

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Agenda**

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00)
- 2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary July 11, 2023\* (10:05)
- 3. Discussion: Regional Safety Plan\* (10:10)

PSRC is developing a Regional Safety Plan through funding awarded by the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The BPAC will be briefed on the draft scope of work and have an opportunity to provide feedback at the meeting.

4. Discussion: Regional Mobility On Demand (MOD) Work Program and Inventory\* (10:45)

The Regional Transportation Plan calls for PSRC to collect data and analyze the performance of MOD in the region. At this meeting, PSRC staff will share an overview of the work program, the draft MOD Glossary, and a plan for the upcoming regional MOD inventory data collection.

5. Discussion: Connecting People to Transit Update\* (11:05)

PSRC staff will provide an update on the transit access work program, including outcomes from the September 12<sup>th</sup> Transit Access Working Group meeting, along with ongoing work completing case studies at select locations in the region.

6. Discussion: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Inventory Update (11:30)

PSRC staff will present an update on the regional pedestrian and bicycle facility inventory update, as discussed at the May 9, 2023 BPAC <u>meeting</u>. PSRC recently sent out a request to jurisdictions in the region to review and provide edits to the inventory data using interactive web maps, which staff will demonstrate at the meeting.

7. Roundtable: Announcements of Pedestrian/Bicycle Activities (11:50)

Committee members provide brief updates on local/regional events and other items of interest. Members can also comment on state/federal regulations and other issues impacting bicycle and pedestrian planning in the region.

- 8. Next Meeting: The next BPAC meeting will be held in 2024.
- 9. Adjourn (12:00 p.m.)
- \* Supporting materials attached

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## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

Date: Jully 11, 2023

**Location: Online/Remote Only** 

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Eric Goodman, Chair (Community Transit), welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. He then took a roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

## **Approval of Meeting Summary**

The summary for the May 9, 2023 BPAC meeting was approved.

## **Discussion: Getting to Know Committee Members**

Kristin Kinnamon provided a presentation on the current work of the BIKES Club of Snohomish County and Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop.

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

## **Action: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Typology**

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, and Nick Johnson, PSRC, presented the final version of the pedestrian and bicycle facility typology, as shown in the <u>agenda packet</u>. The typology's primary purpose is to serve as a data dictionary for the regional pedestrian and bicycle facility inventory update. The committee discussed and took action to recommend the final version of the typology.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at <u>squtschow@psrc.org</u>.

## **Discussion: Connecting People to Transit**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an update on the agency's regional transit access work program. Gil shared information on PSRC's existing transit access tools, resources, and previously conducted case studies. Members provided feedback on how active transportation was characterized in the existing tools and resources, as well as examples of more recent studies and reports on transit access that could be considered as part of this work.

The committee then provided suggestions for potential locations that would make good case studies to test the existing transit access tools and data.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here.

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at <a href="mailto:gcerise@psrc.org">gcerise@psrc.org</a>.

## **Discussion: ADA Transition Plan Inventory Briefing**

Jean Kim, PSRC, and Nick Johnson presented to the committee on research PSRC has been conducting on Americans with Disability Act (ADA) transition planning in the region, per direction from the Regional Transportation Plan. They shared findings from PSRC's preliminary research on this topic and the results of the regional inventory survey of local ADA transition plans.

Jean then spoke to board feedback on next steps for this work, including continued monitoring and information sharing.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information, contact Jean Kim at <a href="mailto:ikim@psrc.org">ikim@psrc.org</a>.

## **Discussion: Safety Summit**

Gil Cerise shared a brief overview of the Regional Safety Summit held on June 29, 2023, as described in more detail on the <u>PSRC website</u>. The summit was used to help kick off development of the Regional Safety Plan and other next steps.

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

## **Discussion: TAP and RTCC Funding Competitions**

Sarah Gutschow gave an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) funding competitions currently underway. She shared that the BPAC would be represented on the TAP Project Selection Committee, which would be meeting in August to make project recommendations to the Transportation Policy Board.

