

North Central Washington

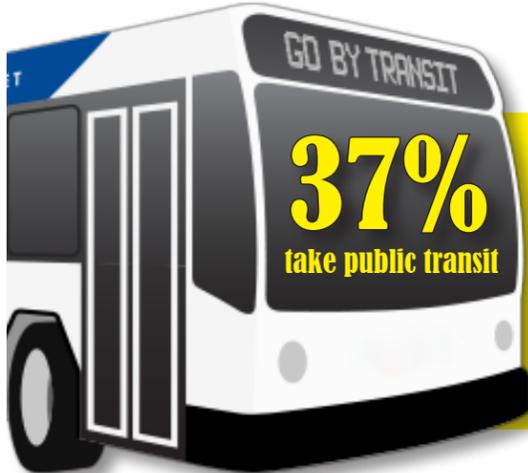
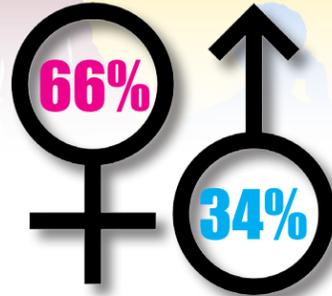
Mobility Council



800

Eight hundred surveys were received!
To see more results, visit:

www.ncwmobilitycouncil.org



Respondents indicated they used public transit for medical care (49%) and basic needs (41%). Other frequent public transit destinations such as shopping, recreation and employment ranged from 20-29 percent.

55 percent of respondents indicated they *sometimes or always* had trouble reaching destinations using public transit. Open-ended responses found transit schedules, access to transit, limited services and using public transit to get to medical appointments were the largest challenges.



Active TRANSPORTATION



61% of respondents said they use active transportation to get around. **82% said they walked and 39% said they biked.**



OUR VISION

The NCW Mobility Council is a long-term effort aimed at creating partnerships and identifying resources to expand and increase accessibility to existing services; and to advise the community on services needed to fill in the gaps.

THE SURVEY

The purpose of our survey was to explore and understand transportation needs and use throughout North Central Washington and to form a regional plan to improve transportation.

DISTRIBUTION

The survey was distributed throughout Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties via social media and email list-servs. In addition, paper copies were distributed in over **50 locations** throughout the four counties.

- 4 Spanish surveys online
- 59 Spanish paper surveys
- 238 English surveys online
- 499 English paper surveys

IMPROVEMENTS

The survey received more than 500 open ended comments describing transportation barriers and ideas to improve transportation. The comments covered a range of topics including ideas for programs, personal stories, and specific routes or projects to improve transportation options.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Partners:

My father, an avid long-distance runner and apparent sage, likes to remind me that the hardest part of running is putting your shoes on and getting out the door. Although the application of his adage is usually literal, I've found that it's relevant to just about anything – getting started is the hardest part.

The first two years of the NCW Mobility Council's existence has been spent defining who we are and what we want to be. We developed a charter, identified regional transportation needs, elected leadership, and assembled a coalition of diverse and committed stakeholders to help us carry out our mission: to increase access to services to improve the wellness of our communities and vulnerable populations in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties.

Now, our metaphorical shoes are on, and we're out the door! In December 2018, Council members voted to spend the next year promoting existing mobility resources through education and outreach. Our goal is to be an advocate for the programs that work and the people that need them.

As the last two years have demonstrated, the time and talent of our stakeholders will be the key to our future success. The year ahead will be full of opportunities to learn and collaborate, and on behalf of the NCW Mobility Council leadership, I ask for your continued engagement – after all, we've made it past the hardest part!

Sincerely,

Megan Parish, Co-Chair | NCW Mobility Council
Confluence Health Foundation

NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON
MOBILITY COUNCIL



The NCW Mobility Council was established from a Mobility Summit held in 2017, hosted by LINK Transit. The first meeting on July 26, 2017 discussed two goals resulting from the Summit in addition to creating our vision and mission statement. The two goals are:

- 1 Education of existing services
- 2 Expansion/accessibility of services, both current and future

Our Vision

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Our Mission

Improving the wellness of our communities and vulnerable populations in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties by increasing access to mobility services.

After the Summit, efforts were made toward the formation of two committees — a **survey committee** and a **strategic planning committee**.

In May 2018, a survey was distributed across the region to learn about public transit and active transportation (walking, bicycling, mobility devices) use in the region.

The NCW Mobility Council partnered with organizations across the region to distribute the survey. **The survey findings can be viewed at www.ncwmobilitycouncil.org/2018survey.** Here are some highlights from the survey:

- There were 800 responses, with most respondents living in Chelan and Douglas County.
- 37 of the respondents use public transportation and 61% identified that they use active transportation.
- We received more than 500 comments about difficulties respondents face in using active transportation and public transit, and ideas they have to improve transportation in the region.



2017 NCW Mobility Summit

The Strategic Planning Committee created a Charter to include responsibilities for voting members on the Council and outlined the background and purpose of the NCW Mobility Council. "Mobility," a key word throughout the document, was discussed intently and has been defined by the Council as "the movement of people and/or services from one place to another via traditional or innovate modes."

In addition to these two committee formations, a leadership committee was created. This committee consists of two voting stakeholders and a representative from the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council. The leadership committee also includes a clerk to maintain records and minutes of the meetings.

Our Meetings

The NCW Mobility Council meets every other month. For updates, please visit our website at: www.ncwmobilitycouncil.org.

Several partner groups hosted NCW Mobility Council meetings, including:

- The Wellness Place, Wenatchee
- Entiat Valley Community Services, Entiat
- LINK Transit, Wenatchee
- People for People, Moses Lake
- Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) and Okanogan Transit Authority (TRANGO), Okanogan

Meeting topics included:

- Human Services Transportation Plan regional needs and priorities
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Consolidated Grant Program information and support for partner agencies
- Progress reports and presentations on survey and charter subcommittee work
- Workplan development and priority setting, and information dissemination, such as partner events, new programs, webinars, training opportunities, and funding opportunities.

Regional Human Services Transportation Planning

In 2018 all three regional planning agencies updated their Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plans. The NCW Mobility Council served as the advisory committee for the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council plan, including evaluating the needs for the region and recommending projects for the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program. At several meetings the Council also explored the needs identified in both the Okanogan and Grant County planning documents to determine overlapping needs for the region and to help the Council develop a work plan for 2019.

Consolidated Grant Program



The NCW Mobility Council promoted the WSDOT Consolidated Grant opportunity to its partners and the broader North Central Washington community, and provided an educational forum for partners to learn more about the funding process. Several Council members attended a training in Ellensburg hosted by WSDOT to get

a better understanding of the program and application process. Additionally, the NCW Mobility Council served as an advisory committee for the regional ranking process of the Consolidated Grant Program. The Mobility Council provided ranking recommendations to the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council and attended the CDTC board meeting to show the NCW Mobility Council's support for partners' applications during the regional ranking process.

Bikeshare Planning Study

Based on the information received in the 2018 survey, the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council (CDTC)



B-cycle bike share — an example of bike sharing in Boulder, Colorado

submitted a grant application to the WSDOT Consolidated Grant program to complete a bikeshare feasibility study. Bikeshare has been identified in the Wenatchee Valley bike plan since 2013, and

there were questions about bikeshare and feedback shared on the survey. The NCW Mobility Council would be a partner in the study if CDTC receives the grant.

