715,175 in WSDOT support

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Overview

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2. Why is the project important?
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What is the project?

- **Community Shuttles for Seniors and People with Disabilities in King County**
- Door-to-door shuttle service for older adults and people with disabilities
- Service provided by Sound Generations under the Hyde Shuttle branding
- High levels of coordination between Sound Generations and other regional mobility coalitions
- Procured via a competitive Invitation to Bid (ITB) process as required by the FTA (Sound Generations)
- Service provided Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Pre-booked trips
- 7 lift-equipped vehicles across various service areas
- Free to ride (donations welcome)

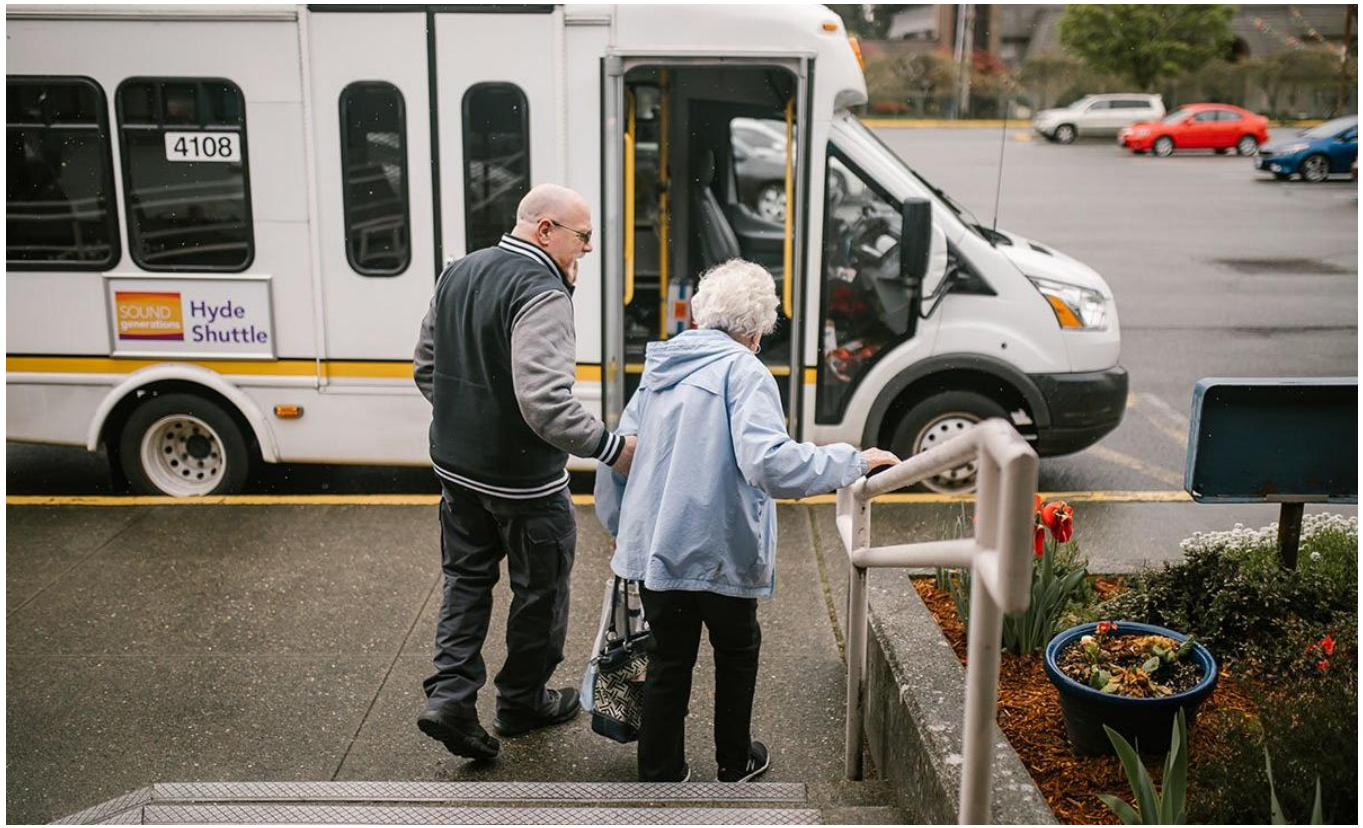
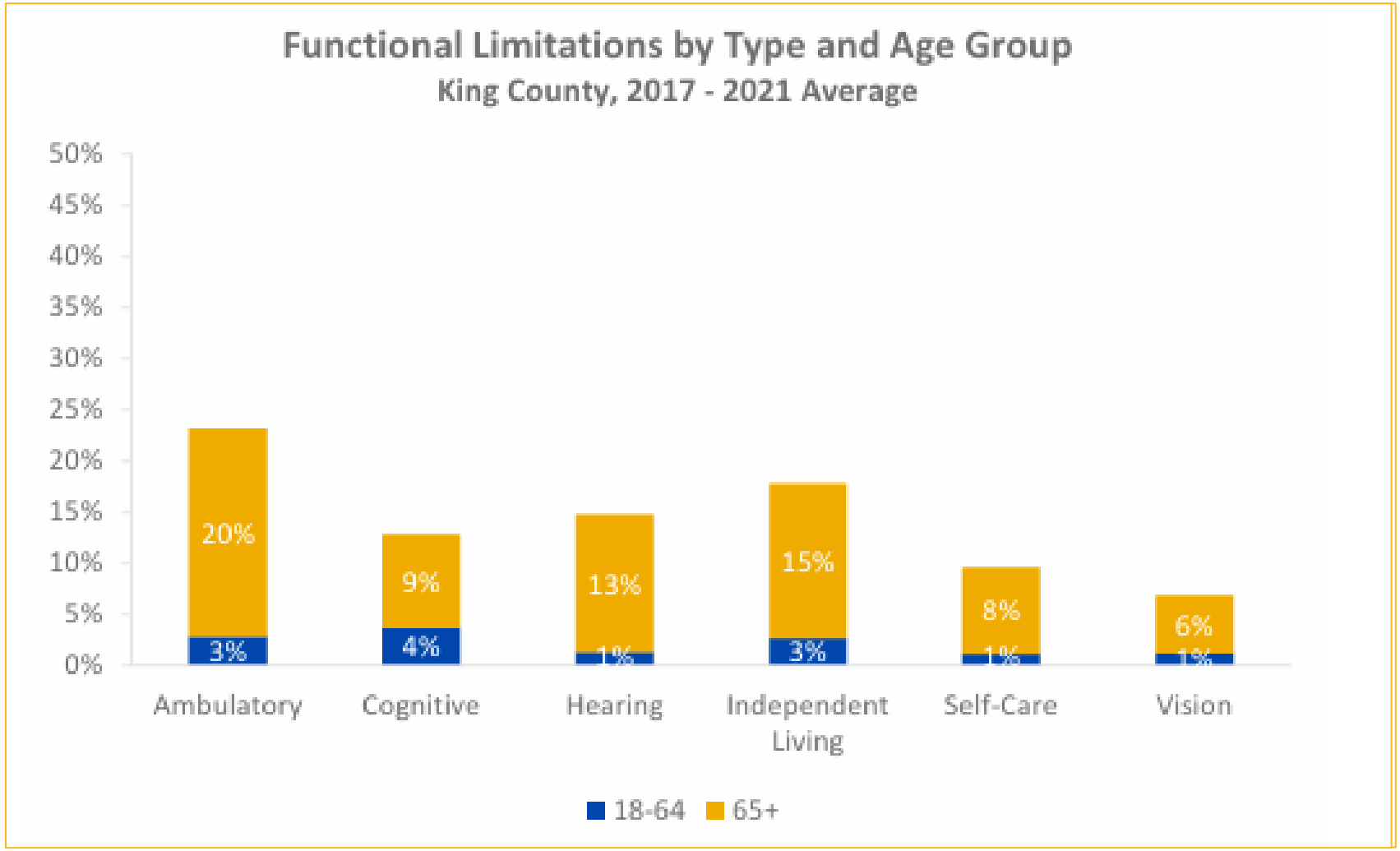


