

Deb LaCombe - YVCOG: WSDOT met with YVCOG and asked to expand the community we consider in the HSTP. Have other regions received this request from WSDOT-PT?

Answer: The Skagit Council of Governments has not received a similar request. When we worked on developing the coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan in 2014, we did scope the planning process with WSDOT's Public Transportation Division and had some discussions about how to quantify low-income populations, using 150% of poverty level to align with WSDOT consolidated grant program requirements.

Deb LaCombe - YVCOG: Did you post surveys on buses or at food banks? Did you send surveys to companies who focus on employing or training special needs populations?

Answer: We posted notice of our survey on buses with little slips of paper that folks could take with them to access the survey online. The survey was also distributed to an email list serve and paper copies were distributed and collected by members of our ad hoc committee. Surveys were not available at food banks, though that seems like a good future location to get input. We did some outreach to a local company that provides many employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, but were unfortunately unable to engage them in the process.