Coordinated Mobility Plan – Addressing COVID-19

Special Needs Transportation Committee
October 20, 2021
Today’s Meeting

Let’s talk about…

• COVID-19 & Coordinated Mobility Plan
• Key Messages
• Next Steps
Addressing Impacts of COVID-19 in the Plan

**WSDOT Guidebook**

“Describe any changes to transportation system (e.g., change in ridership) and planning coordination due to pandemic.”

**Coordinated Mobility Plan**

- Identifies ways to continue to advance long-term improvements of the region’s transportation service for people with special transportation needs
Key Messages—New Challenges

- Most transportation providers experienced a decrease in ridership—but slowly catching up
- Driver shortages are impacting the ability to provide essential trips
- Some specialized transportation programs have shut down or reduced service boundaries/level of service
- COVID-19 has exacerbated transportation challenges, disproportionately impacting populations covered in the plan
Key Messages—New Opportunities

• Some specialized transportation providers has offered value-added services (e.g., grocery/pharmacy deliveries)

• Healthcare industry has improved and expanded service delivery options (e.g., telehealth, in-home medical service/vaccination, mobile clinics)

• New partnerships to ensure transporting people to essential jobs/services

• More entities are participating in emergency management coalitions for information and partnerships
Regional Stories – Specialized Transportation
Next Steps

By Friday, October 29th: send additional feedback, stories, and/or photos to Jean Kim (jkm@psrc.org).

Or post your COVID-19 transportation stories: https://engage.psrc.org/coordinated-mobility-plan

Early 2022: DRAFT Coordinated Mobility Plan will be released for public comment