Image of Sound Generations' Hyde Shuttle
https://soundgenerations.org/our-programs/transportation/hyde-shuttle/

Why is this project important?

- King County is aging quickly
- Between 2020-2030 the number of older adults with disabilities and cognitive impairments is expected to increase by 36%
- More than one quarter of adults 60+ report a living with a disability and the most common functional limitation reported across adults 65+ is difficulty walking or climbing stairs (20%)

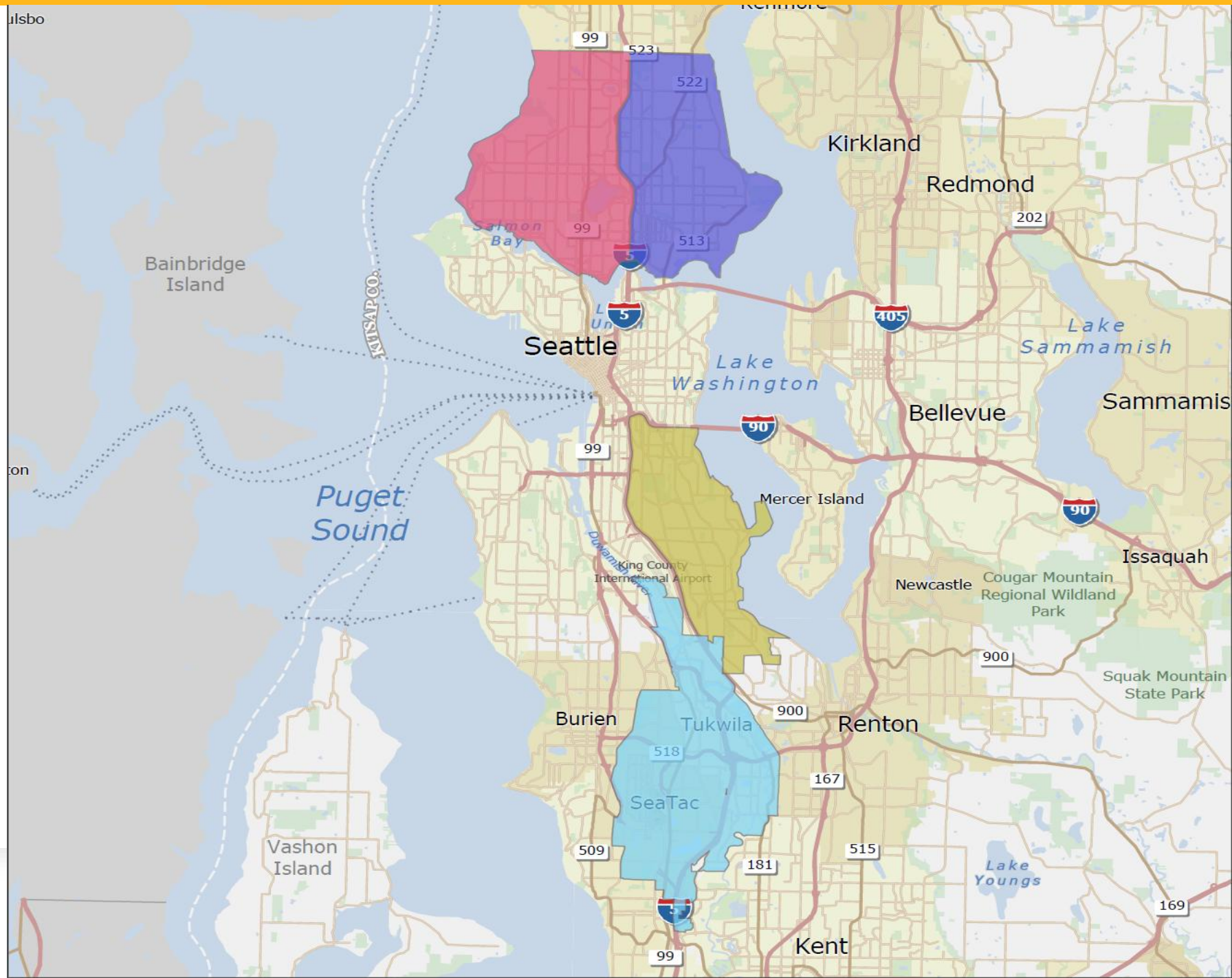


How does this program align with regional policy goals?

- Coordinated Mobility Plan
  - Need 6: Improved access to healthcare, wellness, and other essential services
  - Need 8: More sustainable, long-term funding is needed to support the operation of transit and specialized transportation services
  - Need 4: Context-appropriate transportation options in areas not well served by fixed-route transit, including rural areas
- King County Aging and Disability Services' Area Plan
  - C-1: Goal 1 – Encouraging transportation options that promote safe, effective, and inclusive mobility
  - C-1: Goal 2 - Supporting the social and emotional needs of older adults
  - C-1: Goal 3 - Increasing access to health care

What areas are served?

- Service Areas
  - Seattle
  - SeaTac
  - Tukwila
- Sound Generations enhances its Hyde Shuttle service by serving other areas within Seattle and King County using alternative funding sources



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How does the customer benefit?

- Community Shuttles provide transportation to **older adults and people with disabilities** who struggle to ride the bus or may not qualify for ADA Paratransit Service



Program Monitoring & Key Performance Measures

2025 – 2027 Actuals + Estimates

- 23,104 trips
- 23,465 hours
- 172,055 miles
- $669,920 in WSDOT grant funds ($29.00 per trip to WSDOT)

2027 – 2029 Projections

- 24,259 trips
- 24,638 hours
- 180,658 miles
- $816,750 in WSDOT grant funds ($33.67 per trip to WSDOT)

2029 – 2031 Projections

- 25,472 trips
- 25,870 hours
- 189,691 miles
- $898,425 in WSDOT grant funds ($35.27 per trip to WSDOT)

Thank you!

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