

17398 - Regional Mobility Survey for Priority Populations

Application Details

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Initially Submitted By:
Last Submit Date:
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DBA Name*: Transportation Choices Coalition
Organization Type*: Non Profit

DUNS #: #####

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

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Fiscal Year End December
Last day of*:

Organization Contact Information

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Summary of Project Information

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Checking yes to federal funds means that your organization is willing and able to comply with the associated federal requirements. For an example of last biennium's federal requirements see the Consolidated Grants Program Guidebook.

Willing to Accept FTA funds for the biennium*: Yes

Select all of the Congressional District(s), Legislative District(s) and County(ies) the project will serve.
Congressional & Legislative District map

Congressional District(s)*: 1,10,2,6,7,8,9

Legislative District(s)*:

01,02,05,10,11,21,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,36,37,38,39,43,44,45,46,47,48

County(ies)*: King,Pierce,Snohomish

Duration of Project*: Two Years

Dependency on Other Projects

Is this project dependent on any other projects submitted by your organization?

Project Title

No

Scope of Work

Project Description

Select the Regional Transportation Planning Organization / Metropolitan Planning Organization (RTPO/MPO) that will be ranking this project from the drop-down menu.

RTPO/MPO*: Puget Sound Regional Council

Is this project primarily serving a rural area?*

No Any service that supports Public Transportation in rural areas with populations less than 50,000.

Is this project primarily serving the Seattle, Tacoma, Everett urbanized area?* Yes

Provide a brief, high-level description of what your project proposes to do (address who, what and where).
This description may be used to describe your project to the Legislature.

Proposed scope/description of the work.*:

The Regional Mobility Survey will be a statistically significant survey to understand the mobility gaps of people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low income, people of color, rural communities and other priority populations within Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties that allows comparison across the region and time.

Why is this project needed, and how does this proposal address the need?

Describe why you are pursuing the proposed project. Include a description of the transportation problem that needs to be addressed, how the problem was identified, and how the proposed project will address the problem.

Need*:

Projects funded by Consolidated Grants seek to address mobility gaps for people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low income, people of color, rural communities and several other priority populations. In order to address these gaps, understanding the gaps is foundational. But there is currently no systematic, statistically-valid survey conducted at the regional or county levels to fully understand the gaps experienced by priority populations. This project aims to establish such a survey that allows gaps to be assessed by population group and by geography. If the survey is replicated in future years, we will also be able to track progress over time. Mobility management coalitions, including the Snohomish County Transportation Coalition (Snotrac), King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC), and Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC), do conduct countywide needs assessments on a semi-regular basis, typically every 4 years. The most scientifically valid of these surveys was probably Snotrac's survey published in 2019. KCMC has conducted focus groups of specific population groups. In 2021, PCCTC conducted a robust survey, but the questions asked were not carefully crafted and the results were not adjusted for the county's demographic data. This project will create a consistent survey and dataset across the region, providing deeper insights into the mobility needs of priority populations and enabling local coalitions to better address identified gaps

Describe coordination efforts with your regional planning organization.

Include details such as inclusion in regional plans, what prioritized strategies are being addressed, who was involved in defining the problem, other alternatives that were/are being considered for solving the problem, and demonstrations of local/regional support for implementing the proposed project.

Coordination Efforts*:

The purpose of the Regional Mobility Survey is to provide relevant data to better implement the state CPT-HSTP and PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan (CMP) strategies. The state CPT-HSTP Strategy 3 calls for "improv[ing] the influence of people with mobility barriers in transportation plans and decisions," and identifies an action of "develop better methodologies to identify unmet needs for people with mobility barriers and estimate costs." Needs #3 and #7 of the regional CMP are on point, although the survey is prospectively relevant to all CMP needs and strategies. The Regional Mobility Survey will be a coordinated project between Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC), Snotrac, KCMC, and PCCTC. Our mobility coalitions have conducted needs assessments in the past, and we are in agreement that there is a need for a standardized, statistically significant survey across the region and time. The resulting information will inform each mobility coalition's next strategic plans and the next update to the region's CMP. A steering committee will be composed of staff from TCC, Snotrac, KCMC, PCCTC; demographers at PSRC, and policy staff at Community Transit, King County Metro, Pierce Transit, and Sound Transit. This steering committee will select: (A) the survey firm that will conduct the survey, (B) the questions that will be asked, and (C) the survey methodology. All transit agencies and nonprofits have written support for this project, with the nonprofits committing staff time and the agencies also providing financial matches. The project applicants have already begun coordinating with PSRC demographers to potentially align the agency's Regional Travel Survey with this project. As such, the 2023 travel survey is expected to include one additional question about respondents' disability status, potentially enabling our survey to ask additional questions of these respondents.

