



Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan

July 1, 2022

Thurston Regional Planning Council

Imagine...

A “week without driving” – we assume driving is the “norm.”

#WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING SEPTEMBER 19-25, 2022

[Week Without Driving 2022:
September 19-25 - Disability
Rights Washington](#)

- *What if you couldn't drive? What if taking the bus, riding your bike or walking to work, carpooling, or paying for ride-hail weren't a choice you could make, but a necessity? What would it be like getting around without driving yourself?*
- *If you can drive, and can afford a car, this isn't something you think about. But for nearly a quarter of the people in our country – people with disabilities, young people, seniors, and people who can't afford cars or gas, this is our every day.*
- **How does the Week Without Driving work?**
- You can get around however you want, **but you can't drive yourself in any car.** This applies to all your activities - not just your work commute. If you normally transport other family members or friends, it applies to those trips too. You can ask someone else to drive you but make a note of how much you "owe" this person in their time, and if you felt obligated to support them in other ways (i.e., doing all the dishes). You can use ride-hail or taxis but note how much it costs you.
- This isn't a disability simulation or a test of how easily you can find alternatives. We know that it is far easier to give up your keys if you can afford to live in a walkable area well served by transit or can outsource your driving and other transport and delivery needs to other people.
- We want you to have this experience so you can start to understand the barriers nondrivers experience in accessing your (and our) communities.

Imagine...

1. Mom can't drive safely anymore. You're the kid who lives in town. Isolation is bad. How does she get around?
2. You've made an appointment with a client in your day job. They ask what transportation options are available.
3. The appointment in #3 is required for your client and they must meet in person. Your schedule is jammed.
4. Your nephew can no longer afford to drive to his higher education classes and asks for your help.
5. A neighbor has 3 part time jobs – none during typical commute hours – She says, "you're in government, can you help me?"
6. You've made a pledge to reduce greenhouse gases in your Household. Building & transportation are top contributors. You, your partner, 2 kids and 2 dogs need to get around.

How well does our community work without a car?





THURSTON

HERE TO THERE

Help!

1 trip at a time
1 person at a time

AVAILABLE
SERVICES &
CURRENT
PROVIDERS

NEEDS

STRATEGIES

PRIORITIES –
RESOURCES, TIME,
AND FEASIBILITY

REGIONAL
PRIORITIES LIST

“Nothing About Us
Without Us”



Outreach – General Categories

- People with Disabilities
- Seniors
- People with Low Incomes
- Other People with Special Transportation Needs
- Public, Private, Non-profit and Human Services Transportation Providers
- Other Members of the Public
- Within the Thurston Region & adjoining Counties



Specifics

Employers, WorkFirst, Chambers of Commerce

Education Providers/Administrators

Healthcare Providers/Administrators

Transportation Providers/Administrators

Governments: tribal, county, city, town...

Emergency Management Personnel

Organizations for People with Disabilities, Low Income, Youth/Teens, and Seniors

Faith Based Organizations

Veterans' Organizations

Prioritized Projects



Here to There
Mobility
Management

Replacement Dial-
a-Lift Vehicles

ruralTransit (rT)

Thurston County
Bus Buddies

Village Vans

Partners: Catholic
Community
Services, Intercity
Transit, TRPC

HELP!



- What are you hearing from your constituents and clients?
- Continued Coordination on schedules, connections, and Information.
- In your community, who knows the needs?
- COVID – What happened? What did we learn?
- Fare Free Results.



Outreach – Through mid- November 2022

Send me contact information

Invite me to virtually present at meetings

Let's talk on the phone

Talk to people where you work. At city hall. At church. At book club.

Test Here to There.

Take the September “week without driving” challenge.

Talk to your family.

They'll be a survey or maybe a couple...

Goals

- Increase equity in Transportation Services.
- Increase mobility options.
- Improve individual service.
- Increase coordination with other systems and programs.
- Improve efficiency.
- Identify and obtain sustainable funding to close gaps.
- Broadly distribute information about available transportation options.
- Options that don't involve travel: telework, telemedicine, online public services, tele-education...BROADBAND? Equity?
- DRIVERS!!

Timeline

- Public Outreach NOW!
- September 1 Public/WSDOT Review
- Outreach continues during Public Review
- December 1 Submit Final to WSDOT
- December 2 TRPC Adopts – with
Prioritized Project List