



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00) – Peter Heffernan, Chair (King County Metro)

2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – June 28, 2023* (10:05)

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (10:10)

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>.

4. Action: King County Metro Redistribution Request* (10:15)

King County Metro is requesting a redistribution of funds between two existing projects. Please see the attachment for details of the specific redistribution request. This action is pending a Regional FTA Caucus recommendation to be completed prior to the TOC meeting.

5. Action: Project Tracking - Delayed Transit Agency Projects * (10:20)

PSRC will provide updates on projects experiencing delays in obligating their PSRC awarded federal funds, including projects previously recommended for obligation extensions. Please see the attachment for details on each project, for review and action by the committee. This action is pending a Regional FTA Caucus recommendation to be completed prior to the TOC meeting.

6. Discussion: FTA Equity Funding Distribution Process and Schedule (10:30)

PSRC will provide a brief update on the FTA Equity Funding Distribution schedule and process. The TOC is scheduled to take action on this topic at the September 27 meeting.

7. Discussion: 2023 Transit Integration Report Timing for TOC Review (10:35)

PSRC will provide a brief update on the streamlined 2023 Transit Integration Report and timing for TOC review of a draft report.

8. Discussion: Future TOC In-Person Meeting/Transit Agency Roundtable (10:40)

PSRC will poll TOC members on interest in attending an in-person TOC meeting before the end of 2023. We will poll members on whether organizing one of the remaining meetings in 2023 will work as an opportunity to network (post-meeting

lunch to be provided). As time permits, transit agency staff will provide updates on their work that they want to share with their regional partners.

9. Information: 2023 TOC Planned Meeting Topics*

10. Information: Save the Date September 29, 2023 TOD Event*

Save the date of Friday, September 29, 2023, for this year's PSRC Transit-Oriented-Development event. The theme is *From Pandemic to Prosperity: Downtowns Reimagined*. Online registration will open soon.

11. Next Meeting: September 27, 2023

Calendar Link: <https://www.psrc.org/calendar>

12. Adjourn (11:00)

*Supporting materials attached

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: June 28, 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 May 24, 2023, meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Peter Heffernan, Chair, provided an overview of the June Transportation Policy Board meeting.

Action: FTA Funding Allocation Requests

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed redistribution requests from King County Metro and Skagit Transit for previously unprogrammed FTA FY 2022 funds.

- King County Metro requested redistribution of \$13,6489,421 in Seattle-Tacoma-Everett (STE) UZA FFY 2022 FTA 5337 HIFG funds to five existing projects and one new project, as shown in the June 28 agenda packet attachment.
- Skagit Transit requested redistribution of \$470,730 in STE UZA FFY 2022 FTA 5307 Earned Share and 5339 funds to the existing “Skagit Transit Maintenance Operations and Administration Facility” project, as shown in the June 28 agenda packet attachment.

The committee agreed to take these redistribution requests in the same vote as the next agenda item. After hearing all the redistribution requests, the committee 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: King County Metro Phase Redistribution Request

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, also reviewed the King County Metro funding redistribution request of \$7,950,000 in STE UZA FFYs 2021 and 2022 FTA 5307 Earned Share funds

from Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to Construction phase of its “Interim Base Battery Electric Bus Charging Depot” (MET-250) project.

The committee agreed to take this redistribution request in the same vote as the previous agenda item. After hearing all the redistribution requests, the committee 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

Discussion: Coordination on Comprehensive Plan Updates

Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC and Paul Inghram, PSRC from PSRC’s Growth Management Planning Division presented on how PSRC supports local jurisdictions’ state-mandated comprehensive plan updates and PSRC’s role in certifying comprehensive plans. Paul ended the discussion by asking TOC members how they are engaging cities and counties on transit issues in their comprehensive plan updates and asked how PSRC can support coordination between cities/counties and transit agencies? Committee members provided responses to the discussion questions and asked follow-up questions on the presentation.

For more information, contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org and Paul Inghram at PInghram@psrc.org

Discussion: Connecting People to Transit (PSRC Transit Access Work Program)

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided a reminder on the Transit Access work program that PSRC has developed. The work program is an action called for in the RTP adopted in 2022. Since last discussing this as a committee, PSRC has recruited an ad hoc working group to help complete the initial task: an assessment of existing transit access tools and data. Gil provided the roster for the ad hoc working group and an overview of existing transit access tools and data. The committee provided feedback on current activities in preparation for the first meeting of the working group, including potential case study locations.

