



Special Needs Transportation Committee Agenda

Date: July 19, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30 a.m.)** – Susan Carter, Chair
- 2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary (9:40 a.m.)***
 - May 17, 2023 SNTC Meeting
- 3. Discussion: Debrief on the 2023 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process (9:45 a.m.) ***

PSRC staff will solicit feedback from the committee on PSRC's regional priority ranking process for the 2023-25 WSDOT Consolidated Grant. All projects funded by the recent Consolidated Grant are listed in Attachment A.
- 4. Discussion: Specialized Transportation Data Collection Template (10:10 a.m.)**

Staff will share draft data collection templates for the upcoming Coordinated Mobility Plan's data collection. The committee will review and provide feedback to refine the templates.
- 5. Discussion: Connecting People to Transit (10:40 a.m.) ***

PSRC staff will provide an update on the agency's regional transit access work program. The goal of this briefing is to share information on PSRC's existing transit access tools, resources, and data, and to obtain feedback on studies conducted on transit access since 2014, when the initial PSRC's transit access assessment was conducted. PSRC will also seek feedback on potential locations that would make a good case study to test the existing transit access tools and data.
- 6. Discussion: ADA Transition Plan Inventory Briefing (11:00 a.m.) ***

The Regional Transportation Plan calls on PSRC to "Elevate the work and needs of Americans with Disability Act (ADA) transition planning, including monitoring the progress and supporting the development and analysis of local plans." Staff will share findings from the preliminary research on ADA Transition Plans, the results of the regional inventory survey on self-evaluation and ADA transition plans, and board feedback on the next steps.
- 7. Roundtable: Opportunity for SNTC members to share information on their programs and coalition news (11:20 a.m.)**

8. Information Item: Save the Date – From Pandemic to Prosperity: Downtowns Reimagined

9. Next Meeting: September 20, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

10. Adjourn (11:30 a.m.)

*Supporting materials attached

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Date: May 17, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Meeting)

Welcome and Introductions

Susan Carter, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. and took a roll call of the membership in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The March 15, 2023 meeting summary was approved as presented.

Discussion: Confirmation of Regional Specialized Transportation-related Terminology

Jean Kim, PSRC, reviewed the final terminology for populations covered in the Coordinated Mobility Plan and specialized transportation options those populations rely on that the Committee voted on at the March meeting. Committee members provided further feedback. Based upon feedback received, Jean called for consensus on the terminology and SNTC agreed to use the terms noted below:

- Specialized Transportation
- People with Accessibility and Mobility Needs

PSRC will use the above regional terms for the upcoming regional Coordinated Mobility Plan development and other PSRC presentation materials.

For more information, contact Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org

Discussion: Specialized Transportation Data Collection

Jean Kim, PSRC, presented various types of trends data included in the current Coordinated Mobility Plan, including the data related to transit services used by the plan's priority populations, such as paratransit or travel training programs, and other specialized transportation programs, like demand response shuttles or mobility management programs. She also shared the templates that were used for the last data collection to develop the plan. The Committee discussed and provided comments. Staff will refine and share the revised templates at the next SNTC meeting in July.

For more information, contact Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org

Roundtable: Opportunity for SNTC members to share information on their programs and coalition news

During the local coalition reports, the committee received updates and announcements from the following attendees:

- Brock Howell, SNOTRAC
- Staci Sahoo, Hopelink
- Bree Boyce, Hopelink
- Daeveene May, Pierce County
- Jean Kim, PSRC

Adjourn

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

***Members and Alternates Represented**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (Alt.); Bree Boyce, Hopelink; Dorene Cornwell (KCMC); Jeff Vinecourt, Kitsap Transit; Jessica Chow, Aging and Disability Services; Laura Loe, Hopelink; Marianna Hanefeld, WSDOT; Juli Rose, Homage; Staci Sahoo, Hopelink (KCMC) (Alt.); Mona Steele, Homage

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Gil Cerise, Jean Kim, Nick Johnson, Alexa Leach

All attendees were present via remote participation.

