



## Snohomish County Special Needs Transportation Coalition

### FACT SHEET

**SNOTRAC Mission:** To work together to develop a coordinated transportation system for persons with special transportation needs.

For purposes of this Coalition, persons with special transportation needs are defined in RCW 47.06b, Section B as "Those people, including their attendants, who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age, are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation."

#### **SNOTRAC:**

- Is a diverse group of human service agencies, transit agencies, advocacy groups, people with special transportation needs, politicians, school superintendents, and others.
- Fosters cooperation and collaboration among private and non-profit transportation brokers and providers, local public transportation agencies, local governmental agencies and transportation system consumers.
- Is coordinating a transportation system that efficiently provides comprehensive and user-friendly public and private transportation services. Transportation programs – *including transit agencies, social service agencies, school districts, private providers, and others* – may share resources, facilities, and information; and coordinate trip eligibility, reservations, scheduling, dispatching, and passenger trips.

**Focus Populations:** Elderly, children, low-income, and people with disabilities.

#### **Benefits of coordinating:**

- Same number of trips provided for reduced dollars.
- Expanded transportation services to those with unmet needs.
- Efficient use of tax dollars.
- Serves all people with special transportation needs.
- Efficiently uses all local transportation resources, including non-traditional ones.
- Is easy to access regardless of who needs the ride or who is paying for the ride.

#### **SNOTRAC Strategic Goals:**

- Improve and increase awareness of transportation options and services to the public and service providers.
- Simplify the eligibility process.
- Simplify trip arrangements.
- Build transportation capacity within existing community resources.
- Increase transportation options in rural areas.
- Increase regional and cross jurisdictional transportation options.
- Educate the public about restraints to coordination

**More Questions?** If you would like more information or want to participate on the Snohomish County Special Needs Transportation Coalition, contact SNOTRAC at (425) 265-2227 or through the website:

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