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SVTC celebrates completion of five-year transportation plan for Snoqualmie Valley

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Last week, the Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition (SVTC) finished work on a five-year transportation plan for the Valley, including the cities of Monroe, Duvall, Carnation, Snoqualmie and North Bend. It took the group of community members, cities, King County, Snohomish County, Snoqualmie Tribe, and many local organizations more than two years to assemble, and now that it's done, the real work can begin.

The real work will be pursuing the funding and partnerships needed to make the projects on the plan's ambitious list, happen. The projects, at least two for each partner city, were identified as work that support the group's overall goal of establishing a Valley-wide coordinated transportation plan, connecting all of the partner cities as well as the surrounding region.

M'Liss Moon, Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coordinator at Hopelink and lead staff support for SVTC, said "Our coalition is energized and we have come together with a unified voice to bring transportation improvements to the Valley." SVTC is staffed by Hopelink and receives funding through Washington State Department of Transportation.

Amy Biggs, Director of Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT), said of the plan, "This is a big deal. We are recognizing Snoqualmie Valley as the regional transit area that it is. This will be the plan for transportation improvements in the Valley through 2024. When the entire Valley speaks together, we can have a big voice. We're excited to start work on these important projects."

Among the goals of the plan are bringing expanded weekday service to the Valley and introducing weekend service Valley-wide, as well as looking at ways to increase transit options for the residents and riders in unincorporated areas.

The goals were identified as part of two needs assessments that the coalition conducted in 2017 and 2019. Projects were considered specifically as ways to meet the needs identified by survey participants.

North Bend's top priority was getting employees to their jobs in town, so one goal of the plan is to create pilot transit service connecting commuters to South King County.

Snoqualmie respondents wanted more connections between Snoqualmie Ridge and Downtown Snoqualmie, as well as expanded options to get commuters to regional transit.

Fall City and Preston area riders noted that the Preston Park & Ride could have more options for access, including local transit, bike trails, and increased parking.

Carnation residents highlighted a need for more, and more frequent transit connections to Redmond and other places outside of the Valley, as well as more frequent service by the Valley Shuttle.

Duvall also called for more outside-the-Valley connections, both westbound and northbound, leading the group to plan a partnership with Snohomish County's Community Transit.

Monroe respondents advocated for more outreach and collaboration with existing transportation partners, and the continuation and expansion of the Duvall-Monroe Shuttle.

Many respondents also indicated that few people knew about the services that already are available, such as those provided by Snoqualmie Valley Transportation, the bus service serving the general public throughout the Valley, and suggested more overall communication about transit options. More information about Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT), King County Metro's Duvall Community Van, Sound Generations' Hyde Shuttle, and other Valley transportation services can be found on the coalition's website: www.getaroundthevalley.org.

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT), is just one of many participants in the Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition (SVTC). Funded by King County Metro Transit, Snoqualmie Tribe, WSDOT, and donations, SVT provides a variety of local-only bus services, in North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Carnation, Duvall and Monroe. More information about Snoqualmie Valley Transportation can be found on at: <http://svtbus.org>.

Full details of the SVTC Five-Year Transportation Plan are available at www.getaroundthevalley.org.

Partners in the development of the plan include Alliance of People with disAbilities, the cities of Carnation, Duvall, Monroe, North Bend and Snoqualmie, community advocates Aaron Morrow and David Egan, Community Transit, Hopelink, King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert's Office, King County Department of Local Services, King County Metro, King County Mobility Coalition, Mt. Si Senior Center and the bus company Snoqualmie Valley Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council, Snohomish County Transportation Coalition, Sno-Valley Senior Center and Sound Generations, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and the Washington State Department of Transportation.

SVTC believes that affordable, accessible, and collaborative transportation is a necessity for life. SVTC is dedicated to connecting communities to improve transportation for all of Snoqualmie Valley. For more information, contact Hopelink's Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coordinator, M'Liss Moon at mlmoon@hopelink.org or 425-943-6753.

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Members of the group who developed Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Coalition's five-year transit plan celebrate the plan's completion.

From left, standing: Robert Blumenfeld - Alliance of People with disAbilities; Staci Haber – Hopelink; Adair Hawkins – Carnation; Jamie Burrell – North Bend; Angela Donaldson – Fall City; Kelly Coughlin – Snoqualmie Valley Chamber of Commerce; Victor Londono-Quintero – Hopelink; Marianna Hanefield – SNOTRAC; Dylan Gamble – Snoqualmie; and sitting, Bree Boyce – Hopelink; M'Liss Moon, Hopelink; and Amy Biggs - SVT.



Bree Boyce slices a cake for the celebration marking the completion of SVTC's five-year transportation plan.



As members of the coalition take a break to celebrate the five-year transportation plan's completion, Dylan Gamble, Snoqualmie City Planner, and Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation Director, discuss some of the plan goals.