How does the project advance efficiencies in, accessibility to, or coordination of transportation services provided to persons with special transportation needs?

To be eligible for funding for special needs transportation, RCW 47.01.450 requires that applicants address how their project advances the efficiency, accessibility, and/or coordination of special needs transportation.

Describe how your project advances these areas, and how you are going about developing these advancements. Additionally, identify the special needs population to be served by this project.

Special Needs Transportation:

The purpose of the survey is to better understand mobility gaps for people who have specialized transportation needs in order to improve the efficiency, accessibility, and coordination of transportation services to these people. By understanding mobility gaps by population group, by geography, and over time, the countywide mobility coalitions of Snotrac, KCMC, and PCCTC will be in a better position to facilitate conversations among transportation and human service providers and planners to address those gaps. The survey will be especially focused on the needs of people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low income, and people of color by oversampling these population groups. Our goal is to have statistically significant data for each county of Snohomish, King, and Pierce, as well as for our sub-county areas that each coalition focuses on. We will also aim to oversample rural areas to address their unique mobility challenges. The findings will inform the upcoming updates to the mobility coalitions' strategic plans, as well as the next update to PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan. We also hope the findings will be used by the participating transit agencies as they update their long-range plans and 6-year transit development plans, as well as city councils' major updates to their comprehensive plans in 2024.

For operating, mobility management and capital projects: How will your organization measure whether the project is successful and improves the efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation?

Identify data sources and monitoring processes. Explain how the project provides more efficient and effective transportation services to the target population(s) within the community. Describe strategies or steps to be taken if the project does not meet its performance targets.

For Planning Projects: How will your organization measure the planning project's success?

Identify data sources used in the planning process.

Measurement of Efficiency and Effectiveness*:

The Regional Mobility Survey will be a standalone survey conducted by a reputable survey firm, to be selected by the project's steering committee. Survey questions will be based on the expertise of the survey firm, committee members, and previous surveys. Our goal is to have statistically significant information about the mobility needs and gaps for the survey's priority population groups within each county, and ideally at the sub-county level as well. To ensure we are asking the most relevant questions, our starting point will be the past needs assessments of our countywide mobility coalitions will serve as a starting point, especially Snotrac's 2018-19 survey (see bit.ly/Snotrac_2019_Survey). In addition, mobility surveys from around the country will be reviewed for best practices, including the national Transportation Security Index developed at the University of Michigan (bit.ly/UM_TSI). We believe that this survey could be a model for the entire state. As such, we will invite WSDOT staff to participate on the steering committee.

How does your project connect to, coordinate with, leverage or enhance other modes of transportation in your service area (i.e., aviation, intercity bus or rail, park and rides, bicycle/pedestrian)?

Describe how this project supports and interacts with other modes of transportation in the project area. Does this project enhance other transportation or social services within your organization or among partners?

What efficiencies will be gained within the service area as a result this project?

Other Modes of Transportation*:

The survey will include questions on the non-driving mobility gaps for priority populations, especially the modes of public transit, public paratransit, nonprofit community transportation, walking, bicycling, and rolling. By understanding these gaps, we hope to influence future decisions around service and infrastructure investments that will close the gaps.

Identify the project staff for this project. What type of experience do these individuals have with grant management?

Provide the names and experience of the key staff that will be working on this project, including their experience managing projects similar to the proposed project.

