

**Subject: Seaview Avenue/Sunset Hill Community Connections Project - Update 1/22/2020**

Hello Seaview Avenue and Sunset Hill Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) members,

I hope you all have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. This e-mail updates you all on the overall status of the Seaview Avenue/Sunset Hill Community Connections Project.

Over the past year, Metro worked with the Seaview Avenue and Sunset Hill communities on a Community Connections project. The goals of this project were to plan solution concepts based around community-identified mobility needs, and create partnerships to support funding and implementation of any community-supported concepts. By October 2019, Metro had consolidated survey input on solution concepts, and met with the Seaview Avenue/Sunset Hill SWG to discuss survey results. From the survey results and SWG meeting, Metro received clear direction to move forward with Golden Gardens Summer Shuttle, identify operational funding partners, and develop an implementation plan and timeline.

Securing a funding partner is critical to getting this project implemented, so over the past few months Metro has met with the Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and the Port of Seattle to discuss partnership opportunities for the Golden Gardens Summer Shuttle. While all organizations were supportive, none were able to commit to being an operational funding partner in 2020 due to funding uncertainty at this time related to the passage of I-976 and other factors. Metro will continue to look for funding partners, but with no committed funding partner at this time, Metro will be unable to operate the Golden Gardens Summer Shuttle in the summer of 2020.

Thanks you all for your time, energy, and passion for improving transportation in your community. Your enthusiasm and participation in this project has been critical to get us to this point, and while Metro will not be able to operate service in the summer of 2020, we will continue to look for funding partnerships to get this project on the ground in the future. If/when the status of this project changes, I will be sure to update you all.

Thanks again!



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