



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00) – Peter Heffernan, Chair (King County Metro)

2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – March 23, 2022*

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (10:05)

The 'At Work' reports for the Transportation Policy Board meetings on Thursday, March 31, 2022 and on Thursday, April 14, 2022 are available on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

4. Discussion: Transit Coordination Grant update (10:15)*

WSDOT staff will provide an update on the Legislature's actions to fund the Puget Sound Transit Coordination grant and WSDOT's plans for distributing funding for this grant source.

5. Discussion: Draft Regional Transportation Plan (10:35)*

PSRC staff will continue discussion initiated at the March meeting on several transit-related topics for potential RTP implementation, including:

- Access to transit
- Transit plan coordination and review (including coordination on transit modeling)
- 2030 transit network development
- Mobility needs from the Coordinated Mobility Plan

This time will be set aside to continue the discussion started in March and to help PSRC staff develop and refine work program items for implementation starting later in 2022. Final work program will be predicated upon the final RTP adopted in May 2022.

6. Discussion: Initiation of 2022 Transit Integration Report (11:25)*

PSRC staff will lead a discussion on development of the 2022 Transit Integration Report, prior to sharing a similar presentation to the TPB Transit Caucus in May.

7. Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable (11:45)

As time permits, transit agency staff will provide updates on their work that they want to share with their regional partners.

8. Next Meeting: May 25, 2022

Calendar Link: <https://www.psrc.org/calendar>

9. Adjourn (12:00)

*Supporting materials attached

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Date: March 23, 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.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the January 26, 2021, meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Gil reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meetings held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 and Thursday, March 10, 2022. The 'At Work' report for these meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings>.

Action: King County Metro Redistribution Request

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the King County Metro funding redistribution requests which were:

- Redistributing \$30,748,517 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett (STE) 2022 5307 Earned Share funds and \$5,298,616 in 2022 5307 Preservation Set-aside funds between projects
- Redistributing \$7,581,876 in STE 2022 FTA 5337 HIMB funds between projects

The committee agreed to vote once on both the redistribution requests and the allocation request (item below) after Sarah reviewed the allocation request and any committee questions or discussion.

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

Action: King County Metro Funding Allocation Request

Sarah reviewed the King County Metro funding allocation request to allocate \$9,501,611 in previously unprogrammed STE 2022 5337 HIFG funds to five projects. She noted this would have to be released for public comment once approved by the Transportation Policy Board. The committee discussed this request and then included this in the vote for approval of the two redistribution requests (item above). The committee then voted unanimously to approve both the redistribution requests and the allocation request for recommendation by the Transportation Policy Board.

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

Discussion: Draft Regional Transportation Plan

Gil provided an update on the draft Regional Transportation Plan 2022-2050 which included transit-related comments and potential work program items arising from the draft plan and comments/amendments that have been submitted. He presented a draft list of items that may have an impact on transit agency work programs and includes an initial assessment of existing or potential PSRC involvement. Jean Kim, PSRC, provided an overview of comments received on the Coordinated Mobility Plan from PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee meeting in March. Gil then went over the topics on the draft table in more detail and the committee discussed and provided input and suggestions.

The draft RTP and public comments submitted can be viewed on the PSRC website [here](#).

The Draft Transit Plans Overview handout can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org or Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org.

Discussion: PSRC Transit Memorandum of Understanding

Due to some committee members needing to leave the meeting early for their Triennial Reviews, it was noted by Lindsey Sehmel, Vice chair, that delaying this topic for the next meeting when more members could be present for discussion would be preferred. Gil agreed and also mentioned that although the *Memorandum of Understanding for Planning Cooperation and Coordination between PSRC and the region's Transit Agencies* calls for a periodic review, it was not time sensitive, so it could be discussed at a later date.

The PSRC Transit Memorandum of Understanding can be viewed on the PSRC website [here](#)

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

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

During the Roundtable, the committee received updates and announcements from the following attendees:

- Melinda Adams, Everett, Transit
- Gil Cerise, PSRC
- Don Chartock, WSDOT
- Dan Hoyt, WSDOT
- Hannah McIntosh, King County Metro
- Justin Resnick, WSF
- Lindsey Sehmel, Pierce Transit
- Thomas Tumola, Community Transit

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

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

John Bernhard, WSF; Don Chartock, WSDOT; Hannah McIntosh, King County Metro

PSRC

Monica Adkins, Gil Cerise, Doug Cox, Sarah Gutschow, Craig Helmann, Erin Hogan, Jean Kim, Kim Pearson, Gary Simonson

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

TOC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: March 23, 2022 10:00am - 11:30am

Online/Remote Meeting Only

| Agency/Jurisdiction | | Name |
|---|---|---|
| Transit Agencies | | |
| Community Transit (1) | x | Thomas Tumola |
| | | <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 |
| | | <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 |

