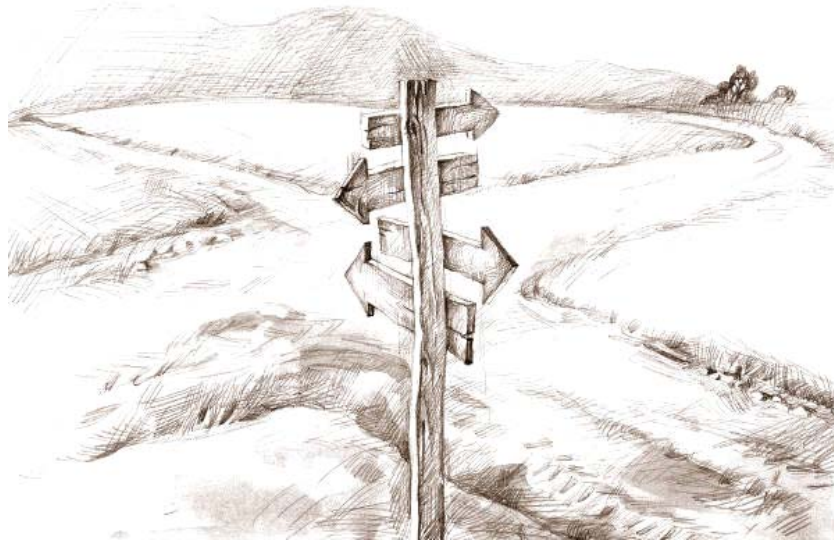


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AGENDA AT A GLANCE



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|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| 8:15 am | Registration Main Lobby Coffee and Snacks | | |
| 9:00 am to 9:45 am | OPENING SESSION Dining Hall | | |
| | Welcome and Keynote Address What Does Transportation Mean? | | |
| 9:45 am to 10:45 am | CONCURRENT SESSION I | | |
| | VANPOOLING/RIDESHARING Glenwood/Laurel Room | BICYCLE/PEDESTRIANS Bingen Room | PUBLIC TRANSIT White Salmon Room |
| | Employer Benefits: Business Tax Incentives to Finance Commuter Programs | Reconnecting the Historic Columbia River Highway and State Trail Project | Realizing Regionalism: Establishing Public Transit Districts in Rural Communities |
| 10:45 am to 11:00 am | Networking Coffee Break First Floor | | |
| 11:00 am to 12:00 pm | Successful Implementation of Commuter Programs | Non-Motorized Crossing Alternatives Across the Hood River Bridge Project | Increasing Mobility Options In Rural Environments |
| 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm | Luncheon Dining Hall | | |
| 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm | CONCURRENT SESSION II | | |
| | When Vanpooling and Ridesharing Make Sense | Financing Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects | Funding Mechanisms: Sources, Initiatives and Partnerships |
| 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm | Networking, Coffee & Snack Break First Floor | | |
| 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm | STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION Dining Hall & White Salmon Meeting Room | | |
| | Action Planning: Establishing Strategies to Address Regional and Local Transportation Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing action plans that will provide direction for future regional projects. • Discussion regarding regional priorities and identified action plans. | | |
| 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm | | Vendor Fair Exhibits Open | |

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DETAILED AGENDA

| CONCURRENT SESSION I | 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. | ROOM |
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| VANPOOLING/ RIDESHARING | <p>EMPLOYER BENEFITS: BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES TO FINANCE COMMUTER PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daniel Kaempff, <i>Principal Transportation Planner Metro</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Gregory Butler | <p>Learn about the different state and federal tax incentives that support commuter programs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Glenwood/ Laurel</p> |
| BICYCLE/ PEDESTRIAN | <p>RECONNECTING THE HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY AND STATE TRAIL PROJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kristen Stallman, <i>National Scenic Area Coordinator Oregon Department of Transportation</i> ▪ William Pattison, <i>Chair Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee</i> ▪ Jeanette Kloos, <i>President Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Kevin Belanger | <p>Learn about the history, current status, and future plans with specific emphasis on technical issues relevant to the surveying and engineering communities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bingen</p> |
| PUBLIC TRANSIT | <p>REALIZING REGIONALISM: ESTABLISHING PUBLIC TRANSIT DISTRICTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tom Hanson, <i>Intercity Bus & Trans. Specialist Washington State Department of Transportation</i> ▪ Julie Brown, <i>General Manager Rogue Valley Transportation District</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Kate McFarland | <p>Makeup of the Washington and Oregon State systems for creation of Transit District Authorities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">White Salmon</p> |

