



Southside Mitigation and Recovery Taskforce (SMART)

WHAT: A public/private taskforce administered by the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation and additional support from our partners, municipal collaborators, and regional agencies to find real solutions to the challenges our community faces as we confront the human and economic impacts of COVID-19.

WHO: A collection of community, business, and municipal organizations from King and Pierce County. This includes 4 chambers of commerce, 2 counties, and 10 cities alongside private organizations, such as Alaska Airlines and Expedia Group, and public enterprises, such as the Port of Seattle and Puget Sound Energy. We will also receive support from state-wide organizations such as the Association of Washington Business and the Washington Small Business Development Center.

WHY: We know that our local economy is deeply dependent on global trade and logistics, aerospace and manufacturing, hospitality and tourism, and the service economy. These sectors have been and will continue to be profoundly impacted by COVID-19. We also know that coming together in partnership and collaboration will help ensure that critical infrastructure remains operational while paving the road to economic recovery for our communities. There is value in working together. Together we are Stronger.

HOW: Industry leaders from all major sectors of our local economy, subject matter experts, and government agencies will convene (virtually) at least once a week from March 30 through August 28, 2020. These meetings will be a forum to share insight and information, guide decision making, and create multiple action plans with both public and private support that serve the direct needs of our communities. The Seattle Southside Chamber's Board Chair, Dan Mathews of Kidder Mathews, will serve as the taskforce Chairman and Andrea Reay, President/CEO, will serve as the Administrative Officer.

WHEN: Immediate action is required—within weeks—if we are to dampen the overall impact of the current crisis on small to medium business while at the same time promoting rapid recovery.

WHERE: The Chamber Office, located at 4800 South 188th Street Suite 250, SeaTac, WA 98188, will serve as the taskforce hub and will provide for taskforce members to attend SMART meetings remotely.

Please join us in making a difference by contacting:

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About the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce - The Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business organization that has served the communities of South King County since 1988. The

Chamber focuses on business advancement in the region by helping to build and maintain a strong economic environment.