Project Staff*:

A survey firm will be contracted to perform the survey. The firm will be responsible for all deliverables of the project. An open RFP will be issued to select the best firm who will meet the steering committee's expectations. A steering committee will oversee the project, with staff from PSRC and four transit agencies plus the following individuals. Brock Howell, Snotrac Director, will be the lead project manager. Brock has 14 years of experience in working on transportation issues and has been with Snotrac for 2.5 years, where he is responsible for quarterly programmatic reports for the organization's Consolidated Grant. He has directly overseen the contracts with survey firms and been involved with the design and analysis of six other contracted transportation surveys; and directly designed/implemented several other mobility surveys at Snotrac. Brock has overseen organizational budgets over \$1 million in annual revenue with responsibility for grant reporting to multiple funders. Alex Hudson, TCC Executive Director, leads an organization with more than \$1 million in annual revenue and is experienced in reporting to multiple transportation agencies, including WSDOT. TCC regularly contracts for polling. Staci Sahoo, Hopelink Mobility Management Director, and Daeveene May, Pierce County Social Service Program Specialist, are responsible for the KCMC and PCCTC as mobility managers. Both have experience in managing and reporting on Consolidated Grant-funded programs.

Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plans (CPT - HSTP)

Coordinated Public Transit- Human Services Transportation Plan	Page number(s) or TBD
Puget Sound Regional Council	Pg 41, Need #3
Puget Sound Regional Council	Pg 43, Need #7

Budget**Expenses**

July 1, 2021 - June 30,								
If Other, Please List	**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 (Actual)	**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 (Budgeted)	2023 July 1, 2023 (Total of Actual and Budgeted)	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 (Projected)	Variance Between Biennia	**July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (Projected)	Variance Between Biennia	
Expenses								
Overhead	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	-100.00%	
Contracted Services - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	0.00%	\$0.00	-100.00%	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00		\$0.00		

Revenue and/or Match

July 1, 2021 -						
If Other, Please List	**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 (Actual)	**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 (Budgeted)	July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023 (Total of Actual and Budgeted)	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 (Projected)	**July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027 (Projected)	
Revenue and/or Match Sources						
Local: Transit sales tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	

Summary of Awarded Amount for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

Requested Amount: \$80,000.00
Revenue / Match Amount: \$20,000.00

Summary of Awarded Amount for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027

Requested Amount: \$0.00
Revenue / Match: \$0.00

Variances

Variance between 2021-2023 and 2023-2025: 0.00%
Variance between 2023-2025 and 2025-2027: -100.00%

Variances:

Other Sources

Other Sources*:

The four largest public transit agencies of our area are committing \$5,000 each to this project (Community Transit, King County Metro, Pierce Transit, and Sound Transit). No additional funding is expected to be needed at this time. It's possible that project participants may wish to add additional elements that would require additional funding, such as creating a regionally-specific Transportation Security Index, in alignment with the national TSI project at the University of Michigan (for reference, see bit.ly/UM_TSI) that could be either applied geographically similar to the Center for Neighborhood Technology's H+T Affordability Index (htaindex.cnt.org) or applied as a probabilistic personal profile score. We view this as a potential Phase 2 to the project.

Comments

Comments*:

The budget is based on early cost estimates by two survey/polling firms for the project, prior experience on similar projects, and additional ground-truthing with PSRC demographers who regularly contract with survey firms.

DBE Goals

DBE Goals Percentage Efforts			No DBE
Yes	0.00%	Ninety percent of the funding is budgeted for contracting with a survey firm, with the remainder dedicated to a woman-run nonprofit organization to administer the project. It is possible that the firm will be DBE-certified, in which case we will achieve a 90% DBE goal. However, at this time, we are uncertain whether we will receive competitive bids from DBE-certified firms, so we are unable to commit to meeting a 90% goal at this time.	

Summary

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

Expense Total:	\$100,000.00
Revenue Total:	\$20,000.00
Requested Amount	\$80,000.00
This is the amount of grant funds your organization is requesting from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025.	Expense Total minus Revenue Total
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Percentage of Match:	20.00%

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027

Expense Total:	\$0.00
Revenue Total:	\$0.00
Requested Amount	\$0.00
This is the amount of grant funds your organization is requesting from July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027.	Expense Total minus Revenue Total.
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Percentage of Match:	0.00%