SNTC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: May 17, 2023 9:30am - 11:30am

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Representation	Name	Representation	Name
King County - Transit		Snohomish County - Transit	
King County Metro (1)	Don Okazaki, King County Metro	Community Transit/Everett Transit (1)	Margaret Keckler, Community Transit
	Penny Lara, King County Metro (Alt.)		Brian Senyitko, Everett Transit (Alt.)
King County - Local Coalition		Snohomish County - Local Coalition	
KCMC (1)	x Jonny Procriv, Volunteer Services of CCSWW-KC (KCMC)	Representative from SNOTRAC (1)	x Brock Howell, SNOTRAC
	Staci Sahoo, Hopelink (KCMC) (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
King County - Area Agency on Aging/ADRC		Snohomish County - Area Agency on Aging/ADRC	
Seattle-King County Aging and Disability Services (1)	x Dinah Stephens, Seattle ADS	Snohomish County Long-Term Care and Aging (1)	Stefanie Novacek, Snohomish Co LTC & Aging
	Suzy Miller, Seattle ADS (Alt.)		Michal Glauner, Snohomish Co LTC & Aging (Alt.)
King County - Disability Advocacy Group		Snohomish County - Disability Advocacy Group	
King County Persons with Disabilities/Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities (1)	x Aaron Morrow, KCMC	Snohomish County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities (1)	x Leigh Spruce, Arc of Snohomish County
	Dorene Cornwell, KCMC (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
King County - Other Special Needs Group		Snohomish County - Other Special Needs Group	
Available county seat to be chosen by KCMC* (1)	x Phirun Lach, Sound Generations	Available county seat to be chosen by SNOTRAC* (1)	Julie Vess, Lincoln Hill Retirement Community
	Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (Alt.)		Christina Robertson, Catholic Community Svcs Snohomish (Alt.)
Pierce County - Transit		Kitsap County - Transit	
Pierce Transit (1)	x Ausha Potts, Pierce Transit	Kitsap Transit ^ (1)	x Jeff Davidson, Kitsap Transit
	Cherry Thomas, Pierce Transit (Alt.)		Jeff Vinecourt, Kitsap Transit (Alt.)
Pierce County - Local Coalition		Kitsap County - Local Coalition	
Representative from PC Human Services (f/k/a PCCC) (1)	x Daeveene May, Pierce County, Human Services	KIRN - Kitsap County Coalition ^ (1)	Kelly Schwab, KIRN
	Jodie Moody, Catholic Community Services (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
Pierce County - Area Agency on Aging/ADRC		Kitsap County - Area Agency on Aging/ADRC	
Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources (1)	x Brian Guthrie, Pierce Co. Aging & Disability Resources	Kitsap County Dept. of Aging and Long-Term Care ^ (1)	VACANT
	VACANT (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
Pierce County - Disability Advocacy Group		Kitsap County - Disability Advocacy Group	
Pierce County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities (1)	Francie Peltier, PCCTC	Kitsap County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities ^ (1)	VACANT
	Tara Zink, Pierce County, Human Svcs. Developmental Disabilities Dept (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
Pierce County - Other Special Needs Group		Kitsap County - Other Special Needs Group	
Available county seat to be chosen by PCCTC* (1)	Steve Hutchins, Around the Sound	Available county seat to be chosen by Kitsap Group* ^ (1)	VACANT
	Penni Belcher, UWPC/South Sound 211 (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
State and Regional Representation			
Medicaid Transportation – Pierce and Kitsap Counties			
Paratransit Services (1)	Ann Kennedy, Paratransit Services		
	Christie Scheffer, Paratransit Services (Alt.)		
Medicaid Transportation – King and Snohomish Counties			
Hopelink (1)	x Susan Carter, Chair (Hopelink)		
	Darryl Sierra, Hopelink (Alt.)		
Washington State Ferries (WSDOT)			
Ferries - WSDOT (1)	Sarah Rose, WSF		
	Jared Fernley, WSF (Alt.)		
Regional Transit			
Sound Transit (1)	x Beth Hamby, Sound Transit		
	VACANT (Alt.)		
Regional Education			
Educational Service Districts (1)	Jacque Mann, PSESD		
	x Davina Miller-Leach, PSESD (Alt.)		
Tribal Representation **			
Tribes (1)	VACANT		
	VACANT (Alt.)		

as of 5/2023

*This is suggested to be a representative from a transportation provider or other special needs populations listed in coordinated plan including seniors, low income, youth, veterans, and limited english proficiency groups.

