Coordinated Mobility Plan Update –
Mobility Today Chapter
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Overview

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Coordinated Mobility Plan

- Includes information on population trends and existing services
- Addresses mobility needs and goals
- Lays out prioritized strategies
The Mobility Today chapter includes:

• The latest demographic profiles of people with special transportation needs

• Information on common origins and destinations

• State of the specialized transportation services
Regional Demographics (2011, 2015, 2019)

Populations with Special Transportation Needs

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Forecast by Age

- Older adults 85+ are projected to grow at the fastest rate of groups shown (+296%)
- Next fastest growing group is older adults 65-84 (+59%)
- The total regional growth rate between 2020 and 2050 is projected to be 30%

Older Adults 65+

- Older adults 65+ growing by 85% between 2020-2050
- Older adults 85+ are more than twice as likely to have a disability, compared to older adults 65-84
- 21% of older adults 65+ are people of color
- 20% of older adults 65+ have low incomes

Source: 2019 ACS 1-Year PUMS Estimates
People with Low Incomes

• ~18% of the region’s residents have low incomes (at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level)

• Black, American Indian Alaska Native (AIAN), Other, Latinx/Hispanic, and People of Color have low incomes at rates higher than the regional average

Percentages of People with Low Incomes by Race and Ethnicity, 2019

Source: 2019 ACS 1-Year PUMS Estimates
Our region’s fixed route ridership has increased nearly 20% and the ADA Paratransit ridership decreased by 15% since 2010.
84% of persons with disabilities live within the ADA Paratransit boundaries (weekday)

ADA Paratransit Service Coverage, Weekdays vs. Sundays (2019)

• Most transit agencies provide ADA Paratransit service beyond the minimum ADA requirements in coverage and eligibility.

• However, the ADA Paratransit boundaries on weekends are more limited.

NOTE: Service coverage on these maps reflect weekday/Sunday maximum coverage and should be used only for long-range planning purposes.
Ridership of other specialized transportation has been decreasing

**Other Specialized Transportation Trips**

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<td>2016</td>
<td>634,400</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>567,800</td>
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<td>2018</td>
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(-19%)

**Other Specialized Transportation Cost**

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<td>2017</td>
<td>9.6M</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>11.6M (+11%)</td>
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NOTE: Above charts represent Consolidated Grant funded projects in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties for 2015-17 and 2017-19 biennia and data received from King County Metro’s CAT program.

Source: Consolidated Grant Quarterly Reports, 2015-17 & 2017-19
Older adults, persons with disabilities, and others are served by specialized transportation services.

Who were eligible for your specialized transportation service in 2019?

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<td>Youth</td>
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In 2019, among 36 specialized transportation providers,

- 7 (19%) programs accepted ORCA for payment
- 31 (86%) provided trips to medical and pharmacy visits

NOTE: survey results are derived from 36 responses (operations only) and some selected multiple groups.

Source: 2020 Regional Specialized Transportation Inventory Update Survey
In 2019, top destinations were medical and food-related.

Source: 2020 Regional Specialized Transportation Inventory Update Survey (total respondents: 45)
Mobility management programs need consistent measures

- Three county-wide mobility coalitions and one multi-county coalition in King, Pierce and Snohomish
- Five transit agencies and other agencies provide travel trainings to people with special transportation needs
- Regional trends difficult to analyze due to inconsistency in data

Source: 2020 Regional Specialized Transportation Inventory Update Survey (total respondents: 45)
Impact of COVID on Specialized Transportation Services

Between March and November of 2020:

- **11 programs (30%)** modified their service:
  - 2 reduced, 3 expanded service areas, and 6 programs closed down their service

- **27 programs (75%)** experienced decrease in ridership

- **Over 70%** provided value-added services
  - 19 programs provided meal and/or grocery delivery services

Source: 2020 Regional Specialized Transportation Inventory Update Survey (total respondents: 45)
Next Steps

2022–2050

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

- **Spring-Summer 2021**: Additional data analysis
- **June 2021**: Board briefing on specialized transportation
- **December 2021**: Draft plan released for public comment
- **May 2022**: Plan adoption by General Assembly