Milestones

Milestones

PLANNING	Date (mm/yy)
Project Start	07/23
Project Complete	06/25

Attachments

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Named Attachment	Required	Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload
						Date
Copy of organization's most recent audit report	✓	Audit Report	Final Audit Report.pdf	pdf	247 KB	10/26/2022 02:20 PM
501(c) IRS Letter of Determination (for new non-profit applicants only)		IRS Determination Letter	TCC_IRS_DETERMINATION_LTR1.pdf	pdf	130 KB	10/26/2022 02:19 PM
WA Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC) Certification (for new non-profit applicants who are direct service providers)						
Service area map	✓	Map	Population Density and Service Area Map.png	png	546 KB	10/26/2022 12:12 PM
Population density map	✓	Map	Population Density and Service Area Map.png	png	546 KB	10/26/2022 12:12 PM
Letters committing matching funds		Match Letters	Match Letters.pdf	pdf	468 KB	10/27/2022 12:40 PM
In-kind match valuation proposal (only operating & mobility management projects may use in-kind as matching funds)						
Letters of support (combine into one file attachment)		Letters of Support	Letters of Support for Regional Mobility Survey Grant App.pdf	pdf	351 KB	10/26/2022 12:01 PM
Letter of concurrence (for projects that operate in multiple planning regions)						
Federal Indirect Cost Rate Approval Letter						
Cost Allocation Plan						

Supplemental Information

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Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities & Tribes - May

2022

Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities

Identify the type of direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations your project provides using the descriptions above, if any. Explain how your project provides these benefits. Your response may include suggestions about how WSDOT should evaluate project(s) against Climate Commitment Act requirements in the future.

Vulnerable Populations in Overburdened Communities*:

Mobility management coalitions and TCC have a strong track record of working with public, nonprofit, and private transportation providers and planners to close mobility gaps. By better understanding the project's priority populations, we aim to improve mobility for these population groups. This survey will focus on identifying the mobility gaps for people of color and low income individuals, two population groups that are considered vulnerable under the HEAL Act. In addition, the survey will focus on people with disabilities and older adults, and both population groups have been historically disproportionately impacted by living and working near highways with high levels of fossil fuel pollution and traffic collisions. The survey will attempt to procure a sufficient number of survey responses from people who live within the census tracts that score a 9 or 10 on the state Environmental Health Disparities map to establish statistically significant findings about the mobility needs and gaps of people within these overburdened communities. Because social isolation and long commute distances can have an especially deleterious effect on vulnerable populations, the survey will also be interested in achieving statistical significance for vulnerable population groups within the exurban and rural contexts.

Tribal Support

**Is this project directly operated
by a tribe?*** No

**Is your project serving and is it
supported by a tribal nation in
Washington? :** No

**Estimate the percentage of your
project that serves the tribe:** 0.00%

**By checking this box, you are
confirming your outreach to the
tribe in pursuit of a resolution
formally supporting your project
:** No

