



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional FTA Caucus Meeting Summary

Date: June 8, 2022 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Online Meeting Only - Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Clint Ritter, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone at 10:30 a.m. and took a roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the May 11, 2022 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved as presented.

Potential Action: 2022 FTA Annual Adjustments

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an overview of the 2022 FTA annual adjustments process currently underway, including the amounts of funding received. She said the earned share and preservation set-aside project adjustments were still in progress, so the Caucus would be able to review them after the meeting.

Sarah then reviewed proposed adjustments to the FTA regional competitive projects, including adjustments to currently programmed projects and options for awarding additional funds to the contingency list. Because there were two eligible contingency projects with tied scores, she asked the Caucus for input on how to distribute funds to these projects. The Caucus discussed different scenarios for awarding the funds, but decided they needed more time to review the proposed options before making a recommendation.

Sarah said they would send out additional materials on the proposed options after the meeting. The Caucus would then take a vote by email on its recommendations to the TOC for both the earned share and preservation set-aside project adjustments and the regional competitive contingency funding.

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

Action: Project Tracking Working Group Update

Sarah provided background information on the Project Tracking Working Group's proposals for updating project tracking policies and procedures for delayed TrAMS projects. She then reviewed the revisions to the proposals requested by the Caucus at

its May 11th meeting. The Caucus reviewed the revised version and unanimously recommended the proposed updates to the TOC.

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

Discussion: FTA Spare Ratio Requirements

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro, provided an overview of fleet planning issues Metro has experienced related to complying with the FTA's spare ratio requirements. The other Caucus members then shared their experiences with these requirements and how they have impacted their funding strategies.

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

Discussion: Update on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Sarah provided an update on PSRC's continuing research on the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and how it will impact FTA programs and requirements. She noted that any new findings will be reported to the Caucus at future meetings.

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

Roundtable / Other Business

Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit, congratulated the partnership of agencies that coordinated the new ORCA card launch. She also mentioned that Sound Transit LINK is now showing positive ridership for both workweek and weekend ridership.

Tina Lee, Pierce Transit, mentioned that the Stream BRT System expansion recommendation is going to their board in August. She also noted that some of their bus services have been delayed, due to staffing shortages.

Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit, reported that last month was the groundbreaking for the new Silverdale Transit Center. She also mentioned that Kitsap Transit is in an early scoping process for a new fast ferry terminal in Seattle and noted that the public comment period for this is open.

David Morrison, King County Metro, echoed the staff shortage challenges. He reported that they are moving forward with the RapidRide I line and going through the CIG process. He said that design work is happening on the South Annex base, which will be their first electrified base and noted work continues on electrification of other bases.

Sarah reminded the committee about the call for nominations sent out to the Caucus for the Chair and Vice Chair roles and noted the due date for nominations is June 10. Once nominations were received, the Caucus would take action via vote by email before the next meeting.

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

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster for the member or alternate representing each agency at the meeting; additional alternates present are listed below.

***Alternates, Interested Parties, and PSRC Staff Present**

Krishan Aggarwal, WSF; Tyler Benson, Sound Transit; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Dave Morrison, King County Metro; Ashley Ross, Community Transit; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit

PSRC: Monica Adkins, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Jean Kim

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

Regional FTA Caucus Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

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Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
Transit Agencies		
Community Transit (1)		Melissa Cauley, Chair
	x	<i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan
		<i>David Morrison (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap Transit (1)	x	Steffani Lillie
		<i>Jeff Davidson (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County Ferries (1)	x	Clint Ritter, Vice Chair
		<i>Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)		Barb Hunter
	x	<i>Tina Lee (Alt.)</i>
Seattle DOT (1)	x	Benjamin Smith
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)	x	Lisa Wolterink
		<i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)	x	John Bernhard
		<i>Rick Singer (Alt. 1)</i>
		<i>Krishan Aggarwal (Alt. 2)</i>
		<i>Leslie Rifkin (Alt. 3)</i>
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit		Eric Phillips
		Jessica Gould
Skagit Transit		Marcy Smith