** Representative is chosen by local Tribal Transportation Planning Organizations (TTPO)

^Role does not include WSDOT Consolidated Grant Voting



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DISCUSSION ITEM

July 19, 2023

To: Special Needs Transportation Committee
From: Jean Kim, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Debrief on the 2023 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process**

IN BRIEF

At the July 21, 2023 meeting, staff will provide a brief overview of the regional priority ranking process for the WSDOT Consolidated Grant program that concluded with awards for the 2023-25 biennium and some funding for the 2025-27 biennium. PSRC will seek feedback on the regional priority ranking process to inform its future work program and schedule.

BACKGROUND

PSRC, as the regional transportation planning organization (RTPO) for the central Puget Sound region, provides regional priority rankings to the WSDOT Consolidated Grant competition for three of its four counties. Kitsap County participates in the Peninsula RTPO's regional priority ranking process.

WSDOT allows projects to be funded for one biennium or two biennia (4 years). For the 2023-25 biennium, 24 projects serving people with mobility needs in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties were funded by \$13.5 million.¹ In addition, 10 of the projects awarded funding this year requested \$8.4 million to continue into the 2025-27 biennium. A full list of projects awarded funding through PSRC's regional priority ranking process in the WSDOT Consolidated Grant competition can be found in attachment A.

¹ Accounts for all projects funded for the biennium, whether awarded in 2021 or 2023.

DISCUSSION

Staff will initiate a discussion on the PSRC regional priority ranking process completed in December 2022 to obtain stakeholder feedback on projects. Please prepare to provide feedback on the following topics:

- **Call for projects materials** that PSRC provided for the regional priority ranking process;
- Regional priority ranking **training webinar**;
- **Sponsor presentations**;
- **Priority ranking factors** that PSRC uses to provide an initial sorting of projects for SNTC to consider in its deliberation including:
 - Project Type (Preservation vs. New/Expansion)
 - Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan
 - Uniqueness of Service
 - Financial Sustainability
- The **SNTC deliberation meeting** itself and information provided to assist in developing a recommendation; and
- **Additional factors** determined and used during the deliberation meeting, including geographical distribution of rankings, project types, agency equity, compelling cases for agencies with limited resources, strategic application of federal/state funds, and coordination.

In addition, PSRC staff have identified an initial list of potential process improvements to consider, including:

- Consideration for ways to more fully incorporate PSRC's regional equity strategy into the regional priority ranking process; and
- Continuing to make use of performance measures and targets appropriate to different project types (operation, capital, or mobility management) in the regional priority ranking process.

For additional information, please contact Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org or (206) 971-3052.

Attachment A: PSRC Region Projects Funded for WSDOT 2023-25 Consolidated Grant

Attachment A: PSRC Region Projects Funded for WSDOT 2023-25 Consolidated Grant for People with Mobility Needs

County	Sponsor	Project Title	Project Description	Funds Awarded 2023-25	Funds Requested 2025-27
Multi	Hopelink	Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (RARET)	This grant is to provide the staffing, short- and long-term planning, and operational support for the Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (RARET) workgroup whose goal is to increase life-sustaining transportation services available to specialized populations during an emergency in the Central Puget Sound region.	\$191,282	\$206,141
Multi	Hopelink	Central Puget Sound One-Call/One-Click	This project maintains and improves a One-Call/One-Click system to provide multimodal trip planning and referral system for special needs populations in the Puget Sound region. It will ensure the community has access to a one-stop shop for their transportation needs while increasing the efficacy of existing special needs transportation services.	\$583,561	\$ 584,539
Multi	Mt. Si Senior Center	Mt. Si Senior Center - Sustain Snoqualmie Valley Transportation	We will provide ADA accessible demand response services and deviated route services to transit-dependent individuals in incorporated and unincorporated rural areas including North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Preston, Carnation, Duvall and Monroe. Operating hours are M-F, 5:00 AM until 9:00 PM.	\$1,110,971	
Multi	Mt. Si Senior Center	Mt. Si Senior Center - SVT - Expansion to Weekend Svc.	To provide weekend ADA accessible demand response services and deviated route services to transit-dependent individuals in incorporated and unincorporated rural areas including North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Preston, Carnation, Duvall and Monroe. Operating hours are Saturday and Sunday, 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM.	\$677,088	
Multi	Northshore Senior Center	Northshore Senior Center Transportation	Northshore Senior Center Transportation will provide demand-response service to seniors and persons with disabilities in Bothell, in King and Snohomish Counties, and in Kirkland, Woodinville, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, with trained Drivers operating lift-equipped vehicles, including our Adult Day Health program, and our Meal Delivery program.	\$130,370	\$137,500
Multi	Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD)	Road to Independence	The RTI program serves special needs individuals in rural south King and east Pierce counties, where there is little or no public transportation. The program contributes to economic development and enhances quality of life by providing: Certified Driver License (CDL) training and licensing so low-income individuals may obtain a family wage jobs.	\$676,000	\$811,200