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| CONCURRENT SESSION I | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | ROOM |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| VANPOOLING/ RIDESHARING | <p>SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUTER PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kathy Mincks, <i>Retired</i> ▪ Audrey Shuffield, <i>Project Manager</i> <i>VPSI, Inc.</i> ▪ Chi K. Nguyen, <i>Rideshare Manager</i> <i>Enterprise Rideshare</i> ▪ Nicholas Brock, <i>Operations Technician</i> ▪ Dwaine Short, <i>Operations Technician</i> <i>Google</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Gregory Butler | <p>Learn the benefits that regional employers have gained from implementing commuter programs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Glenwood/ Laurel</p> |
| BICYCLE/ PEDESTRIAN | <p>NON-MOTORIZED CROSSING ALTERNATIVES ACROSS THE HOOD RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lindsay Walker, <i>Intern</i> <i>Alta Planning & Design</i> ▪ Michael McElwee, <i>Executive Director</i> <i>Port of Hood River</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Kevin Belanger | <p>Take a look at the research and work that has been done to explore options to improve access for bicyclists and pedestrians who would like to cross the Hood River Bridge.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bingen</p> |
| PUBLIC TRANSIT | <p>INCREASING MOBILITY OPTIONS IN RURAL ENVIRONMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faith Trimble, <i>President</i> <i>FLT Consulting, Inc.</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Kate McFarland | <p>Learn more about the ways to increase mobility options in rural communities by coordinating resources.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">White Salmon</p> |

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| | CONCURRENT SESSION II | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. | ROOM |
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| VANPOOLING/ RIDESHARING | <p>WHEN VANPOOLING & RIDESHARING MAKES SENSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marcia Maffei, <i>Employer Program Coordinator</i> <i>Point2Point Solutions</i> ▪ Jeff Monson, <i>Director</i> <i>Commute Options</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Gregory Butler | <p>Learn more about employer transportation option programs and benefits.</p> | Glenwood/ Laurel |
| BICYCLE/ PEDESTRIAN | <p>FINANCING BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jerry Norquist, <i>Manager</i> <i>Cycle Oregon</i> ▪ Paula Reeves, <i>Manager</i> <i>Washington State Department of Transportation</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Kevin Belanger | <p>A look at the pros and cons of bicycle and pedestrian funding approaches and alternatives for funding Projects.</p> | Bingen |
| PUBLIC TRANSIT | <p>FUNDING MECHANISMS: SOURCES, INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ryan Warner, <i>Special Needs Planner</i> <i>Washington State Department of Transportation</i> ▪ Jean Palmateer, <i>Special Trans. Program Manager</i> <i>Oregon Department of Transportation</i> ▪ <i>Facilitator</i> Kate McFarland | <p>Learn more about funding opportunities, creative partnerships and concepts that are most likely to succeed in Public Transit.</p> | White Salmon |

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| STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION | 2:15 – 4:00 p.m. | ROOM |
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| <p>ACTION PLANNING: ESTABLISHING STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS REGIONAL AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Moderator <i>David Meriwether</i>▪ Facilitators <i>Kevin Belanger, Kate McFarland, Gregory Butler, Heidi Beierle, Brie Becker, Nicolas Garcia and Price Armstrong</i> | <p>Participate in small group discussions to identify needs and create action plans that will provide directions for future regional projects.</p> <p>Large group discussion regarding regional priorities and identified action tasks.</p> | <p><i>Dining Hall & White Salmon</i></p> |

SUMMIT SPEAKERS, FACILITATORS AND MODERATOR

Price Armstrong, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Price Armstrong is an MPA graduate student at the University of Oregon and the president of LiveMove, the student transportation and livability organization at the University.

