



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: January 25, 2023

Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Gil Cerise, PSRC, facilitated the meeting. He welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. and took a roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the October 26, 2022, meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Gil reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

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>.

Action: King County Metro Redistribution Request

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the King County Metro request for a funding redistribution of \$928,576 in Seattle-Tacoma-Everett (STE) 2022 FTA 5307 Earned Share funds between projects. She noted that the Regional FTA Caucus has already taken action to recommend this request via a completed vote-by-email. The committee discussed and then voted unanimously to recommend the request for approval by the Transportation Policy Board.

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

Discussion: Climate Change Implementation Strategy

Kelly McGourty and Craig Helmann, PSRC, presented information on the region's climate change implementation strategy work with a focus on transit-related components of that work.

The presentation can be viewed on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/media/7389>.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org or Craig Helmann at chelmann@psrc.org.

Discussion: 2023-25 Transit-related Work Program update and review of Draft Transit Access Work Program

Gil shared updated transit-related work program materials with the committee, including a draft work program narrative for the Transit Access topic. He asked the committee for feedback, particularly on how to engage transit agencies in initial stages of this work. Materials reviewed included the draft transit access work program relating to work program content, use of existing PSRC transit access tools and data, other transit access resources. Given the short amount of time available, Gil indicated he would send an email to members requesting feedback.

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

Discussion: Revive I-5 in 2023 and Implications for Transit

Tom Collins, Kyengo Ndile and Tom Pearl, WSDOT, provided a briefing on WSDOT's 2023 Revive I-5 Project, and the opportunities and challenges that this project poses for transit in the region.

The presentation can be viewed on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/media/7387>

For more information, contact Tom Collins at CollinT@wsdot.wa.gov, Kyengo Ndile at NdileK@wsdot.wa.gov and Tom Pearce at PearceT@wsdot.wa.gov.

State Transit Studies

Don Chartock, WSDOT, provided an introduction to the WSDOT State Frequent Transit Study as well as the Public Transportation Unmet Needs Study. Both studies originated from 2022 legislative provisos. 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, which helps provide information for a future update of the State's Public Transportation Plan.

Monica Ghosh and Coby Zeifman, WSDOT, presented the information that the two studies have provided about existing gaps, disparities, and funding for transit in the state, and reviewed next steps, which includes finishing Phase 2 of the Frequent Transit Service Study, and completing the Unmet Needs study. These studies will inform the State's Public Transportation Plan update process.

The presentation can be viewed on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/media/7390>

For more information, contact Monica Ghosh at monica.ghosh@wsdot.wa.gov and Coby Zeifman at zeifmanc@wsdot.wa.gov.

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

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

- Melinda Adams, Everett Transit
- Cordy Crockett, WSDOT
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Steffani Lillie, Kitsap 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**

Elsa Brown, City of Seattle; Jacob Brett, King County Metro; Don Chartock, WSDOT; Tom Collins, WSDOT; Monica Ghosh, WSDOT; Zach Howard, WSDOT; Carrie Lee; Amy Moreno, WSDOT; Dave Morrison, King County Metro; Kyengo Ndile, WSDOT; Tom Pearce, WSDOT; Erik Rundell, King County Metro; Coby Zeifman, WSDOT

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

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

TOC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

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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)		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)		Lindsey Sehmel, Vice Chair
	x	<i>Barb Hunter (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Tina Lee (Alt.)</i>
City of Seattle (1)		VACANT
	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	Cordy Crockett
		<i>Jason Beloso (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Don Chartock (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Stan Suchan (Alt.)</i>
Non-Voting Participants		
Regional FTA Caucus (1)	x	Steffani Lillie , Chair (Kitsap Transit)
		<i>Clint Ritter, Vice Chair (Pierce County Ferries) (Alt.)</i>
Intercity Transit (1)	x	Peter Stackpole
		<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) (1)		Susan Carter, Chair (Hopelink)
		VACANT