County	Sponsor	Project Title	Project Description	Funds Awarded 2023-25	Funds Requested 2025-27
Multi	Transportation Choices Coalition (TCC)	Regional Mobility Survey for Priority Populations	The Regional Mobility Survey will be a statistically significant survey to understand the mobility gaps of people with disabilities, older adults, youth, low income, people of color, rural communities and other priority populations within Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties that allows comparison across the region and time.	\$80,000	
King	Catholic Comm. Services of Western Washington - King County	Volunteer Transportation Program*	Provides a free of charge service to low-income older adults and adults with disabilities who do not qualify for state-paid chore services. Transportation services are provided throughout King County and prioritize special-needs populations and individuals who live in poverty.	\$111,576	
King	Hopelink	Mobility Management in King County	Provides staffing, planning, & operational support for King County's mobility coalitions, implements prioritized mobility projects, & conducts outreach to targeted populations. The project increases the efficiency & effectiveness of specialized transportation services via collaborative efforts while building & maintaining successful relationships.	\$965,807	\$1,016,318
King	King County Metro Transit	Sustain Community Shuttles for Seniors and People with Disabilities in King County	Provide operating funds to support the continuation of the Hyde Shuttle, a community-based paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities in urban and suburban King County who are unable to use the bus or ADA paratransit service because they lack access, cannot afford the fare, not eligible for ADA service, or too frail to use it.	\$609,018	\$669,920
King	Sound Generations	Hyde Shuttle	To provide operating funding assistance to sustain a community-based paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities in urban, suburban and rural King County who are unable to use public transportation such as the bus or ADA Paratransit, because they cannot afford the fare, not eligible for ADA Paratransit or too frail to use it.	\$2,093,007	\$2,146,941
King	Sound Generations	Hyde Shuttle - Eastside	To provide operating funds to start a community-based paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities in Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond who are unable to use public transportation such as the bus or ADA Paratransit, because they cannot afford the fare, not eligible for ADA Paratransit or too frail to use it.	\$577,600	

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Pierce	Catholic Community Services of Western Washington - Pierce County	Pierce County Volunteer Transportation Services Program	VTS provides door-through-door transportation to medical, grocery shopping and other necessary appointments to low-income seniors and adults with disabilities (18-59) who don't qualify for Pierce Transit Shuttle, Paratransit services or who live in a rural area of Pierce County where public transportation isn't available.	\$319,975	\$351,972
Pierce	Pierce County Human Services	Beyond the Borders	The scope will sustain accessible demand & deviated fixed route transportation for special needs riders who live or travel to unincorporated rural & suburban locations in east & south Pierce County who don't receive service from Pierce Transit (PT). Special needs clients served by include seniors, low-income, persons w/ disabilities & youth 5-17.	\$1,746,846	\$2,072,982
Pierce	Pierce County Human Services	Mobility Management Pierce County*	Sustains staffing of the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC) which provides Mobility Management leadership to Pierce County and the region. Their primary focus is to find solutions for special needs riders who are facing transportation challenges.	\$184,000	
Pierce	Pierce Transit	Special Needs Transit Connector*	Implements phase II of an on-demand service using a contract-transportation provider to provide transit connections for elders, those with special needs and those with limited mobility in the 2-to 5-mile boundary around Route 1 in the Parkland-Spanaway-Midland area.	\$294,895	
Pierce	United Way of Pierce County	South Sound 2-1-1	Preserve existing South Sound 211 Transportation Resource Center (SS211 TRC) operations, the centralized intake service for special needs transportation, providing the access point for the special needs population to learn about all available mobility options in Pierce County, apply for rides, and receive one-on-one navigation assistance.	\$309,058	\$345,522
Snohomish	Catholic Community Services of Western Washington - Snohomish County	Disabled Veteran's Transportation	Sustain the Disabled Veterans Transportation program that provides disabled veterans living in Snohomish County with no-cost transportation to medical, dental and other essential appointments five days a week.	\$92,046	
Snohomish	Homage (Senior Services of Snohomish County)	Deviated Fixed Route from Darrington to Smokey Point	To offer a deviated, fixed-route transportation solution between Arlington and Darrington (which would be fully ADA accessible) to improve public transportation services and connect these communities. The current service provided is insufficient in the times the route is offered and does not offer deviated pick-up for disabled people.	\$605,000	

