



SHARING IDEAS AT THE KEY PENINSULA TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

Need A
Ride?
Get A
Ride.
On the Key
Peninsula

Transportation on the Key Peninsula

by Jerri Kelly

Thank you to everyone who attended the Key Peninsula Transportation Summit on November 17, 2016. What an amazing event!

Over 50 people attended the summit and explored how we can leverage the assets of the Key Peninsula to solve specific transportation challenges today. We learned about existing transportation options on the Key Peninsula, and then discussed different ideas designed by community members to improve or expand what we have, or add more transportation options for those unable to drive themselves.

Want to make sure people on the Key Peninsula can go where they need to go? Read more.

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What's Next!

Please join us for our next *Key Peninsula Partnership for a Healthy Community* Transportation meeting on **January 18th at 10:00 am** at **Peninsula School District Administrative Building 1405 62nd Avenue NW Gig Harbor, WA 98332 Conference Room 4**

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What's Available?

Transportation options today

While transportation options are not huge, we do have options.

Residents on the Key Peninsula (KP) have transportation challenges because they are elderly, live with a physical or mental disability, are under age, or lack financial resources – fortunately, transportation options *do* exist.

From the Mustard Seed's Community Solutions Bus, to KP School Bus Connect, to KP Community Service volunteers, gas cards from a local dentist office, and Pierce Transit Van Pools and Van Share, these local services are providing over 100 one way trips per month.

So, what about Pierce Transit?
Why doesn't the KP have bus

service provided by Pierce Transit anymore?

During the worst part of the recent recession, Pierce Transit (PT) tried to pass a ballot initiative to fund existing services. When the initiative failed, PT was faced with the reality of making considerable service cuts. Representatives from the various taxing districts in Pierce County revisited whether they wished to continue financially supporting transit services. Our representative to the Pierce County Council at that time agreed to have the Key Peninsula removed from the transit tax rolls. Now, KP residents don't pay transit taxes when shopping on the KP, but, this removed PT's ability to expand routes to back to our area.

What it Would Take to Get PT Back?

Although removing the tax was easy, re-instating it is less so. Since that time, there have been changes in the law that require a vote of the affected district before inclusion or exclusion from

the public transit benefit area. It would require a motion to the County Council from our area and then a referendum vote passed by a majority of Key Peninsula residents.

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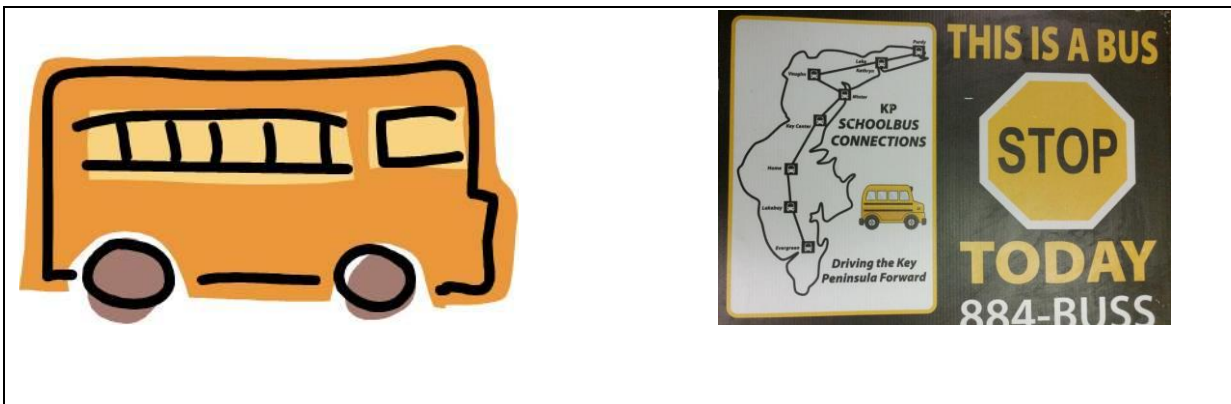
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What's Possible?

Improve. Expand. Add More.

Residents from the Key Peninsula who attended the Transportation Innovation Summit were asked to share their ideas on how the community could leverage community assets to improve, expand or add more transportation options now.

Whether the transportation is to get to and from work, get to life-line services, or just to get out and enjoy the community – what is possible now?

Eight Ideas for Sale

Participants were asked to share up to eight ideas on how to improve, expand, or add more transportation. Then each participant with an idea hosted a table conversation. The other participants went to the table that had the topic of most interest to them.

For each idea, the groups were asked to identify champions and resources, and then make a decision if this was an idea to pursue or not.

Community members identified seven of the eight ideas that they would like to pursue now.



Community members place their transportation ideas in an "open market place" and host a discussion. The other community members participate in the topic of their choice.

Let's Pursue

- ✓ Provide Commuter Rides to Purdy Park and Ride - Mary
- ✓ Re-Visit Joining Pierce Transit – Mary W.
- ✓ Use Parks as Hubs for Vanpool/Buses – Dale
- ✓ Use a concierge to help arrange Uber/Lyft trips – Amanda
- ✓ Contract with a private transportation firm – Jud
- ✓ Offer a ride share program similar to Craig's List - Julie

More Research Needed

Expand KP School Bus Connects to Long Branch - Helena

What's Next?

To get these ideas off the ground, it will take champions, sweat, volunteers, and cash. Can the community prioritize what idea that want to tackle together first?

The KPPHC Transportation Committee is a good venue to work on these solutions! It includes people from many organizations in the area, but we need citizens from the KP who have ideas and energy to help us .

Look for details of our next meeting on the following page.

Staying Connected

How can we be champions of transportation options?

The Key Peninsula Partnership for a Healthy Community (KPPHC) is made up of people, businesses, and organizations working together to meet our community's vision of a strong and healthy place to live.

Our transportation committee is working on solutions to some of the transportation barriers that exist on the Key Peninsula. Help us find answers – join us for our next transportation meeting!



What's next:

KPPHC Transportation Meeting
Wednesday - January 18th - 10:00

Peninsula School District Admin
14015 62nd Ave NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

STAY CONNECTED

Interested in staying connected with this work? Ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work on one or two of these community ideas?

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FAST FACTS

190 people on the Key Peninsula responded to an online survey.

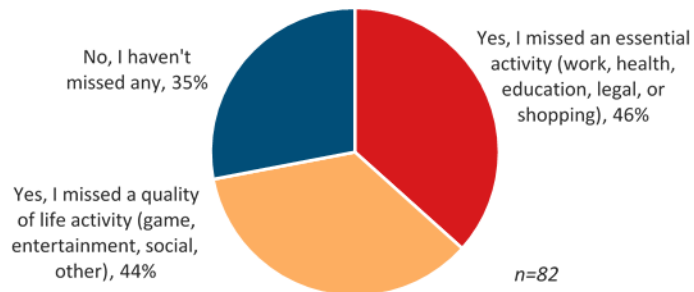
37%

Not always able to get where they needed to go.

46%

Missed an appointment, work, or other activity because of a transportation challenge

In the last year, have you ever missed any type of appointment, work, or activity due to a lack of transportation?



What are the reasons that transportation is challenging for you? Please select up to 3 reasons.