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

Discussion: 2023 Transit Integration Report

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an update on the 2023 Transit Integration Report. PSRC has been preparing transit integration reports for the past ten years. Due to waning interest in the topic and the continued requirement to report on transit integration topics, PSRC is proposing a streamlined approach to completing the report this year. It should involve less staff time in developing the report and TOC will still have an opportunity to review a draft before it becomes finalized. Committee members expressed support for the streamlined approach to this report.

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

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

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

- Gil Cerise, PSRC
- Benjamin Smith, City of Seattle
- Tina Lee, Pierce Transit
- Cordy Crockett, WSDOT
- Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Erik Jaszewski, Pierce Transit; Colin Pippin-Timco, WSDOT; Erik Rundell, King County Metro; Kathryn Rasmussen, Community Transit; Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit

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Gil Cerise, Erin Hogan, Sarah Gutschow, Nick Johnson, Jean Kim, Alexa Leach, Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Adin Romano, Paul Inghram, Maggie Moore

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

TOC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: June 28, 2023 10:00am - 12:00pm

Online/Remote Meeting Only

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
		<i>Barb Hunter (Alt.)</i>
	x	<i>Tina Lee (Alt.)</i>
City of Seattle (1)		Jen Malley-Crawford
	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)		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)		Peter Stackpole
	x	<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) (1)		Susan Carter, Chair (Hopelink)
		VACANT

King County Metro Redistribution Request

Request: King County Metro (KCM) requests to redistribute \$14,560,309 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett Urbanized Area (STE UZA) FFY2024 5337 HIFG funds between the projects identified below.

Explanation: The redistribution is needed because the ESS (Energy Storage System) units on Metro’s fleet of electric trolley buses are at or beyond their useful life and are beginning to fail, rendering the trolleys unusable. Replacement ESS units are critical to the agency’s continued operation of these zero emission coaches. In addition, removing FTA funds from the "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2023-2024" project will help the agency stay in compliance with FTA’s emerging policy of only allowing one year of expenses to be charged to each fiscal year’s 5337 funding. Therefore, KCM requests to redistribute funds from its "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2023-2024" project to its "Trolley Energy Storage System Replacement" project. This redistribution will ensure timely obligation of the agency’s formula funding and help maintain the agency’s vehicles in a state of good repair.

After the federal funds are redistributed, the scope for the "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2023-2024" project will not change as the scope will still accurately reflect the federal share of the agency’s annual budget for vehicle maintenance. The "Trolley Energy Storage System Replacement" project scope will remain the same because this project is 100% federally funded due to the use of toll credits as match, so adding additional federal funds will increase the percentage KCM is able to receive in FTA reimbursements.

FFY 2024 STE UZA 5337 HIFG Funds

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2024	MET-244	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2023-2024	5337 HIFG	\$18,152,767	-\$14,560,309	\$3,592,458
2024	MET-259	Trolley Energy Storage System Replacement	5337 HIFG	\$0	\$14,560,309	\$14,560,309



Puget Sound Regional Council

Memorandum

August 16, 2023

To: Transportation Operators Committee

From: Sarah Gutschow, Senior Planner

Subject: Project Tracking – Delayed Transit Agency Projects

PSRC staff will present an update on the ongoing tracking of delayed transit agency projects awarded PSRC's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. Information on four projects is provided in the attachment for committee review and action, pending a Regional FTA Caucus recommendation which will be available by the TOC meeting.

DISCUSSION

Per PSRC's Project Tracking Policies, PSRC monitors its regionally managed federal funds on an ongoing basis to ensure their timely and predictable use. For regional FHWA funds, transit agencies can "flex" their regional FHWA-funded projects to be managed by the FTA, if approved by WSDOT. PSRC continues to monitor flexed FHWA funds as they progress toward obligation by FTA.