County	Sponsor	Project Title	Project Description	Funds Awarded 2023-25	Funds Requested 2025-27
Snohomish	Homage (Senior Services of Snohomish County)	Sustain Transportation Assistance Program (TAP)*	Sustains the demand-response transportation service to bring populations of older individuals, persons with disabilities, and individuals with low income to a myriad of essential service, including, but not limited to medical appointments, congregate dining, and other social services.	\$1,446,188	
Snohomish	Homage (Senior Services of Snohomish County)	Pay Your Pal (PYP)*	Sustains Homage's existing volunteer transportation program in rural and extreme rural areas of Snohomish. This program serves seniors and disabled citizens who utilize friends, family, neighbors to transport them to and from work, medical, and educational appointments.	\$83,308	
Snohomish	Homage (Senior Services of Snohomish County)	Expand Transportation Assistance Program (TAP)*	Expands the hours of service and days of service to better meet the demand of the communities served as well as better match the hours of public transportation. TAP also is seeking funding to better serve more rural areas of the county, mostly the eastern side of Snohomish County, including Darrington and Granite Falls.	\$372,229	
Snohomish	Homage (Senior Services of Snohomish County)	Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) Outreach*	Sustains the TAP Outreach program, which highlights the transportation service options of those in need in Snohomish County. The services highlighted will include those in PSRC, SNOTRAC, RARET, and the NCTC geographic areas.	\$116,382	
Snohomish	Workforce Development Council of Snohomish County	Snohomish County Transportation Coalition (SNOTRAC)*	Provides staffing, planning, and operational support for the Snohomish County Transportation Coalition (SNOTRAC) and support for subregional coalitions; assists in implementing locally prioritized mobility management projects; and conducts outreach to targeted special needs populations.	\$203,280	
Total Funds Awarded				\$13,579,487	\$8,343,035

NOTE: Kitsap County participates in the WSDOT Consolidated Grant regional priority ranking process through the Peninsula RTPO. WSDOT allows projects to be funded for one biennium or two biennia. * indicates projects received funding in 2021 for the 2023-25 biennium.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

July 19, 2023

TO: Special Needs Transportation Committee

**FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager
Jean Kim, Senior Planner**

SUBJECT: Connecting People to Transit Update

IN BRIEF

The committee will discuss and provide feedback on existing transit access work and next steps in the review of the tools and resources in conjunction with updated data to identify potential improvements to transit access assessments.

DISCUSSION

At the March SNTC meeting, PSRC staff shared its work program developed from the Regional Transportation Plan's call to "...develop and update tools and resources to help identify where access to transit can be improved, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians."

The work program starts with a review of existing transit access tools and resources in conjunction with updated data to help identify potential improvements to transit access assessments and next steps. This initial task will begin with a review of existing tools, such as the PSRC Transit Access Checklist and Transit Access Toolkit, found on the PSRC website at this link: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/transit-access>. These work products were the result of a multi-year effort to examine transit access needs in the region, published in 2016-2017.

One key feature of this work included the comprehensive nature of defining and addressing transit access via conducting a Transit Access Assessment. Among the key overarching findings from PSRC's initial Transit Access Assessment were:

- **Context matters.** The quality of transit access depends on the interplay between urban form and the built environment, transit service, and parking characteristics that vary widely from place to place and are variable and dynamic over time. There currently is no consistent, comprehensive, and transparent framework for understanding the transit access context at existing or planned major sites of transit service in the region.

