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Accessible Communities Advisory Committee

April 8, 2025 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom

AGENDA

Join the meeting

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Meeting ID: 860 7678 1072 | Passcode: 024088

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE March 11, 2025, MINUTES* (attachment 1)
- 4. UPDATES:
 - a. Kitsap Youth Human Rights Rally
 - b. Walks For All
 - c. Bikes For All Event
 - d. Week Without Driving
 - e. Developmental Disabilities Resource Fair
 - f. Right to Repair Wheelchair Bill
 - g. City of Poulsbo Accessible Tricycles
 - h. Sea Discovery Center Accessible Front Door Project
 - i. Outreach Activity Supplies
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Bainbridge Island Resource Fair
 - b. Accessibility Assessment
- 6. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD
- 7. ANNOUNCMENTS
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please limit individual comments to **3 minutes**. Written comments may also be submitted to the Committee if this timeframe is insufficient.

- **9. UPCOMING MEETING:** May 13, 2025, at 10 a.m.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT
- = Indicates action item



Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC)

10:00am - 12:00pm Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- **1. CALL TO ORDER:** Kris Colcock called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. via Zoom.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made, attendance was taken.

3. APPROVAL OF THE February 11, 2025, MINUTES*

MOTION: Ranae Beeker moved to approve the February 11, 2025; minutes as presented. Nancy Tietje seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u>

4. <u>Jean Kim – Senior Planner, Puget Sound Regional Council</u>

Jean introduced herself as the Senior Transportation Planner for Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) along with her colleagues Erin Hogan and Katie Enders who are both Associate Planners for PSRC. They provided an overview of the PSRC Regional Transportation Plan and Coordinated Mobility Plan Development, which is updated every four years according to state and federal requirements. Highlights included:

- Regional Transportation Plan This plan lays out the region's long-term transportation needs and goals that is developed collaboratively with cities, counties, transportation agencies, and the public.
- Coordinated Mobility Plan This highlights transportation needs of the people
 with accessibility and mobility challenges and lays out prioritized strategies
 addressing these needs. This also includes regional inventory of existing
 transportation programs.
- Accessibility and Mobility Needs Across the region, about 1 in 3 adults aged 65 and older have a disability and by 2050, 1 out of every 5 people in the region will be 65 or older. Needs identified in the current plan are shorter trips with fewer transfers, easy-to-find information, better access to healthcare and essential services, and well-connected ADA-accessible infrastructure. Having better regional coordination to meet growing needs is a crucial part of the process.

Phase I (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025) includes reviewing feedback and data to assess the transportation needs of priority populations. Phase II (Summer – Fall 2025) includes developing prioritized strategies based on feedback. To learn more about the Regional Transportation Plan you can visit PSRC's website here.

5. UPDATES:

a. Kitsap Youth Human Rights Rally

The Kitsap Youth Human Rights Rally hosted by South Kitsap High School takes place on March 25, 2025, from 8am-1:20pm at Olympic College in Bremerton.
 This year's theme is "Face to Face, take off the mask" and is sponsored by Kitsap Safe Schools Network and West Sound Academy. Brent created Kitsap Youth Rally Visible vs Invisible bingo cards for the rally along with a presentation before the scheduled breakout sessions.

b. Walks For All

- On February 28, 2025, Brent, Ranae, and Ashley met at the Illahee Preserve in Bremerton to view the new trail and to assess its accessibility. Lynn Willmont and Kevin Eyre from the Audubon Society were present along with East Bremerton Rotary member Vic Ulsh.
- Ranae will preview the trail at Harper Park in Port Orchard on April 1, 2025, at 3pm with Natural Resources Coordinator Aaron Bartelson and his colleague Victoria. The intention of the preview walk is to test out the trails before a larger group participates in a guided walk. The official Harper Park walk is scheduled on April 26, 2025, from 1pm-3pm, and will include Outstanding County Government Volunteer award winner Jim Heytvelt as a guide.
- Ranae is currently working with the Audubon Society to set up another bird watching walk for May. More details to come.

c. Bikes For All Event

Ranae has been working with Megan Mason-Todd, Vice President of Workforce
Development at Skookum to discuss the Bikes For All event. This year's event will
be combined with a Resource Fair to attract more members of the community
and to provide useful resources to everyone that participates. Ranae is waiting to
hear back from Bikes For All about a date of the event, which will be either
September 10 or September 12, 2025. More details to come.

d. Week Without Driving (WWD)

 Angela and Ranae met with Ruth Rosas, Program Manager at America Walks on February 26, 2025, to discuss WWD 2025, which runs from September 29 to October 5. Angela and Ranae will be working with Annie Chatman (Kitsap Transit) to further plan a marketing strategy for WWD. More details to come.

e. Clear Creek Trail Ride

• The Clear Creek Trail Ride is scheduled on July 12, 2025, from 12pm-2pm in Silverdale. The ACAC already has supplies for this event and Ranae filled out the application to attend.

f. Right to Repair Wheelchair Bill

Marsha updated the group about House Bill 1826 and Senate Bill 5680, which
would establish a right to repair for mobility equipment such as wheelchairs for
persons with physical disabilities. This bill would give authorization for individuals
or businesses that are unaffiliated with an original equipment manufacturer the
right to offer diagnosis, maintenance, or repair on behalf of the original
equipment manufacturer. Currently Senate Bill 5680 is moving forward but
House Bill 1826 will need an amendment before advancing. Updates to follow.

g. Sea Discovery Center (SEA) Accessible Door Project

• South Sound Electrical and Dahl Glass are scheduled to install the accessible front door at SEA on March 12 and 13, 2025.

h. Portable Ramp Rentals

 Justin is working with Peninsula Alliance to determine a plan to add more information about the portable ramps to Peninsula Alliance's website. Justin is waiting for more information from the CEO of Peninsula Alliance, Kim Bushnell on how to move forward. More details to come.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Resource Fair

• The 2025 DD Resource Fair takes place on April 23, 2025, from 4pm-6pm at Central Kitsap High School Gym in Silverdale. Ranae, Nancy, Marsha, and Angela are interested in attending to represent the ACAC.

b. Accessibility Assessment

Tabled until the April meeting to gather more information.

7. DELEGATION OF TASKS / MOVING FORWARD

Molly will be attending the Kitsap County Department of Emergency
 Management open house and ribbon cutting on March 14, 2025, in Bremerton.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Justin informed the group that he will be leaving the ACAC in April due to transitional changes within Kitsap County. The Developmental Disabilities program will assume the role starting in May 2025.
- Brent, Ranae, and Marsha will be presenting for the East Bremerton Rotary Club on April 9, 2025, at McCloud's in Bremerton. The topic is Accessibility for the Mobility Impaired in Kitsap County and the opportunities within the community that are available.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. **UPCOMING MEETING:** April 8, 2025, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The ACAC meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
Present Kris Colcock Marsha Cutting Angela Cox Brent Rotter Ranae Beeker Molly Brooks Nancy Tietje Annie Chatman Absent	Cindy Logan – Kingston Community Advisory Committee Erica Wares – Kitsap Public Health District Jean Kim – Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Katie Enders – PSRC Erin Hogan – PSRC	Justin Wing
James (JR) Kinnison (unexcused) Kat Woofter (unexcused) Amanda Gonzalez (unexcused)		

^{* =} Indicates action items