Per updated procedures for delayed regional FTA and flexed FHWA funds, regional FTA funds are considered delayed if they have not been *transmitted* into FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) by six months after their estimated obligation date. Flexed regional FHWA funds are considered delayed if they have not been *submitted* into TrAMS by six months after their estimated obligation date.¹

At its meeting on June 28th, the TOC recommended extensions for eight delayed projects. If funds are not submitted by the extended deadline then PSRC will bring the project back to the TOC for further discussion. Attachment A provides additional information on the current status of three of these projects, including details on how the sponsor has been working with the FTA to progress their applications. The Regional FTA Caucus is currently reviewing this information and a recommendation on whether these projects have made substantial progress towards meeting the established

¹ After a project sponsor develops a grant application in FTA's TrAMS for their FTA or flexed FHWA funds, the application is then *transmitted* for initial review by FTA. Once FTA completes the initial review, the sponsor can progress to formally *submit* the application for final review before being approved for funding obligation.

deadline – i.e., they have taken the proper steps to meet the deadline and are now waiting on circumstances outside their control – will be available by the time of the TOC meeting. The TOC will be asked to review the information and the Caucus recommendation for concurrence or recommend an alternate action.

An additional project is also included in Attachment A - Sound Transit's Commuter Rail Project: Seattle to Lakewood project. This delayed project was evaluated by the Caucus and it was determined that the delay was unreasonable and Sound Transit was asked to work with PSRC on an alternate proposal to ensure timely obligation. At the Regional FTA Caucus meeting on July 12th, Sound Transit requested that funds be moved from the Right of Way to the Preliminary Engineering/Design phase so that they can be obligated faster. If approved, the agency anticipated the grant application for these funds would be transmitted in October 2023 and submitted by December 2023.

The Caucus reviewed the reasons for the delay, which included certain elements of the project being put on hold due to the realignment of Sound Transit's financial plan during COVID. With information provided by Sound Transit ensuring that the full scope of the project would still be delivered with the requested change in phase, and additional details on the overall project schedule and milestones, the Caucus voted unanimously to forward the recommended scope change and extension to the TOC. Further information on this request is provided in Attachment A.

For more information, please contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org or 206-587-4822.

Attachment A: Summary of Delayed FTA and Flexed FHWA Funding Obligations

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Per PSRC project tracking procedures, regional FTA funds are considered delayed if they have not been *transmitted* six months after their estimated obligation date (EOD), while flexed FHWA funds are considered delayed if they have not been *submitted* in that time span. The table below summarizes projects experiencing delays in obligating funding as of **August 16, 2023**.

King County Metro: Transportation Demand Management to Support Centers and Regional Service Investments (MET-231)		
<p>EOD: 6/1/2021 EOD delay: 26 months</p> <p>Source: CMAQ Phase: PE/Design Amount: \$695,122</p>	<p>FTA app status: Initial Review / Concurrence (transmitted in February 2023)</p> <p>Anticipated next steps for application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submittal – August 2023 • Obligation – September 2023 	<p>TIP project description: This project will fund Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that will stimulate transit ridership and actively promote mode shift from drive-alone trips to support a specific set of new regional transit facility and service investments on up to 13 high-capacity transit (HCT) and bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors.</p>
<p>Source: CMAQ Phase: Other Amount: \$2,304,878</p> <p>EOD: 7/15/2021 EOD delay: 24 months</p>	<p>Agency work with FTA: These funds are being amended into an existing FTA grant. The amendment was initially transmitted for FTA review on 2/9/2023. The amendment language was jointly reviewed by FTA and Metro staff on July 20, 2023. FTA moved the application through their initial internal review process following that meeting and the application is still under review.</p> <p>Per conversations with FTA and KCM staff, this grant will likely be sent to KCM for submittal back to FTA in early August.</p>	<p>Project status: Work has begun on this project under pre-award authority, with design of project actions and environmental documentation complete. The project will continue until the funds are expended for providing public outreach and implementation of TDM strategies to reduce SOV travel in selected travel corridors within King County, with completion anticipated in December 2023.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</p>	<p>An extension was granted for this project to be submitted by July 2023. As of August 16, 2023, this application has not yet been submitted. The TOC is asked to review the information above on the current status and progress, as well as the pending Regional FTA Caucus recommendation, and determine if the project is still consistent with the intent and schedule from the recommended deadline or if further action should be taken.</p>	

King County Metro: Increasing Student and Family Access to Regional Travel Options through TDM (MET-237)