More information is available on the PSRC website <u>here for TAP</u> And <u>here for RTCC</u>.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at <a href="mailto:squtschow@psrc.org">squtschow@psrc.org</a>

#### Roundtable: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities

During the roundtable, the committee received updates and announcements from the following members and guests:

- Kristin Kinnamon, BIKES Club of Snohomish County / Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop
- Tobin Bennett-Gold, City of Kenmore
- Larry Leveen, ForeverGreen Trails

#### Adjourn

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

#### \*Members and Alternates Present

See attached attendance roster for the member or alternate representing each agency/jurisdiction at the meeting; additional alternates present are listed below.

## \*Alternates, Interested Parties, and PSRC Staff Present

Sherman Goong, City of Bothell; Max Hepp-Buchanan, King County Parks; Ashley Jones, City of Tacoma; Deeksha Nagaraj, City of Federal Way; Katie Wendel, King County Roads; Ashley Whitesides, Huitt-Zollars

PSRC: Alexa Leach, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Nick Johnson, Adin Romano, Jean Kim, June Quick

\*All attendees were present via remote participation.

# **BPAC Attendance Roster** (Members and Alternates represented)

Date: July 11, 2023 10:00am - 12:00pm

Jurisdiction		Name	Jurisdiction		Name	
King County			Snohomish County			
County (2)	х	John Vander Sluis (Roads)	County (1)	х	Aaron Lee (Public Works)	
	х	Peter Dane (Parks)			VACANT (Alt.)	
		Jennifer Knauer (Roads) (Alt.)	Metro City: Everett (1)		Christina Curtis	
		Max Hepp-Buchanan (Parks) (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)	
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		Christiana Farrell (Alt.)			VACANT	
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	х	Doug McIntyre (Sammamish)	Multimodal Planning (1)		Thomas Noyes (WSDOT, Vice Chair)	
		Kimberly Scrivner (Kirkland)			Matthew Kenna (Alt.)	
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		Brianne Blackburn (Parks) (Alt.)	Puyallup Tribe (1)			
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			Pierce County (1)	х	Larry Leveen (ForeverGreen Trails)	
			Snohomish County (1)	1	Kristin Kinnamon (Sharing Wheels Comm. Bike	
				х	Shop/BIKES Club of Snohomish County)	
			State/Region (1)	1	Vicky Clarke (Cascade Bicycle Club)	
			At-Large (2)	<u> </u>	Phillip Miller (UW Transportation Services)	
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**DISCUSSION ITEM**November 7, 2023

TO: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: Gary Simonson, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT:** Regional Safety Plan Draft Scope of Work

PSRC staff will brief the TOC on a draft scope of work for the Regional Safety Plan, which is being funded by the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. PSRC staff will seek feedback on the draft scope of work at the November 14 meeting.

#### DISCUSSION

The 2022 Regional Transportation Plan directs PSRC to develop a Regional Safety Plan, including actions, targets, and performance indicators. It also directs PSRC to seek resources for regional and local planning and projects, and to use the Regional Safety Plan to help inform future regional and local planning.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) adopted in 2021 established the new SS4A discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five years. In coordination with the Cities of Burien, Everett, Kent, Redmond, Tukwila, and Pierce County, PSRC applied for the program in 2022, and in February 2023 was awarded \$4.9 million for safety planning. PSRC is using its portion of grant funding to develop a Regional Safety Plan.

To better understand expectations and goals for the Regional Safety Plan, PSRC held a first-ever Regional Safety Summit on June 29, 2023. Approximately 140 participants gathered at the Seattle Convention Center to discuss transportation safety issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the region. The purpose of the summit was to bring together stakeholders – including elected officials, transportation experts, engaged citizens, agency staff, and others – to foster a shared understanding of the state of road safety in the region and to advance the conversation on how we can best move the region forward to achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways.

Responding to the feedback heard at the summit, as well as the components required by USDOT under the provisions of the SS4A planning grant, PSRC has developed a draft scope of work for a Regional Safety Plan, as shown in Attachment A. The plan is intended to follow a Safe System Approach for equitable and impactful progress on achieving the safety goals across our diverse four-county region.

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at <a href="mailto:gsimonson@psrc.org">gsimonson@psrc.org</a>.

