



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **Regional FTA Caucus Meeting Summary**

**Date: October 12, 2022 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**Location: Online Meeting Only - Zoom Remote Meeting**

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#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Steffani Lillie, 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 June 8, 2022 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved as presented.

#### **Discussion: TPB FTA Working Group Update**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed recent discussions of the Transportation Policy Board FTA Working Group. At the first meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, the group had received a general overview of PSRC's FTA funding distribution process and discussed their concerns with the current process. For the second meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the group heard additional background information on the process and were then asked to present their proposals for changing the current allocation methodology. She noted the next meeting would be held sometime in November.

*For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org).*

#### **Discussion: Update on Delayed TrAMS Obligations**

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, gave an overview of the information provided in the [agenda packet](#) on projects currently experiencing delays in obligating their regional FTA funds or "flexed" FHWA funds, in accordance with recently updated criteria for delayed projects. Caucus members with delayed projects then provided further details about their grant applications and the work they had been doing to advance them toward obligation. Sarah noted they would be gathering additional information about the projects after the meeting to help the Caucus determine next steps for the delayed projects.

*For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at [sgutschow@psrc.org](mailto:sgutschow@psrc.org).*

## **Discussion: FTA Funding and Requirements**

Doug Cox, PSRC, provided a presentation on information PSRC has gathered about the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and shared how that information could be accessed. He said PSRC staff would continue to gather information on the BIL and how it will impact FTA programs and requirements, and encouraged Caucus members to reach out with any questions or other comments regarding the BIL.

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

*For more information, contact Doug Cox at [dcox@psrc.org](mailto:dcox@psrc.org).*

## **Roundtable / Other Business**

Melinda Adams, Everett Transit, reported on delays in their electric bus implementation. She said they were continuing to build charging stations and wayfinding displays and adding driver hours in support of implementation.

John Bernhard, Washington State Ferries (WSF), reported that WSF recently adopted its new budget and it has a focus on using more hybrid/electric vessels. He also noted that Rick Singer, WSF, recently retired.

Barb Hunter, Pierce Transit, reported on the groundbreaking for their new Spanaway Transit Center. She also noted that Pierce Transit has a new grant coordinator that she will be introducing at the next meeting.

Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit, reported that the Silverdale Transit Center construction is in progress and on track.

David Morrison, King County Metro, reported the South Annex base electrification project was progressing on time for implementation of the 2025-2026 electric bus fleet.

Kathryn Rasmussen, Community Transit, reported that Melissa Cauley started her new position as the Deputy Director of Planning and that a new grants person has also been hired.

Benjamin Smith, City of Seattle, mentioned that they have a new SDOT Director, Greg Spotts.

*For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at [sgutschow@psrc.org](mailto:sgutschow@psrc.org).*

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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## **\*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, Washington State Ferries; Tyler Benson, Sound Transit; Gina Hortillosa, KBA, Inc.; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Eric Irelan, King County Metro; Dave Morrison, King County Metro; Jim Storment, City of Seattle

PSRC: Monica Adkins, Gil Cerise, Doug Cox, Sarah Gutschow, Nick Johnson, Kelly McGourty, Miles Stepleton, Kalon Thomas

*\*All attendees were present via remote participation*

# Regional FTA Caucus Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

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Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
<b>Transit Agencies</b>		
Community Transit (1)	x	Kathryn Rasmussen
		<i>Ashley Ross (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		<i>Amanda Koerber (Alt.)</i>
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan
		<i>David Morrison (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap Transit (1)	x	Steffani Lillie, Chair
		<i>Jeff Davidson (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County Ferries (1)	x	Clint Ritter, Vice Chair
		<i>Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)	x	Barb Hunter
		<i>Tina Lee (Alt.)</i>
Seattle DOT (1)	x	Benjamin Smith
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)		Lisa Wolterink
		<i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>
	x	<i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>
<b>State</b>		
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>
<b>Non-Voting Participants</b>		
Intercity Transit		Eric Phillips
		Jessica Gould
Skagit Transit		Marcy Smith