

Skagit Senior Day in the Park, 8/14/14

Survey/Public Response Results

- Event scheduled from 10am-2pm; fairly empty by 1pm
- Paper surveys collected & entered: **11**
- Additional surveys distributed: **roughly 50**
- Respondents to the dot exercise: **21** (63 dots)
- Estimated public interaction: **110 individuals**

Comments from event participants:

- The wording on the dot exercise is too sophisticated—I don't understand it.
- I don't want to fill out this survey, "it's too long"/"I can't read small print."
- I appreciate Dial-A-Ride; it's my primary means of getting around.
- I'm grateful that Island Transit is fare-free.
- I live alone, clear up near Timber Lake at Hwy 20, a mile from the nearest service, have to get a friend to drive me to the bus stop. I wish there was more service off the scheduled route.
- SKAT only comes to Marblemount once a week—I have no car and this is my only way to get around!
- Often when I get on the bus, I'm the only one on it—why aren't more people using the bus?
- Sometimes I see three busses pass, one right after the other. That's a waste of money. Can't they consolidate stops?

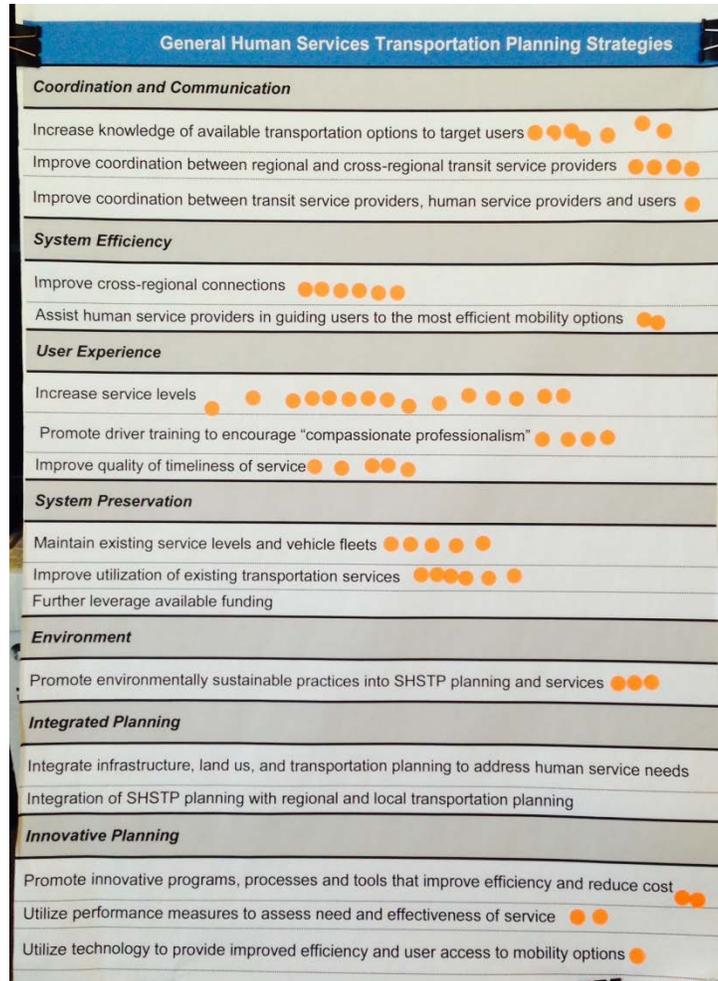


Figure 1: results of prioritization exercise at event

- I feel the bus schedule is designed for commuters, not retired people.
- I ride the bus the equivalent of 2-3 thousand miles per year, between Whatcom and Skagit counties, it's an excellent resource.
- My mother is 101 years old, and it's too hard to get her ready for a scheduled service—she's always late. So we drive her everywhere.
- Retired pastor in La Conner commented that he wishes there was Sunday service to La Conner.
- Samish River Park—transit stop is too far away.
- There is a large group of seniors on Samish Island who need transit, but there is no longer service there!
- I'm blind—is there a transportation service I can use, or do I have to have someone ride with me every time?
- I want to thank the railroad companies for keeping the trains on side tracks around noon, so we (seniors) can make it to the senior centers between 11am-1pm in Mount Vernon. This is a sincere thank you!

-Notes by Liz Theaker, SCOG intern