Brie Becker, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Brie Becker is a graduate student at the University of Oregon in the Community and Regional Planning program. Brie is a member of LiveMove, the student transportation and livability organization at the University, and is currently working towards a career in promoting and planning for livable communities.

Heidi Beierle, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Heidi is a graduate student at the University of Oregon in the Community and Regional Planning. Heidi serves on the Eugene Planning Commission and have recently served as co-chair of Eugene's Neighborhood Leaders Council and as Publicity Directory of the Far West Neighborhood Association Board. Other local volunteer involvements include serving on the Rasor Mixed Use Center Community Advisory Committee and Eugene's Climate and Energy Action Plan. Heidi currently intern in Lane County's Economic Development Department where she is working on rural tourism transportation routes, including Oregon's new Scenic Bikeway program. Heidi's research and career interests are in historic road tourism development and bicycle tourism and sustainable transportation networks.

Kevin Belanger, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Kevin Belanger is a graduate student at the University of Oregon in the Community and Regional Planning and Environmental Studies programs. Kevin is a member of LiveMove, the student transportation and livability organization at the University, and is currently working towards a career in promoting and planning for active transportation.

Julie Brown, Rogue Valley Transportation District, Medford, OR

Julie Brown has 14 years experience in transportation planning and service implementation. Through community involvement and collaborate efforts Julie has helped develop and shape transportation programs that serve not only the District, but other agencies and programs in her community. Julie performed her undergraduate work at Southern Oregon University and completed the Paratransit/Transit Management Program through Pepperdine University and the Transit and Community Transportation Management Certificate Program through Willamette University. Julie's community service includes: Vice Chair of the Oregon Public Transit Advisory Committee and Board of Director position's for the ARC of Jackson County, Rogue Valley Clean Cities, ACCESS Inc. and the Oregon Transit Association.

Gregory Butler, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Gregory Butler is a second year graduate student at the University of Oregon in Community and Regional Planning; specializing in community resiliency and economic development in rural areas. Gregory is a project manager for the Community Planning workshop (a service learning

program at the University of Oregon), and has worked as a planner for cities in Virginia, Texas and Oregon.

Nicolas Garcia, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Nicolas Garcia is a graduate student at the University of Oregon majoring in Community and Regional Planning with a focus on sustainable transportation planning. Nicolas hopes to graduate in 2011.

Tom Hanson, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Wenatchee, WA

Tom Hanson has worked for WSDOT since September of 1984. Originally recruited to provide technical assistance to transit systems he was also been involved in getting new transit systems started. Tom has also served as the Department's Congressional Liaison, Tribal Liaison and Associate Research Director. Tom returned to the Public Transportation Division about 3 years ago in a newly created position located in Wenatchee which covers all of Eastern Washington.

Daniel Kaempff, Metro, Portland, OR

Dan Kaempff is a Principal Transportation Planner in the Regional Travel Options program at Metro, the regional government overseeing transportation planning and other functions in the Portland, Oregon area. He is responsible for policy and planning of the region's programs aimed at reducing drive-alone auto trips. Dan has over 18 years experience in the transportation field, including management of transit operations and school transportation operations, and developing employee commuter programs. Prior to joining Metro, Dan worked in the Public Transit Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation, leading the state's TDM program for six years. Among his accomplishments were helping to create a vanpool funding project, developing the state's individualized marketing projects in Bend, Eugene and Salem, and helping to launch the "Drive Less|Save More" mass marketing campaign.

Jeanette Kloos, Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway, Portland, OR

Jeanette Kloos has been the President of the Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway since 2006. Previously, she was the Scenic Area Coordinator for Oregon Department of Transportation. Jeanette graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, with degrees in Environmental Studies and Urban and Environmental Studies respectively. She also worked for the Federal Highway Administration.

Marcia Maffei, Point2Point Solutions, Eugene, OR

Marcia Maffei works with *Point2point Solutions* in Lane County, Oregon. She currently administers the Employer Group Pass Program to more than 90 employers in the Eugene/Springfield region, representing more than 46,000 employees/students. She has worked in the areas of Vanpooling, Rideshare, Congestion Mitigation and TravelSmart®. *Point2point Solutions* is the region's go-to transportation option program and has been a partner of ValleyVanpool since its inception.

