



## Puget Sound Regional Council

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

**Date: February 8, 2023 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.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 December 14, 2022 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved as presented.

#### **Potential Action/Discussion: Review of Delayed TrAMS Obligations**

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an overview of projects currently experiencing delays in obligating their regional FTA funds or “flexed” FHWA funds, as detailed in the [agenda packet](#). Project sponsors then provided additional information on their delayed projects, including current efforts to advance their projects towards obligation or else return the funds to the region for redistribution.

Joanna Hankamer, City of Seattle, presented proposed next steps for their agency’s delayed Center City Connector project. Joanna said that over the next eight months, Seattle would use local funds for work to confirm and update key project elements. Following this planning phase, Seattle would embark on full project design and engineering updates using the delayed \$7.32 million in 2018 CMAQ funds, originally awarded for vehicle purchases. To that end, they requested that the Caucus defer any recommendation on these delayed funds until they completed their planning update in September 2023. At that point, Seattle would obligate the remaining unobligated \$3.5 million and begin expending the already obligated \$3.8 million in CMAQ funds.

The Caucus discussed this proposal and then took action to recommend the proposed updated timeline and shift of the funds to the preliminary engineering and design phase, contingent on Seattle providing updates to the committee at a mid-point check-in prior to September 2023.

David Morrison, King County Metro, then provided updates on how the agency was working with their FTA grant representative to prioritize unobligated grants and move

them forward to obligation. The Caucus said they needed more detailed explanations before making a recommendation on Metro's delayed projects and requested that the agency provide more information at the next Caucus meeting on the overall plan and schedule for all of their unobligated funds. David said that Metro would provide that information prior to the next Caucus meeting.

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

### **Discussion: 2023 FTA Annual Adjustments and 2020 Census Updates**

Sarah provided an update on the recently released 2023 FTA apportionments, including an overview of the funding received and the draft annual adjustments process schedule. She also presented information on updated regional data and Urbanized Area designations from the 2020 Census.

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

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

Sarah reviewed the new requirement under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that Section 5307 grantees certify in every grant application that at least .75% of 5307 funds in the grant are used for safety-related projects or project components. Caucus members then provided some information on which projects or project components they have been using to certify they are meeting the new safety requirement in their recent grant applications. Sarah said that after the meeting PSRC would follow up for more information from each agency.

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

### **Roundtable / Other Business**

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

- Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided a brief update on recent discussions of the Transportation Policy Board FTA Working Group for reviewing PSRC's FTA funding distribution methodology.

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### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.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**

Elsa Brown, City of Seattle; Danielle Casey, FTA; Joanna Hankamer, City of Seattle; Corine Jackson, Pierce Transit; Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Todd Lamphere, WSF; Monica Overby, Sound Transit; Mark Stojak, FTA; Jim Storment, City of Seattle; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit

PSRC: Monica Adkins, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Nick Johnson

*\*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
		Ashley Ross (Alt.)
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		Amanda Koerber (Alt.)
King County Metro (1)		Peter Heffernan
	x	David Morrison (Alt.)
Kitsap Transit (1)	x	Steffani Lillie, Chair
		Jeff Davidson (Alt.)
Pierce County Ferries (1)	x	Clint Ritter, Vice Chair
		Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)
Pierce Transit (1)		Barb Hunter
		Corine Jackson (Alt.)
	x	Tina Lee (Alt.)
Seattle DOT (1)	x	Benjamin Smith
		Vacant (Alt.)
Sound Transit (1)	x	Lisa Wolterink
		Kirste Johnson (Alt.)
		Monica Overby (Alt.)
<b>State</b>		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)		John Bernhard
		Todd Lamphere (Alt. 1)
	x	Krishan Aggarwal (Alt. 2)
		Leslie Rifkin (Alt. 3)
<b>Non-Voting Participants</b>		
Intercity Transit		Peter Stackpole
	x	Jessica Gould (Alt.)
Skagit Transit		Marcy Smith

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