- **Many actors, unclear roles.** In any given context, there will be multiple actors involved in the delivery of transit access investments. However, roles are not always clearly defined, which means that stakeholder policies, priorities, and even capital projects are not always aligned.

Three work products were created to help address these two overarching findings. They form the basis of PSRC's existing transit access tools and were intended to be used with one another to help increase transit access at major transit sites in the region:

- [Transit Access Checklist](#) was intended for use by stakeholders to provide a framework for conducting a 360-degree assessment of existing transit access conditions at any given location, framing questions under characteristics such as urban form, transit operations, and parking. The Checklist also included relevant data sources and transit agency and PSRC contacts.
- [Transit Access Toolkit](#) identified 60 distinct tools for improving transit access and organized them across eight strategic areas. The Toolkit was designed to help stakeholders understand how each strategic area increases access to transit and the roles played by various stakeholders in implementing access improvements. The Toolkit also documents benefits, costs, common issues and challenges, and provides regional examples of all access improvements identified.
- The [Transit Access Funding Matrix and Key Findings](#) were intended to assist stakeholders in identifying potential funding opportunities for transit access strategies identified in the Toolkit.

Since the above tools were created, PSRC has collected new data (such as regional sidewalk data), compiled with existing data sources, and created a visualization tool (see: <https://www.psrc.org/planning-2050/regional-transportation-plan/transportation-system-visualization-tool>). Other tools, resources, and data may also be available.

SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION IN TRANSIT ACCESS TOOLS

Transit Access Assessment focused on major sites of transit service: transit centers, park and rides, light rail stations, Sounder stations, ferry terminals, and high-frequency transit corridors. Transit access was defined as the ability of people to easily get to and use public transportation. It was further defined as infrastructure, facilities, and services that support a person's ability to easily reach major sites of transit service. The transit access tools described above highlighted transit service as one of three key characteristics that influence transit access.

The Transit Access Checklist addresses the need to assess transit access through urban form and transit service by improving connectivity, which could help people with accessibility and mobility needs accessing transit. They include:

- Urban Form (Non-motorized Characteristics): assess ADA-compliant and connected sidewalks.
- Transit Service:
 - User Experience: availability of protected waiting areas, real-time information, and perception of safety/security
 - Drop-off/Pick-up Connections: length of transit transfers, modal connectivity (e.g. paratransit, shuttles, rideshare vehicles, taxis, and etc.)

The other two inter-related tools, Transit Access Toolkit and Transit Access Funding Matrix, did not incorporate specialized transportation in potential access improvements or specialized transportation funding sources like Consolidated Grant, in a comprehensive manner.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PSRC staff will engage the committee in answering the following questions:

- Do you have suggestions on how the tools addressed the need for increasing transit access of the Coordinated Mobility Plan’s priority populations? Do you have any suggestions on how specialized transportation should be characterized in the tools?
- Are you aware of any recent studies or literature on transit access that PSRC should be aware of in our work on transit access?
- PSRC anticipates using case studies to help assess existing transit access tools. Do you have any suggestions for existing or future high-capacity transit (HCT) station areas that would be good candidates to provide an assessment of existing transit access tools?

NEXT STEPS

PSRC has recruited an ad hoc Transit Access Working Group (see Attachment A for working group roster). During the working group’s first meeting on July 19, PSRC will provide a deeper dive into existing transit access tools and resources and share PSRC advisory committees and working group feedback to-date. We anticipate updating our literature review on transit access as well as moving forward to identify potential case study locations to test existing tools and data.

For more information or to provide further feedback, contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or (206) 971-3053 or Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org or (206) 971-3052.

