

Present: Dwight Baker; Dan Chavre, Ray Day, Jr.; Dave Elliott; Miranda Leidich, vice-chair; Ed Miller; Carla Saulter; Tina Shereen

Excused: Joan Michaels; Anirudh Sahni, chair

Provisional Members: Laila Barr, Roger Thordarson

Staff: Barbara de Michele, Community Relations Planner; Dan Overgaard, Supervisor of the IT Program Management Office; Wayne Watanabe, IT Acting Manager; Anna Clemenger, Community Relations Editor

Note: This meeting was preceded by a tour of the Atlantic-Central Base from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Base Call Center.

Leidich opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m., replacing Anirudh Sahni who returned home to India due to the death of his father. A sympathy card for Sahni was circulated among the members.

Information Technology Overview

Overgaard gave a Powerpoint presentation outlining the plans for improvements to Metro's information technology, including the website and TripPlanner. He reviewed the major projects facing Metro, including the transition to the Orca Smart Card, the opening of the Link Light Rail project, and the domain name change (metrokc.gov to kingcounty.gov) which occurred last year. An internal committee is taking on the task of outlining improvements to the website and TripPlanner. The group is working within existing resources, and Watanabe pointed out that increased fuel costs are the driving factor in Metro's current financial planning.

Saulter asked how the TAC could constructively influence the process. Overgaard responded that he, Watanabe and Clemenger are all working on the project, and will share this and future TAC discussions with the group. Various members of the TAC expressed the hope that more funding can be directed toward the website.

Metro Website and Trip Planner – Discussion

TAC members discussed the presentation and delegated to the subcommittee of Leidich, Miller, Sahni and Saulter the task of completing the draft recommendation for the June meeting.

Committee Business

- Saulter gave a brief report on attempts to organize a bus riders union for King County.
- De Michele gave a brief description of future Sounding Boards dealing with 1) Link light rail/Metro integration in south King County and 2) RapidRide implementation in Uptown Queen Anne and Ballard. TAC's ordinance specifies that members be assigned as liaisons to all Sounding Boards.



- De Michele announced that Barr and Thordarson would appear before the Transportation Committee for confirmation on Wednesday, May 14.
- De Michele requested cancellation of the July meeting, due to her planned medical leave. Cancellation of the meeting was agreed upon by consensus.

Ledich adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.