



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: January 26, 2022

Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Peter Heffernan, Chair, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Gil Cerise, PSRC took a roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present. Sabina Araya, Community Transit, announced this would be her last meeting, and introduced her replacement, Thomas Tumola.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the October 27, 2021, meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Gil reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meetings held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 and Thursday, January 13, 2022, and noted there would not be a TPB Transit Caucus meeting in February. The 'At Work' report for these meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings>.

Discussion: 2022 FTA Project Selection Process

Kelly McGourty provided a brief update on the 2022 Project Selection process, including a recap of Project Selection Task Force recommendations. She said the public comment period for the updated criteria and framework has been approved by the Transportation Policy Board to be approved at the upcoming Executive Board. She noted the earned share distribution methodology for FTA funds still needed to be addressed, but there was no fixed schedule for this to date. She said she would be working with the TPB chairs to assemble a working group to help resolve issues and make decisions to move forward with the funding process.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Discussion: Draft Regional Transportation Plan

Gil provided information on the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and reviewed the key policy focus areas: access to transit, safety, equity, climate, local agency needs, and forward thinking/future investments. He noted the public comment period as January 13th through February 28th. He then reviewed the next steps to plan adoption, which is expected in May 2022. The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

The draft RTP and online open house can be found here: <https://engage.psrc.org/welcome-rtg>.

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Household Travel Survey Program

Brian Lee, PSRC, provided an update on the 2021 regional household travel survey and reviewed the preparation and proposed timeline for the 2023 survey.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

For more information, contact Brian Lee at blee@psrc.org or contact Susanne Childress at schildress@psrc.org.

Discussion: FTA Project Tracking Update/Roundtable on COVID Relief Obligation

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, presented an update on project tracking for FTA-funded projects, including information from PSRC's October 2021 Progress Reports for these projects. She reviewed transit agencies' progress in obligating federal funding from the various COVID relief bills. She reported many delays were related to the pandemic, including shifting agency priorities, supply chain issues, staffing shortages, and adjustments to the project schedule. She noted PSRC continues to track the application process in TrAMS within a certain time period and is reaching out to sponsors for any delays.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org.

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

Due to time constraints, this item was put on hold.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

***PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present**

John Bernhard, WSF; Eric Irelan, King County Metro

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Monica Adkins, Jennifer Barnes, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Erin Hogan, Brian Lee, Kelly McGourty, Kim Pearson

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

TOC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

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Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
Transit Agencies		
Community Transit (1)	x	Sabina Araya
		<i>Roland Behee (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Melissa Cauley (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		<i>Michael Schmieder (Alt.)</i>
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan, Chair
		<i>Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap Transit (1)	x	Steffani Lillie
		<i>Edward Coviello (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County Ferries (1)		VACANT
		<i>Nick Lacsina (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)	x	Lindsey Sehmel, Vice Chair
		<i>Barb Hunter (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Tina Lee (Alt.)</i>
City of Seattle (1)		Briana Lovell
	x	<i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)	x	Alex Krieg
		<i>Carrie Avila-Mooney (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Lisa Wolterink (Alt.)</i>
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)	x	Justin Resnick
		<i>John Bernhard (Alt.)</i>
WSDOT (1)	x	Dan Hoyt
		<i>Jason Beloso (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Don Chartock (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Stan Suchan (Alt.)</i>
Non-Voting Participants		
Regional FTA Caucus (1)		Melissa Cauley, Chair (Community Transit)
		VACANT
Intercity Transit		Eric Phillips
		VACANT
Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC)		VACANT
		VACANT