Attachment A: Regional Safety Plan Draft Scope of Work Outline

#### ATTACHMENT A

## **PSRC Regional Safety Plan Draft Scope of Work Outline**

## **Executive Summary**

## Chapter 1. Overview

- Introduction: What is the Regional Safety Plan?
- Safe System Approach: Key Focus, Difference from Traditional Approach
- Identify Need for the Plan. Why is the plan important?
  - High-level trends: Crashes and Serious Injuries
  - Disproportionate Impacts
  - Estimates of Cost of Crashes to Society
  - o Major Issues and Challenges
- Visions and Goals: State and Regional Commitment to Zero Deaths & Fatalities, Adopted Regional Goals
- Regional Safety Action Plan Purpose Call to Action
  - Summary of Local Safety Plan/Policy Inventory
  - Regional Culture of Safety
  - o Regional vs. Local Safety Action Plans
  - Technical Assistance and Resources for Local Jurisdictions
- Oversight of Project. How was the Plan Developed?
- How is the Regional Safety Plan Structured?

## Chapter 2. Safety and Equity Analyses. What and Where are the Regional Safety Issues?

- Problem Identification and Approach
  - Area Covered/Scales of Analysis
  - Data Used

- Analysis Methods
- Common Problems High Level Takeaways
  - Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes
  - High Injury Network
  - Other Issues
- High Crash Locations (HCL)/High Injury Network (HIN) for All Users, by:
  - Facility types
  - User groups pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, vehicles, freight
  - Community context neighborhood / land use characteristics
  - Demographics PSRC's 6 equity focus areas
  - Other correlations / analyses based on discovery
  - Review / analysis of associated factors
- Safe System Approach Regional Priority Emphasis Areas. What is the data telling us / what are the priority areas?
  - Physical / Community / Population Attributes
  - o Infrastructure Issues
  - Human Factors
  - Other Issues

## **Chapter 3. Engagement and Collaboration**

- PSRC Board and Committee discussions
- Public Engagement Activities
  - Public Workshops
  - Public Events Attended/Partnerships
  - Regional Survey
  - o Focus Groups
- Online Engagement
  - Online Open House
  - Social Media Engagement

- Key Additional Stakeholders on Roadway Safety
  - o EMS
  - Traffic Enforcement
  - Public Health
  - Vehicle Safety
  - Roadway/Infrastructure Engineers
  - NHTSA
  - Other Safety Organizations
  - o Others?

## Chapter 4. Strategies, Countermeasures, and Actions

- Safety Actions and Strategies / Proven Countermeasures
- Proposed List of Actions, Strategies, and Countermeasures to Address Identified High Crash Corridors/Areas/Contextual Locations
- Regional Data Products/Resources and Uses
  - o Toolkits, regional to local scale

## **Chapter 5. Implementation and Next Steps**

- Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Safety Stakeholders
- Call to action for development of local safety plans, other actions
- Call for analysis of regional policies and procedures
  - o E.g., Updates to the RTP, project selection
- Pursuit of implementation funding
- Monitoring and Tracking



**DISCUSSION ITEM**November 7, 2023

TO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: Gary Simonson, Senior Planner

Jean Kim, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Regional Mobility On Demand Work Plan and Inventory

The committee will be provided with an overview of PSRC's Mobility On Demand (MOD) work program, including the development of a glossary and plans to conduct a regional MOD inventory survey. Staff will seek feedback from BPAC on elements related to micromobility.

#### DISCUSSION

PSRC has created an MOD work program based on direction from the Regional Transportation Plan to collect data and analyze the performance of MOD in the region.

The work program begins with a review of existing studies and resources to identify the most commonly used terminology related to MOD and define the terms to be clear and consistent. This initial task will inform the next step, which is to conduct a regional MOD inventory to analyze trends and identify the needs and opportunities related to the current MOD programs in the region.

At the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, PSRC staff will provide an overview of the work program and the draft MOD Glossary (Attachment A), which has been created to ensure there is clear and consistent usage of the terminology.

Staff will be seeking input on the following items:

- Does the glossary include all pertinent MOD-related concepts? If not, what do you think is missing?
- What are your thoughts on the definition and potential measures for micromobility?
- What type of information should we request from MOD-providers, micromobility in particular?

