



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: May 24, 2023

Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

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

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the April 26, 2023, meeting was approved.

Action: Community Transit Redistribution Requests

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the Community Transit funding redistribution requests which were:

- Redistributing \$2,145,839 in Marysville (MAR) UZA FFY 2020 5307 funds between two projects
- Redistributing \$244,897 in Marysville (MAR) UZA FFY 2021 5339 funds and \$3,912,082 in Seattle-Tacoma-Everett (STE) UZA FFY 2022 5337 funds between projects

The committee then voted unanimously to approve the redistribution requests for recommendation by the Transportation Policy Board at their next meeting.

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

Action: 2023 Annual FTA Funding Adjustments

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an overview of the 2023 FTA Annual Adjustments process and the associated annual adjustments of FTA earned share funds recommendation by the Committee. She reviewed agenda packet materials that shared proposed changes and project adjustments that were approved by the Regional FTA Caucus. The Committee discussed and provided comments and then unanimously approved the 2023 Annual FTA Funding Adjustment to the earned share funds to be recommended to the Transportation Policy Board at their next meeting.

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

Discussion/Action: FTA Funding Working Group Equity Formula Distribution

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the background on the FTA Funding Working Group's Equity Formula Distribution and the follow-up work that the board called for TOC to develop with PSRC staff for implementation. This includes procedures falling under two categories: 1) Project identification, and 2) Monitoring. Gil reminded the committee that it discussed and provided feedback on this matter at their April 26th meeting. A draft approach to these procedures was included in the agenda packet. The committee discussed the draft and decided they would take action at this meeting. The Committee voted unanimously for the procedures to be recommended to the Transportation Policy Board.

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

Action: Project Tracking Overview and Recommendations

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC provided an overview of project tracking for transit projects in the region. After providing a summary of the most recent project tracking progress, Sarah turned to addressing recommendations for several delayed projects. The Regional FTA Caucus voted unanimously to forward recommendations on delayed transit projects to the Committee at its May meeting. The Committee discussed the delayed transit projects and developed recommendations based on whether the reason for the delay was considered "reasonable" or "unreasonable" per adopted policy. The primary consideration in determining whether a delay would be considered reasonable is whether the delay is due to factors outside of the agency's control. The TOC determined the eight projects had reasonable delays and therefore recommended extensions to move the projects forward within the next three months. The Committee voted unanimously to forward the recommendations on to the Transportation Policy Board for their next meeting.

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

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

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

- Gil Cerise, PSRC
- Thomas Tumola, Community Transit
- Melinda Adams, Everett Transit
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro
- Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit
- Barb Hunter, Pierce Transit
- Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit
- Peter Stackpole, Intercity Transit

- Cordy Crockett, WSDOT
- John Bernard, WSDOT

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Amy Biggs, SVT; Chris Eilerman, SDOT; Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit; John Bernhard, WSDOT; Kathryn Rasmussen, Community Transit; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Zack Shields, City of SeaTac

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Gil Cerise, Erin Hogan, Sarah Gutschow, Nick Johnson, Jean Kim, Alexa Leach

**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)	x	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)		Jen Malley-Crawford
	x	<i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)		Alex Krieg
		<i>Carrie Avila-Mooney (Alt.)</i>
	x	<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