

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY RECORD

Valley bus service plans open houses on expanded services

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The public is invited to attend a series of Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT) Open House events to discuss improvements for existing services and assess the need for new routes serving the neighborhoods of Wilderness Rim, Riverbend, Cedar Village and Si View.

All interested parties are welcome.

Meetings are scheduled for:

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 29, at Mount Si Senior Center, 411 Main Ave., North Bend, on “Improving our Local Transportation Options;”
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the Covenant Church, 13225 435th Ave. S.E., North Bend, on “Expanding Routes to Include Neighborhoods near Cedar Falls;”
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Mount Si Senior Center, 411 Main Ave., North Bend, on “Creating a New Plan.”

Each event includes a light dinner from local businesses and a drawing for gift certificates to Safeway and QFC. For up to date information find SVT on Facebook.

“During the past four years, I have depended on SVT as my primary means of transportation to work and medical appointments,” said Denitia Gray, a Snoqualmie resident and regular rider. “My husband is disabled, so this is the best option I could hope for and it only costs \$1 per ride. SVT is truly one of the most valuable public resources in Snoqualmie Valley.”

Supported primarily by WSDOT, the Snoqualmie Tribe and King County Metro Transit, SVT is administered by the Mount Si Senior Center.

While many residents perceive SVT as a service designed exclusively for specialty riders, it is actually available to anyone over the age of 13. From Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., SVT

connects riders in North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Carnation and Duvall to jobs, school, medical and social services and local shopping.

“We are currently providing more than 165 rides each day,” said SVT Director Amy Biggs, “and the numbers keep going up. There are thousands of people who don’t live within walking distance of fixed route service and, since 2003, we’ve been doing everything we can to fill that gap and connect people to their

destinations in the Valley. Public transportation is an important issue that impacts everyone.”

To learn more about Snoqualmie Valley Transportation visit www.svtbus.org.