<p>Source: CMAQ Phase: Other Amount: \$500,000</p> <p>EOD: 7/15/2021 EOD delay: 24 months</p>	<p>FTA app status: Initial Review / Concurrence Review (transmitted in February 2023)</p> <p>Anticipated next steps for application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submittal – August 2023 • Obligation – September 2023 <p>Agency work with FTA: See comment under MET-231.</p>	<p>TIP project description: Implement TDM strategies to reduce traffic congestion and improve student transit access by working with school districts, students, and their families to reduce school related peak hour vehicle trips, increase safety, improve air quality, and promote equity. Provide tools for other family members to use alternative travel modes, including transit to access employment.</p> <p>Project status: Project implementation activities are underway under pre-award authority, with environmental documentation complete. Project activities are complete for youth outreach and education events as of December 2022. Other activities under the project scope will be complete in March 2026.</p>
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: An extension was granted for this project to be submitted by July 2023. As of August 16, 2023, this application has not yet been submitted. The TOC is asked to review the information above on the current status and progress, as well as the pending Regional FTA Caucus recommendation, and determine if the project is still consistent with the intent and schedule from the recommended deadline or if further action should be taken.

King County Metro: On-Demand Feeder-to-Fixed Route Connections to Transit Program (MET-239)

<p>Source: CMAQ Phase: Other Amount: \$500,000</p> <p>EOD: 6/1/2022 EOD delay: 14 months</p>	<p>FTA app status: Initial Review / Concurrence (transmitted in May 2023)</p> <p>Anticipated next steps for application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submittal – August 2023 • Obligation – September 2023 <p>Agency work with FTA: These funds are in an amendment that was initially transmitted for FTA review in May 2023. The application language was jointly reviewed by FTA and Metro staff on July 27, 2023. FTA moved the application through their initial internal review process following that meeting and the application is still under review.</p> <p>Per conversations with FTA and KCM staff, this grant will likely be sent to KCM for submittal back to FTA within the month of August 2023.</p>	<p>TIP project description: Metro will contract with a service provider to provide on-demand feeder-to-fixed route (F2FR) service for two years at three newly expanded transit hubs located in Regional Centers: Federal Way Transit Center, Auburn Transit Center, and Redmond Technology Station.</p> <p>Project status: Environmental documentation is complete and project scoping and design is currently at 0% completion, with completion anticipated by June 2025. The project was advertised in May 2022 and the vendor was selected in December 2022. Metro is finalizing the contract and service schedules, but implementation is complicated by Sound Transit delays in opening East and Federal Way LINK light rail segments. This operations project is expected to be complete in June 2027.</p>
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: An extension was granted for this project to be submitted by July 2023. As of August 16, 2023, this application has not yet been submitted. The TOC is asked to review the information above on the current status and progress, as well as the pending Regional FTA Caucus recommendation, and determine if the project is still consistent with the intent and schedule from the recommended deadline or if further action should be taken.

Sound Transit: **Commuter Rail Project: Seattle to Lakewood (RTA-4B)**

Source: CMAQ
Phase: ROW
Amount: \$1,100,000

EOD: 6/1/2022
EOD delay: 14 months

FTA app status: In-Progress (created in June 2021)

Anticipated next steps for application:

- **Transmittal - October 2023**
- **Submittal – December 2023**
- **Obligation – January 2024**

Agency work with FTA: This grant is pending a NEPA determination which won't happen until later in 2024 or 2025 for the Sounder South Capital Express project (SSCEP). FTA will not process/obligate the grant until NEPA is complete.

TIP project description: Continue implementation and expansion of commuter rail service. CMAQ funding will be used for design and right-of-way needed to expand Sounder South line capacity in King and Pierce Counties, including extending station platforms to accommodate 10-car trains, nonmotorized access improvements and track and signal upgrades needed for additional capacity. FRA CRISI funds will be used to double-track several rail segments: from TR Junction to Portland Avenue, S66th Street Bridge to Pine Street, Lakewood to DuPont. This double-tracking work includes two bridges: the S 66th Bridge and the Pendleton Avenue Bridge. CRISI funding will also be used for signal system modifications, Positive Train Control (PTC) and Centralized Traffic Control (CTC) overlay updates to accommodate the new and reconfigured tracks, signals and grade crossing protection equipment. This is a multi-year project.

