



Vashon-Maury Community Council  
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## Vashon-Maury Community Council Discussion Summary Thursday, September 18, 2025

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**Location:** Land Trust Building, 10014 SW Bank Rd, and on Zoom

**YouTube Video of Meeting:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvmjNYo7I1g>

*Doors open at 6:30 pm. Networking (30 min.) before the meeting. Please arrive by 6:55 pm.*

**Call to Order** - Quorum of 25 attendees was not reached, a conversation rather than a meeting followed. Agenda items not discussed are shown as strikethrough text.

Board Members Present: JC Graham, Nicole Erica Aine, Jen Hrachovec, Ann Thorn, Doug Ostrom

*Minutes of the Council Meeting were taken by Secretary Jen Hrachovec.*

**A Brief Technical Overview** was given.

**Reading of Land Acknowledgment** by Doug Ostrom.

**Rules of Conduct** were read by *President JC Graham.*

**Finalize minutes of previous Council meetings:** [August 21, 2025](#)  
[September 3, 2025](#)

**Finalize agenda for this Council Meeting:** [September 18, 2025](#)

7:30 (30 min.) **Presentation** - Island Road Safety, see News [Input Requested: Safe Streets for All.](#)

Guests:

Sergeant Theresa Schrimpsher and Major Koby Hammil (King County Sheriff's Office),  
 Director Leon Richardson and Bong StoDomingo (King County Department of Local Services)  
 John Vander Sluis (King County Roads)

Sergeant Schrimpsher and Major Hammill discussed increased DUI enforcement and the Target Zero campaign, noting that King County has limited funding for public relations efforts.

Deputy activity from 2024-5 includes:

Category	2024	2025 year to date
Traffic stops	207	267
DUI	9	9
Collisions	109	64
Injury	22	11
Non-injury	69	40
Hit and run	18	13

A second traffic officer started patrolling traffic in mid-September. Two deputies are now on the island at least one day a week.

### **Traffic Safety Plan**

John presented a traffic safety action plan for King County, focusing on analyzing collision data and identifying areas for improvement. He highlighted key factors contributing to collisions, including distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, lane departure, and roadway design. Lack of seatbelt or car seat use increases risk of injury. Motorcycle safety is an additional area of focus.

While there was discussion about DUI rates on Vashon Island, both John and the Sheriffs indicated they do not have specific data comparing DUI rates across different county areas, though they noted an overall increase in substance-impaired driving statewide.

John provided a 24/7 helpline for reporting urgent road issues and encouraged community feedback through an online survey.

### **King County Road Funding Crisis**

Leon reported that King County's road network, spanning 1,500 miles with 93 bridges, faces a significant funding gap of approximately \$200 million, with current annual funding of \$3 million expected to decrease to \$0 by 2028. The road network in unincorporated King County is funded by taxes from unincorporated areas, and these tax increases have been capped at 1%. The County has been exploring alternative revenue sources with the King County Council and Executive's Office to address the maintenance needs, focusing on critical life-safety repairs and leveraging grants where possible.

John explained that there are different budgets for road repairs, with maintenance like pothole repair prioritized over major replacements due to funding constraints. He noted that while temporary repairs can extend the life of roads, eventually full replacement becomes necessary, which is challenging given current budget limitations.

Residents may approach their King County Council member about allocating resources for road repairs.

## **24/7 Road Helpline**

- Report road maintenance and safety issues in unincorporated King County such as downed stop signs, signals that are out, or trees over the roadway — 24 hours a day at 206-477-8100 or 1-800-527-6237. More information at <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/local-services/transit-transportation-roads/roads-and-bridges/road-helpline>.

## **Traffic Safety Feedback**

- Please visit <https://publicinput.com/e00375> to help inform our Traffic Safety Action Planning.

## **Road Resurfacing Projects**

- This page provides information about our pavement preservation program, including asphalt overlay and bituminous surface treatment (also known as a seal coat or chip seal) - [Road Resurfacing Projects - King County, Washington](#). The program is able to address a very limited amount of the 1,500 miles of county roads due to the road funding crisis. Roads are selected for resurfacing each year based on their condition and on available funding.

## **~~Introduction to Rules of Procedure~~ (President JC Graham)**

**Appointment to Vashon Ferry Advisory Committee (VFAC)** was discussed and Gary English was introduced. See also [Excerpt from Gary English's application](#).

Gary, a retired Seattle Fire Department employee, discussed the ongoing **Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal Expansion** project, which is expected to begin in 2027. He explained that the terminal will be widened and raised to accommodate rising sea levels, adding lanes and a bus

and bicycle lane. Gary noted that while there may be temporary disruptions, the ferry system aims to maintain operations during construction.

~~8:20 (15 min.)~~ **Old Business**

~~None~~

~~8:35 (maximum of 20 minutes)~~ **New Business**

~~See Addendum 1 for information regarding New Business.~~

**Community Input and Questions** (the floor was open for input, questions, and discussion)

## **Announcements**

The conversation ended with a reminder for attendees to encourage friends to attend the upcoming council meeting to ensure a quorum.

