



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00) – Lindsey Sehmel, Vice-Chair (Pierce Transit)

2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – October 26, 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. Action: King County Metro Redistribution Request* (10:10)

King County Metro is requesting a funding redistribution of \$928,576 in Seattle-Tacoma-Everett (STE) 2022 FTA 5307 Earned Share funds between projects. This action is pending a Regional FTA Caucus action to be completed in a vote-by-email.

5. Discussion: Climate Change Implementation Strategy (10:15)

PSRC will engage the TOC in discussion on the region's climate change implementation strategy work with a focus on transit-related components of that work.

6. Discussion: 2023-25 Transit-related Work Program update and review of Draft Transit Access Work Program (10:35)*

PSRC will share updated transit-related work program materials with the committee, including a draft work program narrative for the Transit Access topic. PSRC will seek transit agency feedback on the draft transit access work program with a focus on answering questions relating to work program content, use of existing PSRC transit access tools and data, other transit access resources we should review, and how to engage transit agencies in initial stages of this work.

7. Discussion: Revive I-5 in 2023 and Implications for Transit (11:00)

At the October 26 TOC meeting, members requested a briefing on WSDOT's 2023 Revive I-5 Project. The committee will engage in discussion on the opportunities and challenges that this project poses for transit in the region.

8. State Transit Studies (11:25)

WSDOT will share an update on the State's [Frequent Transit Study](#) as well as the Public Transportation Unmet Needs Study. The Frequent Transit Study includes an assessment of transit service levels across the state, as well as an inventory of data needs to better calculate access to frequent transit service in the state. The two studies provide information about existing gaps, disparities, and funding for transit in the state and help set the stage for a future update of the State's Public Transportation Plan.

9. Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable (11:50)

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

10. Next Meeting: February 22, 2023

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

11. Adjourn (12:00)

*Supporting materials attached

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Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: October 26, 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 September 28, 2022 meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Peter and Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on Thursday, October 13, 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: Transit-related Elements of RTP Dashboard

Craig Helmann, PSRC, shared draft transit-related elements of the RTP Dashboard that is being prepared for the board. Several committee members shared feedback, including expressing a continuing interest in following this topic.

The presentation can be viewed on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/media/7091>.

For more information, contact Craig Helmann at chelmann@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Modeling Products

Craig shared 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.

The presentation can be viewed on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/media/7103>.

For more information, contact Craig Helmann at chelmann@psrc.org.

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

Gil shared a draft of the agency's transit-related work program that relies upon FTA 5307 funds for incorporation into its next biennial budget with requested additional information on timeframes for discrete (not ongoing) work program items in that timeframe. PSRC will share the draft work program with the transit executives at the December Mobility Partnership meeting.

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

Information: Progress on 2022 Transit Integration Report

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

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

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Monica Adkins, Gil Cerise, Craig Helmann, Erin Hogan, Sarah Gutschow, Nick Johnson, Jean Kim, Kelly McGourty, Anna Morrow, Miles Stepleton

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

TOC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: October 26, 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)		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	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)		Eric Phillips
		VACANT
Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) (1)	x	Susan Carter, Chair (Hopelink)
		VACANT

King County Metro Redistribution Request

Request: King County Metro (KCM) requests to redistribute \$928,576 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett (STE) UZA FFY2022 FTA 5307 Earned Share (ES) funds between the projects identified below.

Explanation: The redistribution is needed because KCM recently decided they are not moving forward at this time with work on the West Seattle Terminal Replacement Project. Therefore, KCM requests to redistribute funds from its "West Seattle Terminal Replacement" project to its "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024" project. After the federal funds are redistributed, KCM will remove the "West Seattle Terminal Replacement" project from the Regional TIP. The "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024" project will use the additional funds for further preventative maintenance of transit-related vehicles, equipment and facilities.

FFY 2022 STE UZA 5307 ES Funds

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2022	KCFD-12	West Seattle Terminal Replacement	5307 ES	\$928,576	-\$928,576	\$0
2022	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	5307 ES	\$27,242,148	\$928,576	\$28,170,724



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Memorandum

Date: January 25, 2023

To: Transportation Operators Committee

From: Gil Cerise, Program Manager

Subject: **Update on PSRC Transit-Related Work Program and review of Draft Transit Access Work Program**

The TOC provided feedback PSRC's transit-related work program for the FY 2024-25 biennium at two meetings in fall of 2022. Since then, staff updated materials and shared them with the TOC chair and vice-chair in preparation for a presentation to the Mobility Partnership in December 2022.

PSRC staff are sharing a look-ahead for 2023 topics that the TOC will review (see attachment 6A). Please review the attachment and be prepared to provide input on anything that may be missing or that you would like clarification on. PSRC staff will plan to share an updated Gantt chart of planned PSRC work program activities with the TOC at the January 25 meeting.