David Meriwether, Hood River County, Hood River, OR

David Meriwether is the County Administrator of Hood River County, Oregon; having served in that capacity since June, 2001. Prior to that time, David served for over five years as the City Manager of Silverton, Oregon; preceded by ten years as the City Manager of Hope and Malvern, Arkansas. David is a graduate of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas and did graduate work in Public Administration at both North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas) and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. David has over 20 years experience in local government management, and is recognized as a Credentialed Manager by the International City / County Management Association, of which David has been a member for over 25 years. David is also a board member of the Oregon City/County Management Association and is a member of the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of County Administrators and Rotary International.

Michael McElwee, Port of Hood River, Hood River, OR

Michael McElwee has been the Executive Director for the Port of Hood River for the last four years. Michael has 25 years of experience in planning, real estate development and administration.

Kate McFarland, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Kate McFarland is a graduate student majoring in Community and Regional Planning and a Project Manager for the Community Planning workshop at the University of Oregon.

Kathleen Mincks, Retired, Goldendale, WA

Kathleen Mincks has numerous years of experience working in government including The Dalles Dam. Kathleen has an extensive knowledge of researching, organizing and operating vanpool programs. Her hobbies include refunding, writing articles and saving money.

Jeff Monson, Commute Options, Bend, OR

Jeff Monson graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Prior to working for Commute Options, Jeff was the Administrator of Parks and Recreation in Central Florida for 15 years and Transportation Options Planner for the Orlando, Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization from 1992 to 1995. Jeff moved to Bend, Oregon in 1995 following eight months traveling in South America. Currently Jeff is the Director of Commute Options for Central Oregon. Jeff coordinates a multi - agency effort to reduce reliance on the automobile. The Commute Options programs under Jeff's supervision include: vanpooling, carpool matching, park and ride lots, corporate outreach, TSP review, parking issues, Commute Options Week, fundraising, teleworking, bicycle and pedestrian facility design and Safe Routes to School. Jeff is a year round bike commuter.

Chi Nguyen, Enterprise Rideshare, Tualatin, OR

Chi Nguyen has worked for Enterprise since November 2005. Enterprise Rideshare has been the largest vanpool provider on the west coast since the early 1990's. The program help provide large employers, public organizations, and communities with a complete tailor-made alternate transportation program. Like everyone else at Enterprise, Chi start from the ground up and ascended the management ranks of the daily rental division spending most of her career in the Downtown Portland market before managing the Portland Airport operation. In

August 2008, Chi got the opportunity to make the change over to the two sustainable transportation divisions and gets to use her creativity to design alternate transportation programs for business partners.

Jerry Norquist, Cycle Oregon, Portland, OR

Jerry Norquist has been involved in the retail and manufacturing side of cycling for over 25 years. He worked for Trek Bicycles, Cycles Peugeot and was the Vice President/General Manager of Specialized Bicycles. In November of 2002 Jerry formed the event management company, 3 People Productions and started managing what many bike riders call the best week long bike ride in America—Cycle Oregon.

Jean Palmateer, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Salem, OR

Jean Palmateer has been employed by the Oregon Department of Transportation - Public Transit Division since 1991 and is currently the Special Transportation Program Manager. In this role she manages the State's elderly and people with disabilities program, Job Access/Reverse Commute (for transportation needs of low-income workers) and New Freedom (for transportation needs of people with disabilities). Jean is in charge of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Plans that are required to be prepared and adopted by the state's 42 STF Agencies. Jean is involved in the Oregon State Transportation Coordination Initiative, which involves other state agencies, including Department of Human Services. Jean especially enjoys working in the field with local government, human service programs and transit agencies to find and develop opportunities to build locally-defined, regionally-connected transit services that benefit all citizens. Jean's educational history includes Psychology, Nursing and Graphic Arts at the University of Oregon. This checkered education was a great introduction to working in Head Start and long term care, which in turn was the path to public transit. In 1999, Jean completed the Paratransit/Transit Management certificate program offered by the Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management, and has participated in many other transit-specific and related training opportunities.