Attachments

**Tribal support
correspondence/resolution:**

Certification

Certification

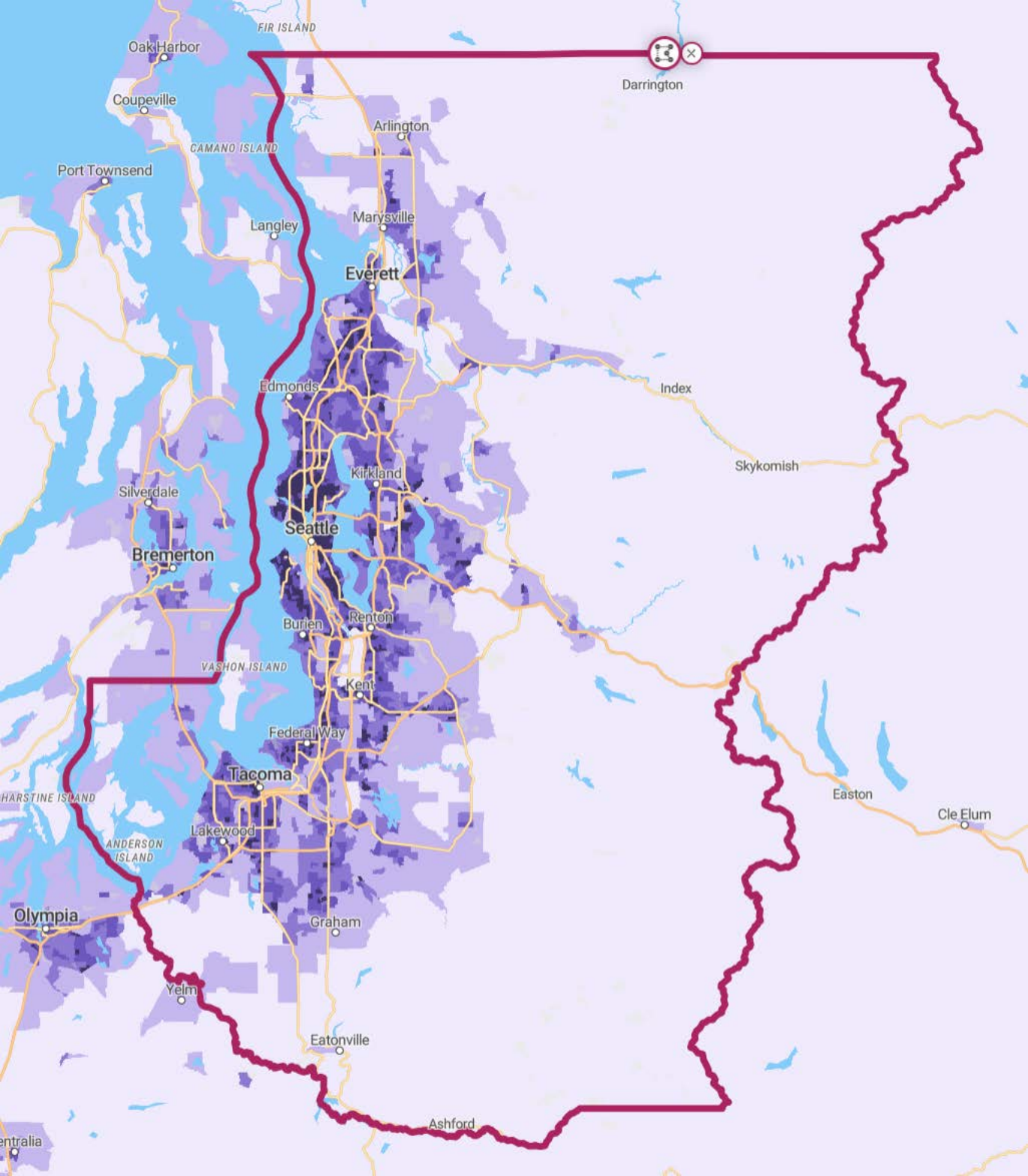
I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information in this application packet is true and accurate and that this organization has the necessary fiscal, data collection and managerial capabilities to implement and manage the project associated with this application:

Certification*: Yes

Application Authority*: Brock Howell
First Name Last Name

Title*: Lead Survey Project Manager and Snotrac Director

Date*: 10/27/2022





Ric Ilgenfritz, Chief Executive Officer

October 26, 2022

Consolidated Grant Program
WSDOT Public Transportation Division
PO Bo 47387
Olympia, WA 98504-7387

To whom it may concern:

Community Transit strongly supports the Regional Mobility Survey for Priority Populations project that is proposed by Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC), in partnership with Snohomish County Transportation Coalition (Snotrac), King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC), and the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC). Our agency is committing \$5,000 in match funding to this project.

Community Transit's mission is to "help people get from where they are to where they want to be." Our vision is "travel made easy for all." Among our core values are Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Mutual Respect for our customers and the communities we serve. The Regional Mobility Survey for Priority Populations aligns with Community Transit's mission, vision and values, and it will help us to plan and provide effective mobility services for all members of our service area.

This project will provide needed information on the transportation gaps and challenges for priority populations — specifically people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low-income households, people of color, and rural areas — across King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. By establishing one regional, statistically valid survey, the project will provide the ability to track and compare mobility gaps by population group both across the region and over time with future surveys.

This survey project will be a valuable supplement to the Puget Sound Regional Travel Survey, which provides information on how the general population gets around and where they go. By focusing on the challenges of specific priority populations, this survey project is closely aligned with the state HEAL Act, the region's equity goals within VISION 2050, and our own organization's values.

This project will provide a new, valuable baseline dataset that will allow the mobility coalitions, transit agencies, and local jurisdictions to better understand and address transportation challenges for priority populations.

Thank you for considering this Consolidated Grant Program proposal. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roland Behee".