#### **NEXT STEPS**

PSRC is planning to conduct a regional MOD inventory to collect data from jurisdictions, transit agencies, and other relevant agencies by early 2024. PSRC will continue to provide briefings over the coming months to share the status of this work.

For more information or to provide further feedback, contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org or (206) 971-3276 or Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org or (206) 971-3052.

**Attachment A: DRAFT MOD Glossary** 

## **PSRC Mobility On Demand Glossary (DRAFT)**

#### **Overview**

Mobility On Demand (MOD), also referred to as Shared Mobility, offers accessible transportation options on an as-needed basis rather than a fixed schedule. MOD includes concepts such as ridehailing, micromobility, carsharing, microtransit, and others. It provides users with personalized mobility options upon request, based on service areas determined by providers. While many MOD services are open to the general public, not all riders can access these services due to their age, income, ability, or other reasons. Pricing for MOD services is either fixed or based on supply and demand.

## Glossary

The glossary categorizes and describes a variety of MOD-related terms based on the review of recent studies and resources. The glossary is intended to be used as a resource to help guide local planning and encourage more consistent terminology and data collection across the region. PSRC staff has collected information from various sources and put together the table below, which also includes "Potential Measures." These are measures that could potentially be used to estimate the usage and other aspects related to these services.

Туре	Alternative Terms	Definition	Potential Measures	Local Examples
Micromobility	Bikeshare, scooter share	Small, low-speed vehicles, primarily used for single-person short trips in urban areas with good connectivity and a density of destinations. It serves as a first- and last-mile option that is faster than hailing a taxi, walking, or transferring to low-frequency transit. <sup>1, 2</sup>	<ul> <li>Average ridership</li> <li>Average deployment</li> <li>Active membership</li> <li>% Trips in Equity Focus Area</li> <li>% Reduced Fare Trips</li> <li>Cost</li> <li>Customer rating</li> </ul>	Bird, Lime, Veo, Superpedestrian
Microtransit	On-demand transit, flexible transit	Publicly or privately operated shared transportation that typically uses multi-passenger shuttles or vans to provide on-demand or fixed-schedule services with flexible routing. <sup>3</sup> Microtransit often offers first-and last- mile rides that make regular transit more accessible or serve areas not well suited to regular transit.	<ul> <li>Average ridership</li> <li>Active membership</li> <li>% Shared rides</li> <li>Average wait time</li> <li>Average trip distance</li> <li>% Trip denial</li> <li>% Trips in Equity Focus Area</li> <li>% Reduced Fare TripsCost</li> <li>Customer rating</li> </ul>	Metro Flex (King County Metro), Zip Alderwood Shuttle (Community Transit), Runner (Pierce Transit), Via
Ridehailing	Ridesourcing, Transportation Network Company (TNC)	Ridehailing uses online platforms to connect passengers with drivers and automate reservations, payments, and customer feedback. Riders can choose from a variety of vehicle options, including drivers who use personal vehicles or traditional taxicabs dispatched via the providers' apps.4	<ul> <li>Monthly/Annual ridership</li> <li>Active membership</li> <li>% Trips in Equity Focus Area</li> <li>% Reduced Fare Trips</li> <li>Cost</li> </ul>	Uber, Lyft

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Shared Use Mobility Center. (2022). Definitions. Retrieved from: https://learn.sharedusemobilitycenter.org/definitions/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Shaheen, S., Cohen, A., & Broader, J. (2023). Shared Mobility in Low-and High-Income Regions. Retrieved from: <a href="https://escholarship.org/uc/item/8kt9q81w">https://escholarship.org/uc/item/8kt9q81w</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Shaheen, Susan A. et al. (2020). Mobility on Demand Planning and Implementation: Current Practices, Innovations, and Emerging Mobility Futures. Retrieved from: https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/50553/dot 50553 DS1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Federal Transit Administration. (2020). Shared Mobility Definitions. Retrieved from: https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/shared-mobility-definitions