Attachment A: Transit Access Working Group Roster

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Name	Representing	County/Region	Transit Access Expertise
Local Jurisdiction			
Sarady Long	City of Federal Way	King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land use planning •Transit priority
Wesley Rhodes	City of Tacoma	Pierce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land use & development (TOD plan) •Transit service •Transit station/stop
Chris Dimmitt	City of Bremerton	Kitsap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pedestrian & bicycle •Other local jurisdiction infrastructure
Mary L'Heureux	City of Redmond	King	Infrastructure (prioritizing transit and other)
Nathan Howard	Snohomish County	Snohomish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land use planning •Pedestrian & bicycle •Transit priority
Transit			
Alex Krieg	Sound Transit	Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Multi-modal transit access •Transit service •Transit station/stop •Parking
Sophie Luthin	Community Transit	Snohomish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Transit service •Transit station/stop
Ed Coviello	Kitsap Transit	Kitsap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Transit service •Transit station/stop
Brian Van Abbema	King County Metro	King	•Transit data and tools
Tina Lee	Pierce Transit	Pierce	•Transit service
Developers/Similar			
Erin Christensen Ishizaki	Mithun	Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TOD •Place-making •Land use planning •Pedestrian & bicycle •Public health
Bree Nicoletto	African Community Housing & Development	King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TOD •Place-making
System User			
Dorene Cornwell	Advocate	King	System user (provides persons with low vision/blind perspective)
Leigh Spruce	Arc of Snohomish County	Snohomish	System user (provides wheelchair users perspective)
Other			
Phil Harris	WSDOT	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land use planning •Infrastructure (multiple modes) •Transit service •Transit station/stop •Parking
Richard Gelb	Seattle-King County Public Health	King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public health •Pedestrian & bicycle

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To: Special Needs Transportation Committee
From: Jean Kim, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning
Subject: **ADA Transition Plan Inventory Briefing**

IN BRIEF

At its July 11th meeting, PSRC staff will brief the BPAC on findings from the preliminary research conducted on Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Transition Plans and the results of the regional inventory survey conducted in April 2023.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan calls on PSRC to “[e]levate the work and needs of ADA transition planning, including monitoring the progress and supporting the development and analysis of local plans.” As a first step to accomplish this action, PSRC staff conducted background research on ADA transition planning (elements related to public rights-of-ways and/or pedestrian facilities) and completed a regional inventory survey to help inform board direction on this work.

Title II of the ADA requires all public entities to conduct a self-evaluation or an assessment of current programs, facilities, policies, and practices to become compliant with the ADA. If structural changes are necessary for achieving program accessibility, an ADA transition plan is required for public entities with 50 or more employees. ADA transition plans are required to summarize the agency’s planned efforts to remove barriers, such as physical obstacles in the public right of way that limit the accessibility of people with disabilities. The plan should be updated periodically to ensure the ongoing needs of the community continue to be met.¹

The Department of Justice, which has the ultimate enforcement authority for ADA compliance, has delegated enforcement responsibility to several Federal executive agencies, including the Department of Transportation and its operating administrations,

¹ Federal Highway Administration (2022), *Questions and Answers About ADA/Section 504*, Retrieved from: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/ada/ada_sect504qa.cfm#q13

such as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In Washington State, FHWA requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to monitor and enforce compliance with the ADA of any entity receiving state and/or federal funding through WSDOT.²

To gather comprehensive information from agencies on their transition planning status, PSRC created an online survey and reached out to all member jurisdictions in the region in April 2023. Key questions included the main contacts for ADA planning efforts, the status of each agency's self-evaluation and ADA transition plan, and a link to the completed plan(s), if available.

Of the 80 total jurisdictions that responded to the survey (4 counties and 76 cities and towns), 55 jurisdictions have more than 50 employees and thus are required to produce transition plans. Among the 55 jurisdictions:

- 39 jurisdictions (71%) reported that they have completed an ADA transition plan;
- 11 jurisdictions (20%) indicated their plan is in progress; and
- 5 jurisdictions (9%) said that they have not yet started the planning process.

PSRC briefed the Transportation Policy Board at its June 8th meeting on this work. Per board direction, PSRC will continue monitoring the region's ADA transition plan-related processes and partner with WSDOT on information-sharing for jurisdictions in the region.

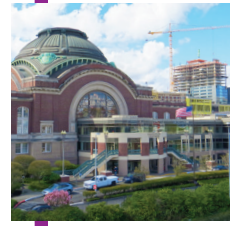
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² WSDOT (June 2022), *Local Agency Guidelines*, Retrieved from: <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/publications/manuals/fulltext/M36-63/LAG.pdf>



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Zoom – Virtual Panels



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