



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: August 23, 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 June 28, 2023, meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Gil provided a brief overview of the July Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting. Due to cancellation of the July TOC meeting, this is the first meeting since then. The TPB did not meet in August.

Action: King County Metro Redistribution Request

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the King County Metro request to redistribute \$14,560,309 in 2024 5337 HIFG funds from its "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2023-2024" project to its "Trolley Energy Storage System Replacement" project. The committee voted unanimously to approve the request for recommendation by the Transportation Policy Board at their next meeting.

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

Action: Project Tracking - Delayed Transit Agency Projects

Sarah provided a brief overview of project tracking policies for transit projects in the region and a summary of the status of currently delayed projects.

Three King County Metro projects that had previously received obligation extensions to July 2023 had not yet been submitted. The Committee reviewed and discussed recommendations from the Regional FTA Caucus on the projects. Metro staff confirmed that they had been actively working with FTA staff to progress the applications and expected they would be submitted by the end of August 2023. Based on Regional FTA Caucus recommendations and the actions taken by Metro to achieve the extended July deadlines, the Committee recommended that PSRC staff should continue to monitor progress on submitting the applications by the end of August.

Sarah then gave an overview of Sound Transit's request to move \$1,100,000 in CMAQ funds from the Right of Way phase to the Preliminary Engineering/Design phase of its delayed Commuter Rail Project: Seattle to Lakewood project. If approved, the agency anticipated the TrAMS grant application for these funds would be submitted by December 2023, with obligation expected in January 2024. Sound Transit staff confirmed that with this change the full scope of the project would still be completed, and the project would be implemented as awarded. At its July meeting, the Regional FTA Caucus voted unanimously to forward the recommendation on this project to the Committee.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the requested scope change and obligation extension for recommendation by the Transportation Policy Board at their next meeting.

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

Discussion: FTA Equity Funding Distribution Process and Schedule

Sarah gave a brief update on PSRC's schedule for the FTA equity funding distribution process. PSRC staff were currently reviewing the projects submitted by transit agencies for the FTA equity funding, including information on how each project supports and improves equity in the region. Per board action, at upcoming meetings PSRC staff would be presenting the projects for review and recommendation by the TOC, and working with the Committee on subsequent reporting relating to the equity formula distribution. The results of the TOC's work on this would go to the boards for approval prior to award of the FTA funds.

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

Discussion: 2023 Transit Integration Report Timing for TOC Review

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared a brief update on the 2023 Transit Integration Report and a reminder that the committee agreed to PSRC creating a streamlined report for 2023 at the June TOC meeting. Gil indicated a more substantive update on the draft report will occur at the September 27 meeting, followed by a two-week review period for TOC members to provide input, ending in October.

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

Discussion: Future TOC In-Person Meeting / Transit Agency Roundtable

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

- Gil Cerise, PSRC
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Tina Lee, Pierce Transit
- Jason Rogers, WSF

- Sophie Luthin, Community Transit
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared plans for holding a future meeting with an in-person attendance and networking lunch option. PSRC staff provided a survey for members to submit their preferred options for the in-person TOC meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit; Erik Rundell, King County Metro; Kathryn Rasmussen, Community Transit

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Gil Cerise, Erin Hogan, Sarah Gutschow, Nick Johnson, Alexa Leach, Adin Romano

**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	Sophie Luthin
		<i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		<i>Michael Schmieder (Alt.)</i>
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan, Chair
		<i>Erik Rundell (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)		VACANT
	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>Lisa Wolterink (Alt.)</i>
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)	x	Jason Rogers
		<i>John Bernhard (Alt.)</i>
WSDOT (1)	x	Cordy Crockett
		<i>Jason Beloso (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Don Chartock (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
		<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) (1)		Susan Carter, Chair (Hopelink)
		VACANT