Туре	Alternative Terms	Definition	Common Measures	Local Examples
Ridesharing	Carpooling, vanpooling	Ridesharing is the formal or informal sharing of rides between drivers and passengers with similar origin-destination parings. <sup>5</sup>	<ul> <li>Monthly/Annual users</li> <li>Vehicle miles traveled</li> <li>Cost</li> </ul>	Transit agencies' vanpool or vanshare programs, Uber Pool
Carsharing		Technology-enabled service that allows individuals to purchase temporary usage of a vehicle from a fleet of cars and light trucks.  Carsharing operators usually provide parking and maintenance and participants pay a fee each time they use a vehicle. <sup>6</sup>	<ul> <li>Monthly/Annual users</li> <li>Average trip distance</li> <li>Average trip time</li> <li>Cost</li> <li>Customer rating</li> </ul>	Zip Car, Gig
Specialized Transportation	Human service transportation, paratransit, demand- response, community shuttles	Specialized transportation is a mode of public transportation tailored to meet the needs of riders with accessibility and mobility challenges. This type of service fills gaps in the regular transit network and span of service that allows mobility for these populations. More information about specialized transportation is covered in the Coordinated Mobility Plan.	<ul> <li>Ridership</li> <li>Number of trips made by riders in mobility devices</li> <li>Vehicle miles traveled</li> <li>Number of calls</li> <li>Customer rating</li> <li>Cost</li> </ul>	ADA complementary paratransit provided by transit, demand response vans, wheelchair- accessible shuttles, volunteer driver transportation
Mobility as a Service (MaaS)		The integration of multiple forms of transportation into one platform or app. It allows users to plan, pay for, and use various forms of mobility based on their travel needs without switching payment platforms. <sup>7</sup>		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Shaheen, Susan A. et al. (2020). Mobility on Demand Planning and Implementation: Current Practices, Innovations, and Emerging Mobility Futures.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Shared Use Mobility Center. (2022). Definitions. Retrieved from: <a href="https://learn.sharedusemobilitycenter.org/definitions/">https://learn.sharedusemobilitycenter.org/definitions/</a>



**DISCUSSION ITEM**November 7, 2023

TO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager

Jean Kim, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Update on Connecting People to Transit Project

#### **IN BRIEF**

The committee will be provided with an informational update on PSRC's transit access work program progress to date, including accomplishments of the September 12, 2023 Transit Access Working Group meeting and preliminary feedback on the case studies.

#### DISCUSSION

At past committee meetings, PSRC staff shared the 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 began with a review of existing tools, such as the PSRC Transit Access Checklist and Transit Access Toolkit, found on the PSRC Transit Access webpage. These work products were the result of a multi-year effort to examine transit access needs in the region, published in 2016-2017.

At the November meeting, PSRC staff will provide an update on the transit access work program and the work of ad hoc Transit Access Working Group that has been convened to support this work. The working group held its first meeting in July to gain a common understanding of their charge and the existing transit access tools and data resources.

The working group's second meeting was on September 12, 2023. At that meeting, the working group identified five case study locations to test existing transit access tools, resources, and data:

- Wheaton Way Transit Center in Bremerton;
- Pacific Avenue and S 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in Tacoma;
- Tukwila International Boulevard Station Link light rail station in Tukwila;
- Future Judkins Park Link light rail station in Seattle; and

• Future Mariner Link light rail station in Unincorporated Snohomish County (near existing Mariner Park & Ride).

Staff is in the process of conducting high-level case studies to assess existing tools at these locations while reaching out to and collaborating with local jurisdiction and transit agency staff, as envisioned in the development of the existing tools. PSRC staff will share observations, and potentially, some preliminary findings with the BPAC at its November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The committee will be asked to provide feedback in advance of a final report with recommendations for next steps, anticipated in early 2024.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Over the next few weeks, PSRC will continue to conduct case studies to test existing transit access tools, resources, and data. The next working group meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2023. Staff is convening the working group to seek their input and help identify preliminary findings and recommendations. PSRC will share the final results of this task, anticipated in January 2024.

For more information or to provide further feedback, contact Gil Cerise at <a href="mailto:gcerise@psrc.org">gcerise@psrc.org</a> or (206) 971-3053 or Jean Kim at <a href="mailto:jkim@psrc.org">jkim@psrc.org</a> or (206) 971-3052.