



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.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 – September 28, 2022*

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (10:05)

The 'At Work' reports for the Transportation Policy Board meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

4. Discussion: Transit-related Elements of RTP Dashboard (10:15)

PSRC will share draft transit-related elements of the RTP Dashboard that is being prepared for the board.

5. Discussion: Regional Modeling Products (10:35)

PSRC will share an overview of regional modeling products and update cycles for products that are useful for local jurisdictions and transit agencies preparing updates to their long-range plans.

6. Discussion: Development of PSRC FY 2024-2025 Transit-related work program (10:50)*

PSRC will share a draft of the agency's transit-related work program for incorporation into its next biennial budget with requested additional information on timeframes for key work program items in that timeframe. PSRC will share the draft work program with the transit executives at the November/December Mobility Partnership meeting.

7. Information: Progress on 2022 Transit Integration Report (11:05)

PSRC will provide a brief update on progress to complete the 2022 Transit Integration Report and will seek TOC feedback for future reports. The 2022 Transit Integration Report will be presented at the November 10, 2022, Transportation Policy Board meeting.

8. Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable (11:20)

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

9. Next Meeting: November 30, 2022

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

10. Adjourn (11:30)

*Supporting materials attached

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Date: September 28, 2022

Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Peter Heffernan, Chair, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. and took a roll call to and confirmed the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the August 24, 2022 meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Peter and Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

The 'At Work' reports for the Transportation Policy Board meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

Discussion: State Frequent Transit Service Project

Monica Ghosh, WSDOT presented information about the state proviso on frequent transit service. She explained that during the Legislature's 2022 session, WSDOT was instructed to conduct a study of statewide transit service benchmarks and that after working with stakeholder advisory groups over the summer, WSDOT is now preparing to draft the initial report. She reviewed the project background, engagement efforts and components of the report and data analysis. The committee was encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback.

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

For more information, contact Monica Ghosh at ghoshmo@wsdot.wa.gov

Discussion: Development of PSRC FY 2024-2025 Transit-related work program

Gil reviewed the memo and attachment of a draft of the agency's transit-related work program in the [agenda packet](#) for incorporation into its next biennial budget. He asked the committee for additional feedback on this topic before sharing with the transit executives at an upcoming Mobility Partnership meeting. The committee provided information, comments and suggestions.

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

Information: 2022 Transit Integration Report

Gil and Erin Hogan, PSRC, provided an update on the DRAFT 2022 Transit Integration Report and reminded the committee that feedback is due on September 28, 2022. They provided an overview of feedback received to-date and outlined next steps which included updating the report with any additional input or comments offered before presenting to the Transportation Policy Board in November.

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or Erin Hogan at ehogan@psrc.org

Discussion: Work Session on data collection and display for FTA Regional Targets

Gil reviewed the memo on the [agenda packet](#) regarding FTA performance measures and targets focusing on Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Transit Safety and reminded the committee that the FTA requires reporting on performance targets for these two topic areas.

Gary Simonson, PSRC, then began the work session by providing an informal review of data collected to-date on transit-related performance metrics associated with asset management. The transit agencies were encouraged to discuss and share experiences on data collection and any feedback loops up to now on this topic, as well as note any discrepancies and potential improvements. The committee discussed the information provided, asked questions, and made comments and suggestions.

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org and Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

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

- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro
- Zach Howard, WSDOT
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Justin Resnick, Washington State Ferries
- Lindsey Sehmel, Pierce Transit
- Thomas Tumola, Community Transit

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

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

John Bernhard, WSF; Don Chartock, WSDOT; Ed Engel; Monica Ghosh, WSDOT;
Larry Schwerzler; King County Metro

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Monica Adkins, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Erin Hogan, Jean Kim, Gary Simonson

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

TOC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: September 28, 2022 10:00am - 12:00pm

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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)		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	Zack Howard
		<i>Jason Beloso (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Don Chartock (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Stan Suchan (Alt.)</i>
Non-Voting Participants		
Regional FTA Caucus (1)		Steffani Lillie , Chair (Kitsap Transit)
		<i>Clint Ritter, Vice Chair (Pierce County Ferries) (Alt.)</i>
Intercity Transit (1)	x	Eric Phillips
		VACANT
Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) (1)		Susan Carter, Chair (Hopelink)
		VACANT



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Memorandum

Date: October 26, 2022

To: Transportation Operators Committee

From: Gil Cerise, Program Manager

Subject: **Development of Transit-Related Work Program for PSRC's FY 2024-25 Biennial Budget**

In the 2020 project selection cycle, the PSRC Executive Board approved use of FTA Section 5307 funds for future PSRC transit-related work, including the \$2.5 million in FTA Section 5307 (FFY 2024 and 2025 funds) plus local match being used for PSRC's 2024-25 budget biennium.

After funding approval and programming in the Regional TIP, PSRC develops a transit-related work program and coordinates with the TOC prior to sharing the draft work program with the transit executives. PSRC then forwards the transit-related work program to the board as part of its biennial budget development, typically in November/December prior to budget adoption.

Feedback from September TOC and Revision

The TOC discussed the draft work program that PSRC shared at the September meeting and provided some feedback to PSRC on changes with some overarching feedback that PSRC should identify the discrete work program topics that will require transit agency feedback at specific times (rather than ongoing work) and share that with TOC. PSRC updated with additional language on specific topics as well as identifying discrete work program topics and timeframes. Please review the Attachment A with substantive changes to the draft work program.