Roland Behee
Director, Planning & Development
425-308-1905
roland.behee@commtrans.org



Moving forward together

Mobility Division

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Seattle, WA 98104-3856

October 18, 2022

Alex Hudson
Transportation Choices Coalition
1402 3rd Avenue #310
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Alex Hudson:

King County Metro Transit supports the Regional Mobility Survey for Priority Populations project that is proposed by the Transportation Choices Coalition, in partnership with Snohomish County Transportation Coalition, King County Mobility Coalition and the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition.

This project will provide needed information on the transportation gaps and challenges for priority populations (specifically people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low-income households, people of color, and rural areas) across King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. By establishing one regional, statistically valid survey, the project will provide the ability to track and compare mobility gaps by population group, both across the region and over time with future surveys.

For this grant application, King County Metro is providing \$5,000 in matching funds contingent upon funding appropriation to support this project. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Don Okazaki, Transportation Planner, at 206-263-1082.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwendolyn Clemens".
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Gwendolyn Clemens
Managing Director
Contracted Services
Mobility Division, Metro Transit Department



October 20, 2022

Subject: Letter of Support –Transportation Choices Coalition- WSDOT Consolidated Grant Application

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Pierce Transit Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation (Pierce Transit), I am pleased to provide this letter of support and commitment to the Regional Mobility Survey for Priority Populations project that is proposed by Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC), in partnership with Snohomish County Transportation Coalition (Snotrac), King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC), and the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC). This coalition is submitting funding requests to the Washington State Department of Transportation through the Consolidated Grant Program.

If awarded, this project will provide Pierce Transit needed information on the transportation gaps and challenges for priority populations — specifically people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low-income households, people of color, and rural areas — across Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties. By establishing one regional, statistically valid survey, the project will provide the ability to track and compare mobility gaps by population group both across the region and over time with future surveys.

This survey project will be a valuable supplement to the Puget Sound Regional Travel Survey, which provides information on how the general population gets around and where they go. By focusing on the challenges of specific priority populations, this survey project is closely aligned with the state Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act, the region's equity goals within VISION 2050, and our own organization's values.

In the past, the organizations supporting this request have conducted various needs assessments, each with their own methodologies. Without a systematic and consistent survey methodology, it has been difficult to truly assess where and for whom the greatest mobility gaps exist. This project will provide a new, valuable baseline dataset that will allow the mobility coalitions, transit agencies, and local jurisdictions to better understand and address transportation challenges for priority populations.

In support of the TCC Regional Mobility Survey, Pierce Transit is making a financial commitment of \$5,000 between 2023-25 as long as Pierce Transit's financial condition permits, and Pierce Transit's annual budget is approved.

Thank you for considering our comments regarding TCC's grant application. On behalf of Pierce Transit, I strongly encourage WSDOT to fund this important grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Griffus".

Mike Griffus, Chief Executive Officer



Match Request for Regional Mobility Survey

Avila-Mooney, Carrie <carrie.avila-mooney@soundtransit.org>

Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 4:47 PM

To: Brock Howell <Brock@gosnotrac.org>, "Armstrong, Paige" <Paige.Armstrong@soundtransit.org>

Cc: "Smith, Donna" <donna.smith@soundtransit.org>, "Hamby, Beth" <beth.hamby@soundtransit.org>

Hi Brock,

Sound Transit is in. We are working on a letter. Do other letters have a TO: Address line? Should it be WSDOT?

Thanks

Carrie

From: Brock Howell <Brock@gosnotrac.org>

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 12:57 PM

To: Avila-Mooney, Carrie <carrie.avila-mooney@soundtransit.org>

Cc: Smith, Donna <donna.smith@soundtransit.org>; Hamby, Beth <beth.hamby@soundtransit.org>

Subject: Re: Match Request for Regional Mobility Survey

CAUTION: This email originated from a contact outside Sound Transit. Remember, do not click any links or open any attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Report any suspicious email by clicking the "fish" button in Outlook. Thank you! ST Information Security

Hi Carrie,

Here is a template letter for Sound Transit's use, in the fortunate event that the agency decides to commit to supporting the grant application for a Regional Mobility Survey.

Best,

Brock Howell, Director

To whom it may concern,

The King County Mobility Coalition strongly supports the regional planning grant proposed by Brock Howell and Transportation Choices Coalition.

