What is your transportation experience and what did you learn through your transit ride homework?
Here’s what we’ll learn

• Costs and benefits of transportation options
• Transit services
• Tips to ride transit
• How to plan your trip

• Other options
  – Biking
  – Car share
  – Taxi and other pay-per-ride services

• What’s coming
Costs and benefits of transportation options
Costs and benefits of transportation options

Average American family’s budget

- Housing
- Transportation
- Food
- Insurance
- Other
- Healthcare
- Remainder

19%
Options in Seattle

• Many options
• Expect to be safe no matter how you travel
Options in Seattle

• Considerations:
  – Cost
  – Time
  – Ability
Transit service: King County Metro buses

• Run in Seattle and in King County
• Get you to the most places in Seattle
Transit service: King County Metro RapidRide buses

• Same cost as regular buses
• Travels:
  – quickly
  – more often
  – serves big destinations in King County
Transit service:
Sound Transit buses

• Get to different cities quickly
• Goes to many cities in the region:
  – Everett
  – Bellevue
  – Redmond
  – Tacoma
Transit service: Sound Transit Link light rail

• Goes between SeaTac Airport and Downtown Seattle
• Fast and frequent service that does not get stuck in traffic
Transit service: Seattle streetcar

- Two lines:
  - Downtown Seattle to South Lake Union
  - Pioneer Square to Capitol Hill

- Easy to use for:
  - families
  - wheelchairs
  - strollers
Fares: how to pay

By cash or ORCA card
• Bus: pay by driver
• Train and streetcar: pay before you get on
Fares: ORCA

• Load cash or an unlimited monthly pass
• Reduced cost ORCA cards for:
  – youth
  – low-income individuals (ORCA LIFT)
  – seniors or people with disabilities (Reduced Regional Fare Permit, RRFP)
• Free transfer for two hours
• Seattle region
Fares: ORCA

E-Purse
• Stands for *electronic purse*
• Pay as you go, like a Debit Card
• Good if you don’t ride often

Monthly PugetPass
• Good for:
  – People who take bus to work
  – Depend on public transit
• Ride unlimited for a month
## Fares: Cost

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Boarding and riding transit

• Let driver know:
  – Bike on front
  – Need ramp
• Children under five are free
• Strollers are OK on transit
Boarding and riding transit

- Both pet dogs and service dogs (for people with disabilities) are allowed
- Use headphones to listen to music
Additional transit service: Public transportation orientation

• Lighthouse for the Blind offers free appointments:
  – blind
  – low-vision
  – deaf-blind

• Hopelink Mobility Management offers trainings:
  – low-income
  – veterans
  – immigrant communities
Seniors and special mobility needs: First Transit training

• Free for seniors or people with disabilities
• Metro will show people how to ride the bus, use a lift, pay the fare, and more
Special mobility needs: Access

• Anywhere a streetcar, light rail train, or bus goes
• Must have a disability to use
• Call 24 hours ahead to reserve a ride
• Will travel:
  – door-to-door
  – hand-to-hand
  – curb-to-curb
Seniors and special mobility needs: Volunteer driver programs

- Senior Services Volunteer Driver program is one type
- Seniors (60+) who:
  - Can move on their own
  - Live in King County
Income qualified services: Downtown Solid Ground circulator

- Free bus that goes around Downtown
- Low-income or need access to health or human services
Trip planning

• Online, paper schedules or by phone
• Smartphones apps or online:
  – OneBusAway
  – Transit App
• A paper schedule is good to keep in your bag and is free
Driving safely

• Stop for people walking or waiting to cross the street
• Drive at or below the speed limit
• Watch for people on bikes, especially when pulling out of driveways or turning
• Do not drive in red lanes, only buses here
Restricted parking zone

• Some neighborhoods require a sticker to park your car
• Restricted parking zones (RPZ) have a low-cost sticker for low-income families
Disabled parking

• Reserved for people with disabilities
• You must have a card in your car
  – Apply with the Washington Department of Licensing
Car share companies

- Pay a fee to join
- Travel quickly and leave the car on the street? One way? car2go
- Need to pick up furniture or travel with family? Round trip? Zipcar
Taxi and pay-per-ride service

• Lots of options
• Taxis let you either call, wave down, or use a smartphone app
  – Pike Place Market to Central Library: $5.30
• Lyft and Uber let you order a ride on a smartphone app
Pronto bicycle share

• Fee to join
• Check out a bike and ride around town for up to 30 minutes
Using a bike

- Always wear a helmet
- Use a white light in front
- Use a red light in back
- Bike lanes & trails
- OK to bike on the sidewalk and road
Travel safely

• Be seen
  – Wear bright clothing
  – Walk near streetlights

• Talk to transit employee or driver if you need help
Seattle transportation: SDOT resources

• The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has great resources
• Order a free walking map, a free biking map, and find info on transit options, too
Coming soon: Sound Transit Link light rail

- Two new stations in early 2016:
  - Capitol Hill
  - UW Stadium/Medical Center

- Late 2016:
  - SeaTac at S 200th/ Angle Lake
Coming soon: more buses

• More bus service in March 2016 for Central District, Capitol Hill and Northeast Seattle with Metro

• Sound Transit will add bus service too
Questions?

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