William Pattison, Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee, Hood River, OR

William Pattison is one of the Historic Columbia River Highway's greatest supporters. As a youth growing up in Hood River he spent countless hours on the "Highway" and today he serves as chair of the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee. In this role, Bill works effortlessly to preserve the highway for future generations along with other members of the Advisory Committee. He is also a life time member of the Crag Rats, the oldest mountain rescue organization in the United States. When he is not working on the preservation of the Historic Columbia River Highway, Bill is one to biggest proponents behind the preservation and restoration of the Cloud Cap Inn.

Paul Pearce, Skamania County, Stevenson, WA

Paul Pearce has been a Skamania County Commissioner for the last six years. In addition, Paul has previously served as the Chair of the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) and is currently the MCEDD Loan Administration Board Chair. Paul is also a member of the Regional Transportation Council (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

Paula Reeves, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Olympia, WA

Paul Reeves, AICP has been developing transportation projects for the State, cities, counties, and transit agencies for eighteen years. She currently manages the Community Design Assistance Branch at Washington State Department of Transportation and serves on the Board of Directors for the American Planning Association Washington Chapter. In both these roles she provides a range of transportation planning and engineering services to cities, counties and transit agencies including: expert advice regarding transportation and livable communities, pedestrian and bicycle facility design expertise, safe routes to schools, scenic byways, and transportation planning support relative to Washington's Growth Management Act. She has a broad transportation background that includes urban design, engineering, environmental experience, and is a practicing mediator in Thurston County. She serves on the National Transportation Research Board's Pedestrian Committee and American Institute of Certified Planners' Community Planning Committee. She earned her master's degree with engineering and law school course work in urban and regional planning from the University of Florida.

Audrey Shuffield, VPSI, Inc., Portland, OR

Audrey Shuffield is the Project Manager of the Oregon Project Office for VPSI, the largest private provider of commuter vanpool transportation services in the world and provider of transportation management services. Prior to working for VPSI, Audrey spent two and a half years working as the Business Manager at MWH Americas, Inc., an environmental engineering firm in Portland, Oregon. Before relocating to the Portland, Oregon area in December 2005, Audrey worked as a Regional Project Administrator for Envirocon; an environmental construction company headquartered in Missoula, Montana and has more than 10 years of experience as an Employee Benefits Consultant. Audrey has a BSLS in Public Relations and Communications from Montana State University. Audrey enjoys leading an active lifestyle hiking, race walking and golfing. Her civic activities include participating in the Big Brother Big Sister Program in Vancouver, Washington.

Kristen Stallman, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Portland, OR

Kristen Stallman has been ODOT Region 1's Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Coordinator since 2006. Kristen is involved in all aspects of ODOT's work in the Gorge from planning to permitting. In her role as Scenic Area Coordinator, she manages the Historic Columbia River Highway Program. Prior to working for ODOT she worked for the Oregon Parks and Recreation developing master plans for some of Oregon's most treasured landscapes. She also worked for Clackamas County as a planner. Kristen attended the University of Massachusetts and University of Oregon where she studied Landscape Architecture.

Faith Trimble, FLT Consulting, Inc., Olympia and Seattle, WA

Faith Trimble has twenty years of experience in facilitation, project management, strategic planning, public participation, and policy research. Over the last ten years, Faith has effectively applied her skill set in developing and managing partnerships between transit, human service agencies, schools and private providers in providing more mobility for people with disabilities, seniors, people with low incomes, and youth. Faith has led dozens of other urban and rural coordinated transportation plans and projects in Washington, Oregon, and California, including the development of a travel ambassador curriculum, a coordinated rural transportation service, cost allocation formula for grouped Medicaid and transit trips, and a program

evaluation for coordinating transportation for homeless students. Faith is viewed as a local expert on the issue by the Washington State Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT), which has hired her to conduct the first statewide study on special needs transportation and to facilitate council retreats and a performance summit. Faith is a graduate of the University of Washington, the MPA program of The Evergreen State College, and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and Charrette Planner. Lastly, Faith serves as adjunct faculty at The Evergreen State College.

