



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional FTA Caucus Meeting Summary

Date: May 10, 2023 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Online Meeting Only - Zoom Remote Meeting

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 February 08, 2023 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved as presented.

Action: Community Transit Redistribution Requests

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed two Community Transit funding redistribution requests:

- Redistributing \$2,145,839 in Marysville (MAR) Urbanized Area (UZA) FFY2020 5307 funds between projects.
- Redistributing \$244,897 in MAR UZA FFY2021 5339 and \$3,912,082 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett UZA FFY2022 5337 HIMB funds between projects.

The Caucus voted unanimously to recommend the requests to the Transportation Operators Committee (TOC).

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

Action: 2023 FTA Annual Adjustments

Sarah reviewed the information previously provided for the 2023 FTA Adjustments process, and the project revisions proposed by each agency for their 2023 earned share and preservation set-aside funding, as shown in the [agenda packet](#). The Caucus discussed and provided comments, then voted unanimously to recommend the project revisions to the TOC.

The remaining “freed up” 2023 and 2024 funds will be distributed later in 2023 through the newly adopted equity formula allocation process.

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

Action: Delayed FTA and FHWA TrAMS Obligations

Sarah reviewed the projects currently experiencing delays in obligating their regional FTA funds or “flexed” FHWA funds, as detailed in the [agenda packet](#). Sponsors of delayed projects then provided further information on their projects.

The Caucus reviewed and took action on recommendations for each delayed project based on whether the delay was considered “reasonable” or “unreasonable.” The Caucus determined that eight projects had reasonable delays and therefore recommended extensions for within the next three months to submit their grant applications. For each project, if the funds are not submitted by the anticipated time, then PSRC will bring the project back to the Caucus for further discussion.

For Sound Transit’s Commuter Rail Project: Seattle to Lakewood project, the Caucus determined the delay was unreasonable and an extension was not warranted. Sound Transit staff will propose an alternative option for consideration and will work with PSRC staff on next steps. The Caucus will review the proposal at an upcoming meeting.

The Caucus voted unanimously to forward the recommended extensions to the TOC for their next meeting.

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

Roundtable / Other Business

There was not enough time for an agency roundtable at this meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

***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**

Krishan Aggarwal, Washington State Ferries; Tyler Benson, Sound Transit; Chris Eilerman, City of Seattle; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Todd Lamphere, Washington State Ferries; Tina Lee, Pierce Transit; Monica Overby, Sound Transit; Mark Stojak, Federal Transit Administration

PSRC: Alexa Leach, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Kelly McGourty

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

Regional FTA Caucus Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

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

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