

CIVIC BOOT CAMP RESOURCE GUIDE

**TRANSPORTATION
ACCESSIBILITY:
REGIONAL CONNECTIONS**

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DESCRIPTION

As the greater Seattle region continues to grow and remote work becomes increasingly common, what can our neighbors in the suburbs look forward to with it comes to transportation accessibility? And are their concerns being addressed?

During this insightful gathering, local experts will discuss regional connectivity from the north end – including Snohomish and King counties --to downtown Seattle, featuring representatives from Sound Transit, King County Metro, and Community Transit. Attendees will gain valuable insight into how these agencies are working to meet the needs of commuters and transit riders.

During this program, you will be able to explore Northgate and Lynnwood transit center construction (including a bus ride to and from Lynnwood) and discover how your transit agencies are collaborating to create a more seamless, accessible transportation system.



ABOUT SEATTLE CITYCLUB

Seattle CityClub is a 40-year-old nonpartisan, civics-focused nonprofit providing a platform for insightful and educational conversations that include a diverse range of perspectives.

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ABOUT CIVIC BOOT CAMP

Civic Boot Camps offer participants in-depth perspectives from local leaders on critical local issues and inspiration to take action in their communities. Civic Boot Camps address the historical and current context of local and regional issues such as racial justice, homelessness, climate change, economic equity, healthcare, immigration, and civil rights.



Speakers

- **Chelsea Ongaro**, Public Engagement Program Manager, Community Transit
- **Kevin Futhey**, Community Transportation Specialist, Community Transit
- **Luke Distelhorst**, Community Engagement Planner, King County Metro
- **Corey Holder**, Transportation Planner, King County Metro
- **Randy Harlow**, Lynnwood Link Project Director, Sound Transit

Chelsea Ongaro



Chelsea Ongaro is the Public Engagement Program Manager with Community Transit. From knocking on doors to inform homeowners about upgrades to electric transmission lines to gathering input about a long-range plan for a transit agency, Chelsea has helped communities shape public infrastructure projects that impact where they live, work, and play for more than a decade.

Kevin Futhey



Kevin Futhey is a Community Transportation Specialist at Community Transit where he helps develop and manage Innovative Services projects. He previously worked for Commute Seattle from 2017 – 2021, helping businesses adopt commuter-friendly policies and employee benefits.

Luke Distelhorst



Luke Distelhorst is a Senior Community Engagement Planner at King County Metro, mainly working with the Mobility division. Prior to Metro, he worked at Community Transit in Snohomish County and spent 10+ years doing communications work in the private sector. Luke also serves in various community volunteer roles, including as a Commissioner for the Housing Authority of Snohomish County (HASCO) and Board President of the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.

Corey Holder



Corey Holder is a transportation planner in the service planning group at King County Metro. He is currently working as the project manager for the Lynnwood Link Mobility Project, which will restructure service in North King County to better connect to the upcoming Lynnwood Link extension.

Randy Harlow



Randy Harlow is the Executive Project Director for Sound Transit's \$2.8 Billion Lynnwood Link Extension, connecting the Northgate Link Extension to the future Everett Link Extension and expanding light rail into Snohomish County on behalf of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit). Prior to joining Sound Transit in mid-January of 2019, Randy led the construction management arm of WHH Nisqually Federal Services as the 8(a) firm's Executive Program Manager, a role that relied on his wide range of project experience spanning more than twenty-five years, including industrial, site/civil, residential, and infrastructure construction. Randy also previously served at the project level as the Resident Engineer for the construction phase of Sound Transit's East Link Downtown Bellevue to Spring District Heavy Civil GC/CM project, Sound Transit's first GC/CM project at the University of Washington Station, and the negotiated Airport Station. Prior to his transit work, Randy provided resident engineering services for the Port of Seattle's Landside and Stormwater silos of the Sea-Tac International Airport Capital Improvement Program, as well as projects for Kitsap County's Wastewater Improvement Program. Randy earned his Bachelor's Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Washington and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Washington. He is a member of several industry organizations, including the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Links related to the speakers:

[Lynnwood and Community Transit create a ride-share program- Lynnwood Times, October 2022 >>](#)

[Meet Luke Distelhorst, Community Engagement Planner, King County Metro >>](#)

Speakers' Organizations:

[Community Transit](#)

[King County Metro](#)

[Sound Transit](#)

Civic Engagement Opportunities

Our region's civic health depends on each one of us to get involved in civic life. Here are some ways you can get engaged:

Advocate

- Ride public transit.
- Pay it forward by covering another person's fare.
- Provide employees with cost-reduced or free transit passes.
- Bring awareness to carpooling and car-share opportunities with your friends and network.

Learn

- Subscribe to podcasts to learn more about the transportation department's interconnectivity.
- Read the latest news and blogs posted on their websites.
- Subscribe to their email newsletters.

Connect

- Build connections with your neighbors and start a ride-share group.
- Offer to carpool with coworkers to reduce carbon emissions and build friendships.
- Take the foot ferry from Downtown to West Seattle instead of driving.
- Participate in a [Group Ride](#) with Cascade Bike Club!

Donate

- Donate a used bike to Bike Works.
- Donate pre-loaded Orca cards to local homeless shelters, students, and domestic violence shelters in your neighborhood.
- Donate your time by offering your vehicle to the elderly and youth.

Civic Engagement Opportunities (cont.)

- Bike Works – Committed to making cycling accessible, affordable and welcoming to people of all backgrounds, abilities and incomes.
- Catholic Community Services – Provides transportation and other volunteer opportunities to support seniors and people with disabilities in King County and Western Washington.
- Find-a-Ride.org - By offering rides to disabled, elderly, and other people you can make a difference!
- HopeLink – Donate your time or money to help others get around.
- Sound Generations – Provides transportation to senior citizens of West Seattle.
- Transportation Choices – Advocacy work to bring affordable transit and commute opportunities for all.

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