Lindsay Walker, Alta Planning + Design, Portland, OR

Lindsay Walker is a graduate student in the Portland State University Master of Urban & Regional Planning program where she is concentrating on transportation planning. Throughout her time at Portland State University she has focused her studies on planning for bicycle and pedestrian transportation. Prior to returning to school she worked as a long-range transportation planner and non-motorized coordinator with the California Department of Transportation. During an internship with Alta Planning + Design she worked with the Port of Hood River, the Hood River Valley Residents Committee and several local agencies and residents to examine alternatives for bicyclists and pedestrians to safely and conveniently cross the Hood River Bridge. In June, Lindsay will be graduating and is looking forward to an internship in China with the Chinese Academy of Urban Planning and Design.

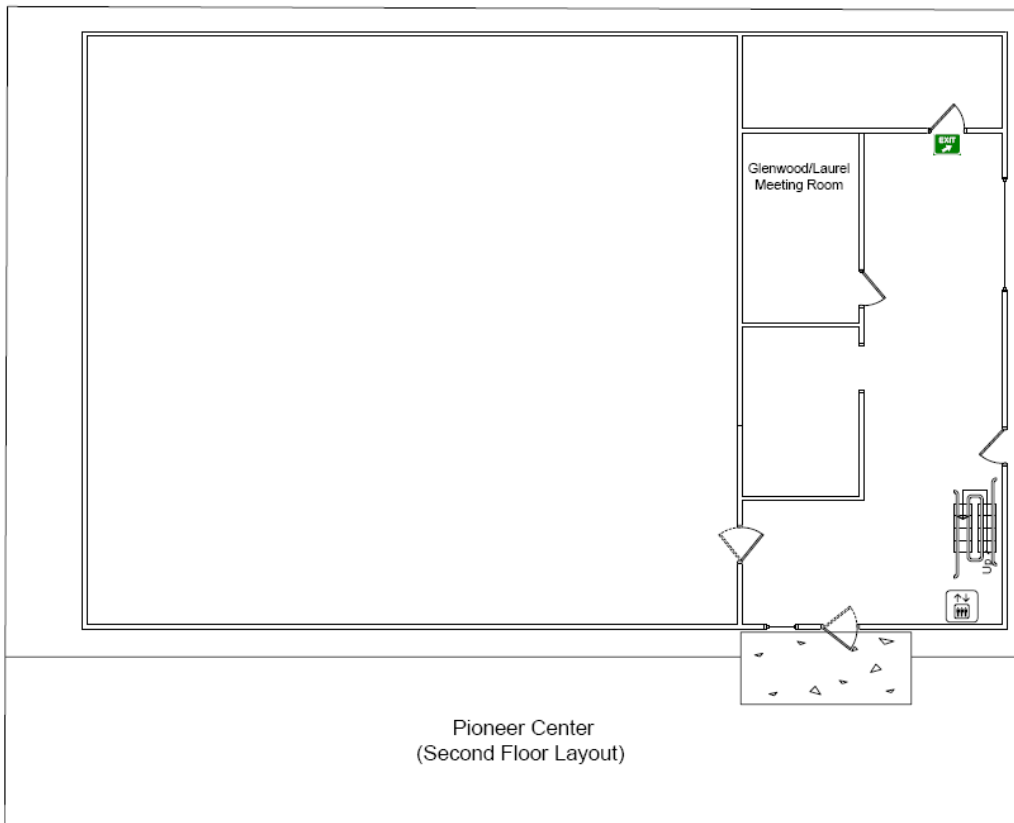
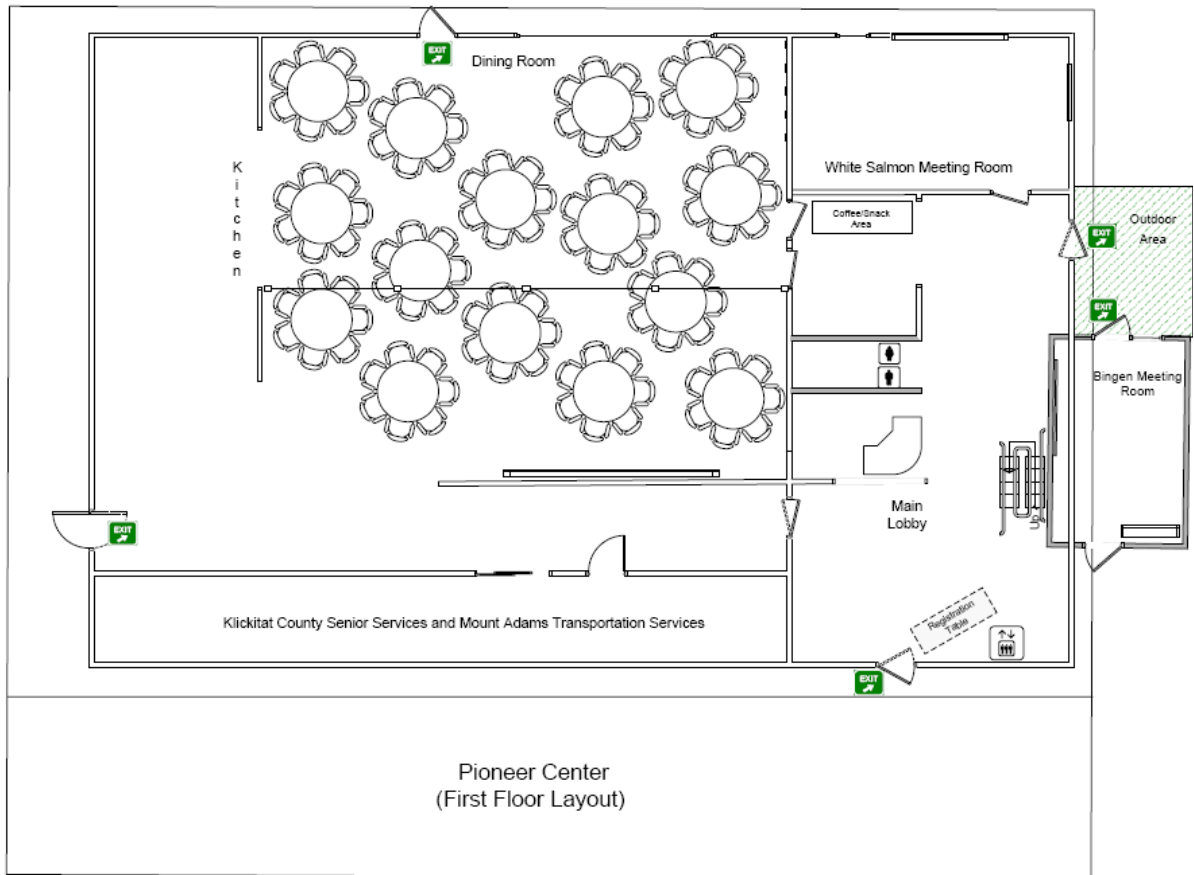
Ryan Warner, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Olympia, WA

Ryan Warner has an extensive background in public service and over the past 15 years has been focused his talents on human rights, the law, and improving the lives of people with disabilities. Ryan began his career in the San Francisco area by helping to provide, transportation and other living solutions, to clients at a non-profit organization that offered medical and psychological treatment to victims of torture from around the world. While in San Francisco, Ryan also coordinated the Student Program of the Human Rights organization Amnesty International. As part of this effort, he spent a great deal of time mentoring, lecturing, and working with young people in the Western 13 states. When the opportunity to move back to the Pacific Northwest turned up, Ryan accepted a position with the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP) as Program Coordinator for the Disabilities Project. In this role, Ryan provided technical assistance and training to Washington state rape crisis centers on legal standards and accessible environments. Most recently, Ryan facilitated the provision of legal aid to low income individuals in Thurston and Mason County through a committed volunteer army of attorneys as the Program Coordinator at the Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services. One of the principle characteristics of Ryan's work has been the use of the personal narrative as a way of shaping both policy and program. Ryan received his Bachelor's of Art from Evergreen State College in 1996 and his Master of Public Administration in 2006. Ryan is currently the Special Needs Planner at the Washington State Department of Transportation focusing on Accessibility and Coordinated Transportation.

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