Transportation Operators Committee

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Agenda Item 4 – Transit Coordination Grant update – Attachment 1

Transit Coordination Grants

Funded by: Climate Commitment Act [ESSB 5975](#) (pending bill)

Funds available: \$1 million

Fund Availability Date: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Vulnerable Populations living within Overburdened Communities Goals: Minimum 35%/Goal 40%

Sponsor: [Jill Nordstrom](#)

Staff Contact: [Evan Olsen](#)

Proviso language

[ESSB 5975 Sec 211\(4\)](#) - \$1,000,000 of the climate transit programs account—state appropriation is provided solely for newly selected transit coordination grants. The department shall give priority to grant proposals that promote the formation of joint partnerships between transit agencies or merge service delivery across entities.

Major Tasks

1. Identify eligible entities
2. Set up application funding cycle
3. Determine and vet CCA data methodologies
4. Determine and vet funding solution/ cycle
5. Finalize temporary solutions in 2023 GPAC process.

Issues to be addressed

- **Should we assume there was intent to fund the old program?** Puget Sound Coordination Grants technically no longer exist in RCW.
- **How do we incorporate new focus/language?**



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DISCUSSION ITEM

April 20, 2022

TO: Transportation Operators Committee

FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Update on the Regional Transportation Plan

IN BRIEF

At the April meeting, PSRC staff will continue discussion on potential transit-related work program items arising from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) scheduled for adoption on May 26, 2022.

DISCUSSION

At the April meeting, staff will initiate discussion on topics not discussed at the March TOC meeting and continue discussion on other topics. The topics listed below are included in the draft RTP related to transit.

Although the draft RTP is in process of being amended at the board level, and the final document is not scheduled for adoption until May 26, staff would like to solicit transit agency feedback on the following topics:

- **Access to transit:** this is a thematic element throughout the draft RTP. PSRC developed [tools and resources](#) associated with this topic in the 2013-2018 timeframe. Transit agencies have continued to work together and with local jurisdictions and the state to advance this work. We are interested in hearing from transit agency perspectives how this topic can continue to be advanced in the future. Some TOC comments on additional topics to consider at the March meeting could fall under the access to transit topic.
- **Transit plan coordination and review:** TOC began this discussion at the March TOC meeting. Staff would like to continue the discussion with a potential focus on co-creating common understanding around PSRC role associated with some of the higher priority plans without a current process in place. The topic of transit ridership modeling coordination identified in the March meeting could be included within this work program area. See attachment A for updated draft table of transit agency plans.

- **2030 transit network:** Although also previously discussed in March 2022, staff would like to do a roundtable that assesses transit agency readiness to provide a 2030 transit network that is consistent with the [Regional Capacity Project list](#) in the draft RTP.
- **Mobility needs from Coordinated Mobility Plan:** Staff conducted extensive outreach to people with disabilities, people with low-incomes, older adults, youth, and other people with mobility challenges to develop the draft [Coordinated Mobility Plan](#) incorporated as part of the draft RTP. Most of mobility needs identified in this document were those associated with the passenger experience on transit agency services. Continued discussion at the PSRC Equity Advisory Committee and the board has continued to emphasize work needed to address mobility needs of the populations covered in this plan. Staff would like to initiate discussion on how this information can be used by transit agencies to address mobility needs included in the document.

In addition to the topics listed above, TOC members identified other topics for potential inclusion as future discussion items including displacement, and challenges associated with transit fleet planning.

Staff are seeking initial TOC feedback on these topics through short discussion on each item at the April 27 meeting. Please come to the meeting prepared to provide feedback on these topics. As time allows, we can talk about additional topics of interest to transit agencies.

Lead Staff

For more information contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053.