## **Adjourn**

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** Thursday, October 16, 2025, 6:30 pm (Networking); 7:00 pm (Meeting).

**Board of Directors Meetings** are regularly held on first Thursdays, at the Land Trust Building.

- Guests are welcome to observe (either in person or via Zoom at the above link.)
- The next V-MCC Board meeting will be held on October 2, 2025.

General questions may be sent to [info@v-mcc.org](mailto:info@v-mcc.org)

V-MCC Secretary Jen Hrachovec can be reached directly at [Secretary.V-MCC@proton.me](mailto:Secretary.V-MCC@proton.me).

## Addendum 1. Information Regarding New Business.

- Motions may be made from the floor during this time. A substantive motion is a formal proposal put before the Council that directly addresses the reasons for which our Council exists.<sup>1</sup> Unless intermediate action is needed<sup>2</sup>, any substantive motions that are moved and seconded—unless postponed indefinitely—will be further considered and voted upon at the next Council meeting. However, routine procedural and operational motions do not automatically require a month's delay.
- Making a substantive motion (to be decided by majority rule) - or to amend, table, rescind, or postpone a motion - is *not* the only action you can take during New Business! Here are some other options:
  - Move to discuss a certain topic for a set period of time.
  - Move to seek Council consensus on a certain subject, for a set period of time.
  - Ask that a straw poll (a nonbinding record of support and opposition) be taken on a certain subject.
- There also are other possibilities for procedural motions that *will* be decided by a majority vote:
  - Request an informational presentation or written update from a committee, officer, or guest expert.
  - Move that someone (a V-MCC committee, the V-MCC Board, or someone else) be asked to investigate a certain matter and report back to the Council (either at a later date or when they are ready).
  - Move to refer an issue to an existing committee for consideration and report back.
  - Move that a certain advisory committee be formed. Ideally you will have a draft mission statement ready and at least an interim committee chair in mind. Advisory committees may be either Standing (ongoing) or Ad Hoc (temporary).
  - Move that a certain person or group be requested to address the Council. (Ideally you will also indicate a contact person or who is expected to issue the request.)
  - Move that someone (or a group) be recognized for some outstanding contribution or achievement.
  - Propose scheduling a special meeting or community forum on a specific issue.
- In formulating your substantive motion, please consider the following questions from the *GARE<sup>3</sup> Toolkit*:
  - **Proposal:** What is the policy, program, practice or budget decision under consideration? What are the desired results and outcomes?
  - **Data:** What's the data? What does the data tell us?
  - **Community engagement:** How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?
  - **Analysis and strategies:** Who will benefit from or be burdened by your proposal? What are your strategies for advancing racial equity or mitigating unintended consequences?
  - **Implementation:** What is your plan for implementation?
  - **Accountability and communication:** How will you ensure accountability, communicate, and evaluate results?

A guided consideration of these questions may be found at

[https://belonging.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/gare-racial\\_equality\\_toolkit.pdf](https://belonging.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/gare-racial_equality_toolkit.pdf)

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<sup>1</sup> These are matters such as lobbying for a certain policy change or governmental action) or amendments to V-MCC's Bylaws or Standing Rules.

<sup>2</sup> For example Board approval, in the case of Bylaws amendments.

<sup>3</sup> GARE is the Government Alliance on Race and Equity.

## Addendum 2. V-MCC Sectors and Liaisons (v3)

October 3, 2025

**Diversity and Inclusion** (Asian, BIPOC, Indigenous, Latino/Latina, race / racial equity, mixed race families, language barriers / diverse language speakers, LGBTQIA+, disabled, immigrants)

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Nicole Erica Aine \_\_\_\_\_

**Quality of Existence** (Affordable housing / homeless / unhoused, renters, landlords, wellness (healthy habits / food / activities), safety, Low income, Income inequality)

Liaisons: \_\_\_\_\_ Jen Hrachovec, Doug Ostrom, Nicole Erica Aine (affordable housing, safety) \_\_\_\_\_

**Business and Workforce** (Workforce training, service industry workers / laborers / employees)

Liaison: JC Graham \_\_\_\_\_

**Culture, Art, History and Recreation**

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Ann Thorn (esp. Recreation) \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Liaisons: \_\_\_\_\_ Jessica Annakar, Jen Hrachovec \_\_\_\_\_

**Environment** (clean water / air / ground, land sustainability, climate)

Liaisons: \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Jones, Steve Bergman \_\_\_\_\_

**Spiritual Practices**

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Doug Ostrom \_\_\_\_\_

**Healthcare** (Health and human services, people with mental health issues, people with substance abuse challenges)

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Debby Jackson \_\_\_\_\_

**Children and Youth** (including child care services)

Liaisons: \_\_\_\_\_ Jessica Annakar \_\_\_\_\_

**Seniors and Elderly** (including isolated adults and adult care services)

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ JC Graham \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterans**

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ J.C. Graham \_\_\_\_\_

**Commuters**

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ JC Graham \_\_\_\_\_

**Multi-Generational Islanders**

Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Jessica Anakar \_\_\_\_\_