In addition, PSRC completed outreach on the draft transit access work program to three committees: the TOC, Regional TOD Advisory Committee, and the BPAC. Based upon the feedback received, we have developed a short summary work program for the transit access topic (see Attachment 6B).

We would like transit agency feedback on the draft work program narrative along with some feedback on early tasks, including:

- Have your agencies or local jurisdictions that you work with used the PSRC Transit Access Toolkit and Checklist in their work on transit access? See: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/transit-access>
- What other transit access studies, tools, and resources should PSRC review as part of Task 1 of the work program (Review existing transit access tools/resources in conjunction with updated data to help identify potential improvements to transit access assessments and next steps)?
- How can PSRC best engage transit agencies and other stakeholders in conducting the work envisioned in the draft work program?

Next Steps

PSRC is anticipating beginning work on Task 1 of the draft work plan in February. We will develop a plan for stakeholder engagement based upon feedback from TOC and other committee stakeholders.

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org.

Attachment A: 2023 TOC Planned Meeting Topics

Attachment B: Draft PSRC Work Program for Improving Transit Access

2023 TOC Planned Meeting Topics



Ongoing

- FTA fund adjustments
- FTA fund project tracking

Quarter 1 (January – March)

- Project Tracking Update from 2022
- Transit's role/inputs in Climate Change Implementation Strategy
- Transit-related data/measures in RTP dashboard
- Initiation of Transit Access work program
 - Review and assessment of existing tools and data
- Regional Safety Plan coordination
- Follow-up on regional FTA safety performance targets

Quarter 2 (April – June)

- Transit Access work program
 - Review and assessment of existing tools and data
 - Inventory of Microtransit/MOD services
- Initiation of 2023 Transit Integration Report
- Regional Safety Plan coordination
- FTA regional target data collection method and timing

Quarter 3 (July – September)

- Transit Access work program
 - Completion of review and assessment of existing tools and data & report on next steps
 - Inventory of Microtransit/MOD services
- TOC review of 2023 Transit Integration Report (September)
- Regional Safety Plan coordination
- Preparation for Future of High-Capacity Transit convening (proposed)

Quarter 4 (October – December)

- Transit Access work program
 - Next steps: pedestrian and bicycle access to transit improvements
 - Next steps: accounting for/assessing need for Microtransit/MOD services
 - Other potential next steps

- Draft 2023 TIR presentation (prep for Nov TPB?)
- Regional Safety Plan coordination
- Involvement in Future of High-Capacity Transit convening (proposed)
- Periodic review of annual FTA regional performance targets and actuals

PSRC DRAFT Work Program

Improving Transit Access

RTP Regional Action: “Develop and update tools and resources to help identify where access to transit can be improved, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians.”

Task 1: Review existing transit access tools/resources in conjunction with updated data to help identify potential improvements to transit access assessments and next steps

The intent of this task is to review and build off of existing transit access tools and resources, both those developed by PSRC, as well as relevant information provided by other agencies.

Resources to review/consider:

- PSRC Transit Access resources available at: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/transit-access>
- Data resources available for the region at a scale that is useful for assessing access improvements
- Transit access policies, strategies, and resources provided by the region’s transit agencies and WSDOT

Deliverable: a draft report providing an analysis of existing transit access tools and data, along with a recommendation for next steps in Task 2.

Task 2: Identify potential improvements to assessment of pedestrian and bicycle connectivity near existing and planned transit stations.

Based upon the findings from Task 1, PSRC will consider ways of improving assessment of pedestrian and bicycle connectivity near transit facilities. Given constraints of time and resources, prioritize existing and planned transit facilities that do or will move the most people.

Deliverable: This task and its deliverable will be updated based upon findings from Task 1.

Task 3: Review and assess Mobility On Demand (MOD)/Microtransit and other flexible transit services in providing transit access.

Inventory existing and past microtransit or MOD services within the region. Build on existing inventories of specialized transportation services found in Coordinated Mobility Plan and other resources. Assess the role that these services provide in transit access within the region and assess transit agency plans for expanding these services over time.

Deliverable: Inventory of microtransit/MOD services and their characteristics. Assessment of the role of microtransit/MOD in future transit plans for use in RTP update.

Task 4: Update PSRC’s existing transit access resources

Based upon findings from Tasks 1-3, make updates to the PSRC Transit Access Assessment, and the Transit Access Checklist and Toolkit. Incorporate any updated findings relating to equity, safety, and other relevant work.

Task 5: Work with stakeholders to develop regional transit access needs assessment and potential recommendations for addressing those needs.

Building on work of previous tasks, work with stakeholders to explore development of regional transit access needs assessment and/or identification of recommendations to better assess transit access needs in the future.

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