Project status: Project work is underway using pre-award authority. The SSCEP is essentially a program of projects for Sounder. Some elements of the Sounder South Capacity Expansion Program/projects were put on "hold", except for King Street Station Platform Improvements and Pierce County track work (funded by an FRA grant), due to the realignment of ST's Financial Plan during COVID.

For the King Street Station platform improvements, the King St. Station Alternative Analysis and Report was completed and issued in August 2022. Current activities include conceptual design and development of Project Management and Public Involvement Draft Plans. ST expects to reach 10% design at the end of 2023 or Q1 2024. ST expects NEPA to be complete in December 2024. CE and the environmental documentation phase for the Pierce County Rail Capacity and Reliability Improvement Project is expected to begin in spring 2023.

The King Street Station completion date is 2036 and the Pierce County project is also 2036. The entire SSCEP includes a completion date of 2036 (capital improvements) and 2046 (potential added trips). If additional funding becomes available and with Board approval those completion dates could move up, but that is to be determined. Because of ST's financial plan realignment, Sounder projects have been delayed, so until there is additional funding and financial capacity many of the projects have future completion dates.

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:**

The delay to 2024 has been deemed unreasonable per PSRC's project tracking policies, and Sound Transit developed a proposal for a scope change and extension within a more reasonable timeframe. Sound Transit requests that funds be moved from the Right of Way phase to the Preliminary Engineering/Design phase so that they can be obligated faster. If this change is approved, the agency anticipates the funds will be transmitted by October 2023 and submitted by December 2023, with obligation expected in January 2024.

In response to PSRC's questions regarding completion of the full scope between Seattle and Tacoma, Sound Transit provided the additional information below.

The Regional FTA Caucus reviewed the proposal at its July 2023 meeting and recommended the requested scope change and obligation extension.

Additional Information from Sound Transit, RTA-4B

Background: When the *South Sounder Capacity Expansion* CMAQ application was submitted to PSRC in 2018/2019, there was only *South Sounder Capacity Expansion* project listed in Sound Transit’s budget. Since then, the *South Sounder Capacity Expansion* project has been broken-out into sub-projects: King St Station Improvements, Pierce County Rail Capacity and Reliability Improvements, BNSF platform extensions and ST platform extensions (For awareness: BNSF owns the track from Seattle to Tacoma. ST owns the track from Tacoma to Dupont).

Below is the status of the *South Sounder Capacity Expansion* CMAQ project:

South Sounder Capacity Expansion –	Obligation Status	Drawdown Status	Overall Schedule
<p>The scope includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nonmotorized improvements • track and signal improvements • platform extensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TrAMS grant WA-2020-002 “South Sounder Capacity Expansion” obligated \$5.6M for engineering and NEPA in December 2019. • ST is requesting a <u>change in phase</u> for the remaining \$1.1M of CMAQ funding for the <i>South Sounder Capacity Expansion</i>. ST requests that the remaining \$1.1M of CMAQ funding be reallocated from the ROW phase to Engineering and NEPA in order to obligate faster. • There is no change of scope requested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over \$2M of the South Sounder Capacity Expansion project has been drawn down for engineering and NEPA work on the <i>King Street Station Improvements</i> (platform extension, nonmotorized improvements and track and signal work). • Future drawdowns are anticipated to happen on Engineering/NEPA work for <i>King St Station and the Pierce County Rail Capacity and Reliability Improvements</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering and NEPA work for the <i>King Street Station Improvements</i> began September 26, 2022 and is scheduled to continue through Feb 27, 2025 (with FTA approval of NEPA scheduled for December 16, 2024). • Engineering and NEPA work for the <i>Pierce County Rail Capacity and Reliability Improvements</i> work begin January 2, 2023. • Engineering for the “BNSF platform extensions” (Seattle to Tacoma) started in April 2023. • Engineering for the “ST platform extensions” (Tacoma-Lakewood-Dupont) will start in Jan 2026.