Attachment A: Draft Survey of Transit Plans

DRAFT SURVEY OF TRANSIT AGENCY PLANS

| Transit Plan Type | Basis/Requirement | Regional Planning Nexus | PSRC Board Action (1) | Timeframe Covered | Required Update Cycle | Required MPO/RTPO involvement | Select Examples |
|---|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|---|
| Long Range Plan | VISION 2050 | Consistency with VISION 2050, including: 1) policy consistency (see Transit plan checklist). 2) consistency with RTP and the regional capacity project list and 2050 transit network 3) other elements that could be considered best practices include coordination around model inputs/modeling assumptions | Yes | Typically include at least 20 year planning horizon | Periodic, as needed | VISION 2050 and RTP consistency | - Metro Connects (updated 2021) - Sound Transit (2014) - Community Transit (2011) |
| High Capacity Transit System Plan | RCW 81.104.100(2) | Planning for high capacity transit to support VISION 2050. In addition, | Yes | Varies | Periodic, as needed | PSRC provides a conformity review/findings as required in RCW 81.104.040 and 080 | - Sound Move (1996) - ST2 (2008) -ST3 (2016) |
| Transit Development Plan (TDP) | RCW 35.58.2795 | 1) Must be consistent with all comprehensive plans. 2) Must include projects of regional significance for inclusion in Regional TIP. 3) Also tie into CTR law re: coordination with CTR-affected jurisdictions | No? | Year of plan + ensuing 5 years (6 year total) | Annual | Must be filed with regional planning councils, such as PSRC | All transit agencies have these plans |
| Transit Asset Management Plan | Federal: 49 CFR Part 625 | Regional TAM targets Can also be used for consistency with other elements. | Yes | 4 years | 4 years | TAM plans must be submitted to MPOs. Annual targets and progress toward achieving targets must be submitted to MPO annually. MPO updates regional targets, as needed, with TIP and RTP | All transit agencies have these plans |
| Transit Safety Plan | Federal: 49 CFR Part 673 | Regional Transit Safety targets Can also be used for consistency with other elements. | Yes | flexibility allowed; plans tend to cover period within 3-5 years of plan adoption | Annual updates | Transit Safety Plans must be submitted to MPOs. Annual targets and progress toward achieving targets must be submitted to MPO annually. MPO updates regional targets, as needed, with TIP and RTP | All transit agencies have these plans |
| High Capacity Transit Project Plan | RCW 81.104.100(3) | Consistency with VISION 2050 and RTP | No? | Project specific | Project specific | PSRC typically participates in processes for regionally significant projects | West Seattle-Ballard Link Extension Other BRT, rail, or ferry project plans? |
| Strategic Plan | | | No | Metro's is a 10 year plan. Do other agencies have strategic plans? | | | - King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2021-2031 |
| Service Guidelines | | | No | | | | King County Metro Service Guidelines |
| TRANSIT PLANS LESS LIKELY TO HAVE REGIONAL PLANNING NEXUS/MPO ROLE | | | | | | | |
| Annual Service Plan | | | No | 1 year | Annual | | - Sound Transit Annual Service Plan (2022) |
|and what else? | | | | | | | |



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MEMORANDUM

April 20, 2022

TO: Transportation Operators Committee

FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager
Erin Hogan, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: 2022 Transit Integration Report Introduction

IN BRIEF

At the April 27 meeting, PSRC staff will initiate discussion of the 2022 Transit Integration Report. Staff will seek feedback on a draft schedule, approach for developing the report, and an initial list of story ideas.

BACKGROUND

Each year PSRC creates a Transit Integration Report to document public transportation coordination in and between counties in the central Puget Sound region. This report is shared with WSDOT to fulfill RCW 35.58.2796(2)(a), which calls for a report on coordination among the counties in this region, specifically in the areas of:

- Integrating marketing efforts,
- Aligning fare structures,
- Integrating service planning,
- Coordinating long-range planning, including capital projects planning and implementation,
- Integrating other administrative functions and internal business processes as appropriate, and
- Integrating certain customer-focused tools and initiatives.

Additionally, the report has served to meet the reporting requirements of the transit coordination grant program (RCW 47.66.110).

DISCUSSION

Based on feedback from TOC, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Transit Caucus, and internal PSRC debriefing of the 2021 report process, PSRC has developed the following draft schedule for 2022 and started brainstorming potential report approaches and story ideas. PSRC is asking for feedback from the TOC on these plans.

Schedule

- Introduce Topic – April TOC, May TPB Transit Caucus, April/May committee meetings for SNTC, TDM, etc.

- Outline Development – May
- Story Drafting – June - August
- PSRC Internal and TOC Review – September
- Report Production – October
- Transportation Policy Board Review & Submission to WSDOT – November

Note: Per RCW 35.58.2796(2)(a) WSDOT must make the report available to the transportation committees of the legislature and the municipalities within the region by December 1st of each year.

Draft Approach and Process

- Provide some shorter updates on previously reported topics and a few new feature stories
- Explore leveraging Mobility Partnership Group sub-committees (closely aligned with TIR reporting areas)—report on work programs, priorities, progress
- Share a complete first draft with TOC members and allow an additional week for review turnaround.

Potential Story Ideas

- 2022 rollout of next generation ORCA
- East Link Connections and/or other planning for 2023 openings
- Progress on Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension—maybe spotlight equitable, community-led TOD work being done in advance of 2023 opening
- Update HCT project timeline from 2021 report
- One-Call/One-Click (King County Mobility Coalition) starting in 2022—included in 2021 report; provide short progress update?
- Coordinated operator recruitment/addressing workforce shortages.
- Changes to fare policy/enforcement approaches and evaluation of consistency; Fare-free Youth implementation
- How can we integrate/consider equity in TIR?
- Impacts of Move Ahead Washington and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Short update on new work coming out of RTP?

SUMMARY

If you have questions or feedback, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org and Erin Hogan at ehogan@psrc.org. PSRC will share progress and the report outline with TOC at the May meeting.