Special Needs Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: February 17, 2021 – 9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.
Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Meeting)

Welcome and Introduction to Online Meeting Format
Jean Kim, PSRC welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m., reviewed the Zoom remote meeting procedures and went through attendee introductions.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The January 20, 2021 meeting summary was approved as presented.

Discussion: Nominations for SNTC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021-2022
Jean reminded the committee that the 2-year term for the SNTC Chair and Vice Chair positions were up at the end of last year and that PSRC was continuing to seek nominations. She said nominations could be made at the meeting or emailed in to PSRC staff. Once nominations were received a vote-by-email would be conducted following the meeting.

For more information, contact Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Coordinated Plan Update and State of Specialized Transportation
Jean provided an overview on updated demographic and geographic data supporting the regional Coordinated Mobility Plan update and introduced the new title of the plan, “Coordinated Mobility Plan for People with Special Transportation Needs.” Kim Pearson, PSRC, reviewed demographic profiles in the plan based on the 2019 Census, which included following population groups: youth (aged 5-17), older adults (aged 65+ and aged 85+), persons with disabilities, people with low incomes, veterans and people with limited English proficiency (LEP). She then reviewed detailed data points and trends on each of the groups.

Jean provided information on the geographic analysis from 2019 data of older adults 65+, persons with disabilities and people with low incomes. She also provided a status update on the Specialized Transportation Inventory Survey which was distributed in mid-December. She then reviewed the next steps of this work.
Roundtable: Regional Discussion on Advancing Access to Healthcare

Jean explained that improving access to healthcare is one of the 2018 Coordinated Plan’s Emerging Needs and Gaps and High Priority Strategies. She then introduced the guest speakers who provided information on their programs that included a focus on trends in ridership, eligibility criteria, opportunities and challenges to increasing access to healthcare, coordination in transporting clients, and impacts of COVID-19.

The following guest speakers presented information:

- Ann Kennedy, Paratransit Services, Inc. - Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Service for Kitsap and Pierce Counties
- Susan Carter, Hopelink - NEMT Service for King and Snohomish Counties
- Cassidy Giampetro, Hopelink -- Care Mobility Rewards Program
- Ben Kramer & Mona Steele, Homage Senior Services – Transportation Assistance Program (TAP)
- Marlee Fischer, King County Emergency Medical Services - EMS Taxi Voucher Program

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here. For more information, contact Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org.

Roundtable: Opportunity for SNTC members to share information on their programs and coalition news

During the local coalition reports, the committee received updates and announcements from the following attendees:

- Cassidy Giampetro, Hopelink (King County Mobility Coalition)
- Brock Howell, SNOTRAC
- Mark Smutny, Sound Generations

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

*Members and Alternates Represented*

Susan Carter, Hopelink; Dorene Cornwell, KCMC; Jeff Davidson, Kitsap Transit; Brock Howell, SNOTRAC; Stefanie Novacek, Snohomish County LTC & Aging; Ann Kennedy,
Paratransit Services; Jacque Mann, PSESD; Don Okazaki, King County Metro; Francie Peltier, PCCTC; Brian Senyitko, City of Everett; Leigh Spruce, Arc of Snohomish County; Mark Smutny, Sound Generations; Julie Vess, Stanwood Community & Senior Center; Jeff Vinecourt, Kitsap Transit

*PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Karl Farnsworth, Kitsap Transit; Marlee Fischer, King County; Erik Friedrichsen, King County; Cassidy Giampetro, Hopelink; Marianna Hanefeld, WSDOT; Margaret Keckler, Community Transit; Ben Kramer, Homage Senior Services; Staci Sahoo, Hopelink (KCMC); Mona Steele, Homage Senior Services - TAP; Belina Van, Catholic Community Services – Volunteer Services King County

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Monica Adkins, Jean Kim, Kimberly Pearson

*All attendees were present via remote participation