Updates on Previously Reviewed Projects

Project	Agency	Funding	EOD	TrAMS Status	Notes
Transit Revenue Vehicles 2021-2022 (CT-69)	Community Transit	\$83,551 5307 Pres.	6/1/22	Transmitted (as of March 2023)	
		\$1,388,734 5307 Pres.	6/30/22	Transmitted (as of March 2023)	
Bus Replacements 2021-2022 (MET-222)	King County Metro	\$1,455,348 5307 Pres.	9/30/2021	Transmitted (as of May 2023)	
Clean Fuels Bus Replacement/Expansion 2021-2022 (PT-170)	Pierce Transit	\$750,000 CMAQ	6/1/2022	Submitted (as of August 2023)	
Pacific Avenue/SR 7 BRT Buses (PT-172)	Pierce Transit	\$1,871,113 CMAQ	6/1/2022	Submitted (as of August 2023)	
Pacific Avenue/SR 7 BRT Stations (PT-173)	Pierce Transit	\$2,305,700 CMAQ	6/1/2022	Submitted (as of August 2023)	
Center City Connector (SEA-205)	Seattle	\$3,479,754 CMAQ	2/2/2017	In-Progress	PSRC management has been in active conversation with FTA, WSDOT and City of Seattle to review this funding, in consideration of the February 2023 Caucus recommendation.
Monorail System Maintenance 2021-2022 (SEA-226)	Seattle	\$42,579 5307 Preservation	9/30/2021	Transmitted (as of January 2023)	
Northgate to Downtown Transit Improvements (SEA-240)	Seattle	\$4,030,400 STP	6/1/2022	Submitted (as of August 2023)	
Fairview Ave N Multimodal Improvements (SEA-215a)	Seattle	\$4,030,400 STP	6/1/2022	Submitted (as of August 2023)	

2023 TOC Planned Meeting Topics

Ongoing

- FTA fund adjustments
- FTA fund project tracking

Quarter 1 (January – March)

- Transit's role/inputs in Climate Change Implementation Strategy (January)
- Transit-related data/measures in RTP dashboard (March)
- Initiation of Transit Access work program (January and March)
 - Review and assessment of existing tools and data
- Regional Safety Plan coordination (ongoing – more in Q2)
- Follow-up on regional FTA safety performance targets (deferred to Q2)
- Initiate Transit Development Plan coordination (moved up from Q2 -- March)
- ADA Transition Plan coordination (March)

Quarter 2 (April – June)

- Transit Access work program
 - Standing up ad hoc working group (June)
 - Initiate review and assessment of existing tools and data (June)
- Initiation of 2023 Transit Integration Report (June)
- Regional Safety Plan coordination (notify of 6/29 Safety Summit at May meeting)
- Project Tracking Update from 2022 (May)
- Project Tracking Recommendations (May)
- FTA regional target data collection method and timing (incorporated in transit development plan work – see Q1)
- FTA Funding Working Group Equity Formula Distribution (April/May)
- ADA Transition Plan coordination/follow-up (April)

Quarter 3 (July – September)

- Action on FTA funding (equity distribution & earned share) (September)
- Transit Access work program (September)
 - Review and assessment of existing tools and data/case studies
 - Inventory of Microtransit/MOD services
- TOC review of 2023 Transit Integration Report (between meetings)
- Regional Safety Plan coordination

Quarter 4 (October – December)

- Transit Access work program (October, November)
 - Completion of review and assessment of existing tools and data & report on next steps
 - Next steps: pedestrian and bicycle access to transit improvements
 - Next steps: accounting for/assessing need for Microtransit/MOD services
 - Other potential next steps
- Regional Safety Plan coordination
- Involvement in Future of High-Capacity Transit convening (proposed)
- Overview of PSRC 2023 transit development plan review process (November)
- Periodic review of annual FTA regional performance targets and actuals (November)
- TOC chair & vice-chair (October – nominations; + vote-by-email)



Puget Sound Regional Council

FROM PANDEMIC TO PROSPERITY: Downtowns Reimagined



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 29, 2023



Part 1

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Zoom – Virtual Panels



Part 2

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

In Person Walking Tour
(location coming soon)

The COVID 19 pandemic disrupted downtowns and urban cores in unforeseen ways that now provide opportunities to revitalize these places to better serve all people. Join industry and community leaders to explore cutting edge data analysis, innovative techniques, and best practices to reimagine downtowns for our shared prosperity.

Free to attend. Online registration opens soon.