Next Steps

PSRC plans to share the draft transit-related work program with transit executives in November, prior to sharing with the PSRC boards.

As is currently the practice, PSRC will continue to work closely with transit agencies through the TOC and will make updates and adjustments to the work program, as needed.

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or (206) 971-3053

Attachment A: Revised DRAFT PSRC FY 2024-25 Transit-related Work Progra

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Puget Sound Regional Council FY 2024-25 Transit-related Work Program (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025)

The PSRC FY 2024-2025 work program will include the following major work program items providing context for this work:

- Implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan, consistent with VISION 2050.
- Continued work to implement VISION 2050 actions that advance the transit-focused growth strategy in an equitable manner.
- Assisting jurisdictions in updating their comprehensive plans consistent with the regional growth strategy.
- Updating transit agency long-range plans to be consistent with VISION 2050 and the RTP.
- Beginning work developing the next RTP (planned for adoption in 2026-2050).

The PSRC regional transit work program will directly support these efforts with transit-supportive planning, policy, and data work beyond the standard PSRC Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsibilities. This work program incorporates both planning and data work subjects, as appropriate.

To assist transit agencies in planning for coordination with PSRC on discrete work program topics that are anticipated in this timeframe, those work program items have been identified using *italics*, and timeframes when PSRC anticipates the main part of the transit agency coordination will occur has been identified under the “Summary of work products” for each subject area (example: “*Timeframe: Q2 of 2025*”). NOTE: all timeframes are estimated as of October 2022 and subject to change. PSRC will continue work with transit agency staff to refine and update the work program over time. As additional discrete tasks are identified that arise from this work, PSRC will provide updates through the TOC.

VISION 2050

Implementing actions called for in VISION 2050 is the focus of work in this topic area. A notable element of the updated regional growth strategy is an increased emphasis on accommodating future growth in proximity to high-capacity transit, with a goal of 65% of population and 75% of employment locating near existing and planned high-capacity transit service. Among the important transit-related work items implementing VISION 2050 is the development of a Regional Equity Strategy. Other VISION 2050 implementation work includes actions associated with Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and housing that ensure that TOD is a significant factor in accommodating growth planned within transit station areas and corridors out to a 2050 planning horizon year.

Summary of work products:

- Support for development of the Regional Equity Strategy.
- Continuing the Regional TOD program and the Regional TOD Committee.

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- Regional guidance for Transit Station Area densities.

Regional Transportation Plan Implementation

During the PSRC FY 2024-25 biennium, PSRC will continue work on implementation of the RTP. Transit-supportive work program in this area will consist of implementation actions, including supporting local governments and transit agencies in preparation for the 2024 comprehensive plan updates and associated transit agency long range plan updates; and addressing other transit-related components of RTP implementation, noted in Summary of Work Products, below. Near the end of the biennium (2024 and beyond), work will also occur on preparation for the next RTP, scheduled for adoption in spring 2026.

Summary of work products:

- Development of any resources or technical assistance called for in the RTP that helps transit agencies and local jurisdictions work together to update plans and programs to implement the VISION 2050 regional growth strategy. Examples of resources may include:
 - *Updates to transit access guidance and resources. This work will include continued review and assessment of sidewalk data and ability to assess gaps in connectivity. [Timeframe: Q1 2023 – Q2 2024]*
 - Transit-related elements of regional safety work identified in the PSRC work program
 - Collection, maintenance and update of transit-related data and performance metrics for use in planning and monitoring implementation.
 - *Regional convening on future high-capacity transit corridors in support of implementing the regional growth strategy. [Timeframe for convening: Q4 2023]*
 - Implementing strategies associated with the region's Coordinated Mobility Plan to improve mobility for people with disabilities, older adults, and other people with mobility challenges.

Initiating Development of Next 2026–2050 RTP (to be adopted 2026)

Beginning in 2024, PSRC will begin work on developing the next RTP, scheduled for adoption in spring 2026. With completion of comprehensive plan updates and transit agency long-range plan updates and other RTP implementation topics noted above, this work will include work to incorporate transit-supportive elements into a draft RTP. Illustrative work products will include the following:

Summary of work products:

- Draft transit-related components of the new Regional Transportation Plan. This includes:
 - *Updated future transit network assumptions. [Timeframe: Q1 2025 – Q2 2025]*
 - *Updated transit data and performance metrics and plan outputs. [Timeframe: Q2 – Q4 2025]*

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- *Updates to other transit-related components, including but not limited to, transportation demand management; specialized transportation; and mobility on demand and other innovations in public transit. [Timeframe: Q1 – Q3 2025]*

Ongoing Coordination Efforts and Emerging Issues

PSRC will continue ongoing transit-related coordination and integration efforts, as well as working on emerging issues as they arise. As with past PSRC transit-related work programs, PSRC will continue dialogue with the public transit operators, and update the work program based upon feedback as issues arise. This part of the work program includes work in the following areas:

- Annual report on transit integration and coordination.
- Ongoing PSRC support/input at Transit Executives meetings.
- 2023 Regional Household Travel Survey oversample for transit, including analysis and communicating results to transit partners.
- Continued data and analysis in support of public transit operators, such as analysis of changing travel patterns associated with high-capacity transit expansion, recovery from COVID-19 pandemic, and incorporating these into models. This task includes periodic sharing of trends with public transit operators to assist in their planning work.
- Coordination with public transit operators on data collection and implementation of performance-based planning.
- Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) work, including broadening TDM programs and reinforcing their support for public transit.
- Continuing to advance equity, social justice, and similar considerations into the transportation planning process.