The King County Mobility Coalition has a vision of a coordinated transportation network that allows all people to move freely around King County and the Puget Sound region. Our work centers the experiences of community members who are disproportionately impacted by changes in our transportation landscape; we center the experiences and needs of older adults, adults with disabilities, youth, veterans, people with limited English proficiency, BIPOC community members, and all specialized transportation users. This work is done in partnership with our regional counterparts, Snotrac in Snohomish County and Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition. The regional transportation survey will support all three mobility managers address the needs and gaps of priority populations across the region; it will support transportation providers as they strive to meet the needs of all riders.

As mobility management coalitions, Snotrac, KCMC, and PCCTC conduct countywide needs assessments on a regular basis, typically every 4 years. They vary greatly from one another, asking separate questions which cannot be normalized against one another and take separate research methodologies. Snotrac's 2018-2019 survey is the most statistically valid and may serve as an example to the proposed project. KCMC has conducted focus groups of specific population groups. In 2021, PCCTC conducted a robust survey, but the questions asked were not carefully crafted and the results were not adjusted for the county's demographic data. By taking a regional approach, this project will create a consistent survey and dataset across the region. The survey tool has the potential to act as a lasting investment in the region, as it could create a robust dataset when it is used repeatedly every 2-4 years. This will provide deeper insights into the mobility needs of priority populations, allowing us to consistently assess gaps & challenges both geographically and temporally.

Thank you for considering our comments regarding TCC's application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bebhinn Gilbert at 425-943-6752.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Prociv and Penny Lara
King County Mobility Coalition Co-Chairs



To whom it may concern:

Pierce County Human Services strongly supports the Regional Mobility Survey for Priority Populations project that is proposed by Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC), in partnership with Snohomish County Transportation Coalition (Snotrac), King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC), and the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC).

Pierce County Human Services mission is “We work to ensure all of Pierce County has equitable access to community-based services that respect each person's unique experience”.

This project will provide needed information on the transportation gaps and challenges for priority populations — specifically people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low-income households, people of color, and rural areas — across King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. By establishing one regional, statistically valid survey, the project will provide the ability to track and compare mobility gaps by population group both across the region and over time with future surveys.

This survey project will be a valuable supplement to the Puget Sound Regional Travel Survey, which provides information on how the general population gets around and where they go. By focusing on the challenges of specific priority populations, this survey project is closely aligned with the state HEAL Act, the region’s equity goals within VISION 2050, and our own organization’s values.

In the past, the mobility coalitions have conducted various needs assessments, each with their own methodologies. Without a systematic and consistent survey methodology, it has been difficult to truly assess where and for whom the greatest mobility gaps exist. This project will provide a new, valuable baseline dataset that will allow the mobility coalitions, transit agencies, and local jurisdictions to better understand and address transportation challenges for priority populations.

Thank you for considering our comments regarding TCC’s application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Daeveene May at 253-281-9490.

Sincerely,

Daeveene J. May



October 26, 2022

To whom it may concern:

The Snohomish County Transportation Coalition (Snotrac) strongly supports the Regional Mobility Survey for Priority Populations project that is proposed by Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC), in partnership with Snotrac, King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC), and the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC).

Snotrac advocates for connecting people and communities in Snohomish County and beyond with safe, equitable, and accessible transportation. We regularly bring together public, nonprofit, and private transportation and human service providers and planners to identify mobility gaps and work toward solutions.

This project will provide needed information on the transportation gaps and challenges for priority populations — specifically people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low income households, people of color, and rural areas — across King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. By establishing one regional, statistically valid survey, the project will provide the ability to track and compare mobility gaps by population group both across the region and over time with future surveys.

This survey project will be a valuable supplement to the Puget Sound Regional Travel Survey, which provides information on how the general population gets around and where they go. By focusing on the challenges of specific priority populations, this survey project is closely aligned with the state HEAL Act, the region's equity goals within VISION 2050, and our own organization's values.

In the past, the mobility coalitions have conducted various needs assessments, each with their own methodologies. Without a systematic and consistent survey methodology, it has been difficult to truly assess where and for whom the greatest mobility gaps exist. This project will provide a new, valuable baseline dataset that will allow the mobility coalitions, transit agencies, and local jurisdictions to better understand and address transportation challenges for priority populations.

Thank you for considering our comments regarding TCC's application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 206-856-4788.

Sincerely,

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