



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **Regional FTA Caucus Agenda**

**Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below**

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**1. Welcome and Introductions (9:00)**

**2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – December 13, 2023\* (9:05)**

**3. Action: FTA Funding Redistribution Requests\* (9:10)**

King County Metro and Sound Transit are requesting redistributions of their FTA funds between projects. Please see the attachments for details of the specific redistribution requests:

- King County Metro is requesting five redistributions of funds between projects.
- Sound Transit is requesting one redistribution of funds between projects.

**4. Discussion: FTA Project Tracking Policies (9:20)**

The committee will continue discussion of potential updates to PSRC's Project Tracking Policies for FTA funds.

**5. Transit Agency Roundtable (10:45)**

As time permits, transit agency staff will provide updates on their work, and ask questions or share information about FTA funding and other requirements.

**6. Other Business (10:55)**

**7. Next Meeting: TBD**

**8. Adjourn (11:00)**

\* Supporting materials attached.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822 or [sgutschow@psrc.org](mailto:sgutschow@psrc.org).

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**Regional FTA Caucus Attendees:**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **Regional FTA Caucus Meeting Summary**

**Date: December 13, 2023 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**Location: Online Meeting Only - Zoom Remote Meeting**

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#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, 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 October 11, 2023 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved as presented.

#### **Discussion: Updates on Delayed FTA and FHWA Obligations**

Sarah provided updates on projects that previously or were currently experiencing delays in obligating their regional FTA funds or “flexed” FHWA funds. Sarah said PSRC had recently sent a request for further information about projects that had recently become delayed. This information provided by project sponsors would be reviewed by the Caucus for potential actions at its next meeting.

Chris Eilerman, City of Seattle, then provided a status report on the delayed funds in its Culture Connector streetcar project. This project previously received an extension to March 2024 to obligate delayed flexed FHWA funds, contingent upon the sponsor being able to demonstrate they would have full funding at that time. Chris stated that the City of Seattle did not include local match funding for this project in its 2024 annual budget, so would not be able to obligate federal funds by the extended date. They would therefore be returning the funds to the region. Sarah said that PSRC staff would work with the City of Seattle on next steps for returning the funds.

*For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at [sgutschow@psrc.org](mailto:sgutschow@psrc.org).*

#### **Discussion: FTA Project Tracking Policies**

In preparation for project selection in 2024, Sarah presented PSRC’s proposed updates to the Project Tracking Policies for FTA funds, which were last revised in January 2022. As further detailed in the agenda attachment, since the new equity formula funds were sourced from PSRC’s regional FTA funds, the proposed project tracking updates for

these funds would use the default position of following the existing policies and procedures previously applied to projects awarded regional FTA funds.

Caucus members had several questions and alternative proposals for project tracking of the equity formula funds. Since there was not sufficient time to fully address these comments, Sarah and Kelly McGourty, PSRC, said that PSRC would follow up with a survey to committee members after the meeting to gather feedback. The responses would then be presented for further discussion at an extended meeting in January 2024.

*For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at [sgutschow@psrc.org](mailto:sgutschow@psrc.org).*

### **Transit Agency Roundtable**

There was no time during the meeting for a roundtable discussion.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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### **\*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**

Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Danielle Casey, FTA; Dave Morrison, King County Metro; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit; Mark Stojak, FTA; Monica Overby, Sound Transit; Ryan Packer, The Urbanist; Tyler Benson, Sound Transit; Wendi Gephart, Pierce Transit

**PSRC:** Alexa Leach, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Kelly McGourty, Nick Johnson

*\*All attendees were present via remote participation.*

# Regional FTA Caucus Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

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Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
<b>Transit Agencies</b>		
Community Transit (1)	x	Kathryn Rasmussen
		<i>Tarin Tesfaye (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Ashley Duber (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)		Steffani Lillie, Chair
		<i>Lindsay Cook (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County Ferries (1)	x	Clint Ritter, Vice Chair
		<i>Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)	x	Tina Lee
		<i>Wendi Gephart (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Roberta Vyrostek (Alt.)</i>
Seattle DOT (1)	x	Chris Eilerman
		<i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)	x	Lisa Wolterink
		<i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>
<b>State</b>		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)		John Bernhard
		<i>Todd Lamphere (Alt. 1)</i>
	x	<i>Krishan Aggarwal (Alt. 2)</i>
		<i>Leslie Rifkin (Alt. 3)</i>
<b>Non-Voting Participants</b>		
Intercity Transit		Peter Stackpole
		<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Skagit Transit		Marcy Smith

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## King County Metro Redistribution Request

**Request:** King County Metro (KCM) requests to redistribute \$923,999 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett Urbanized Area (STE UZA) FFY2020 5307 Earned Share funds between the projects identified below.

**Explanation:** KCM requests to redistribute funds from its "Seattle Central Waterfront Regional Passenger-Only Ferry Terminal" project to its "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024" project. The redistribution is needed because the Passenger-Only Ferry Terminal was completed for less than the estimated costs, eliminating the need for these funds. Redistributing these dollars to preventive maintenance will therefore make more efficient use of the funds.

Since the "Seattle Central Waterfront Regional Passenger-Only Ferry Terminal" project is now complete, the remaining unobligated federal funds in the project will be used to pay for final contract costs and then the project will be closed out. The "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024" project will use the additional funds to increase the federal share of the annual budget for this activity but the scope will otherwise remain the same.

**FFY 2020 STE UZA 5307 Earned Share Funds**

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2020	KCFD-5	Seattle Central Waterfront Regional Passenger-Only Ferry Terminal	5307 Earned Share	\$923,999	-\$923,999	\$0
2020	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	5307 Earned Share	\$0	\$923,999	\$923,999

## King County Metro Redistribution Request

**Request:** King County Metro (KCM) requests to redistribute \$10,000,000 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett Urbanized Area (STE UZA) FFY2021 and FFY2022 5337 HIFG funds between the projects identified below.

**Explanation:** KCM requests to redistribute funds from its "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2021-2022" project to its "Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement" and "Replacement of Overhead Trolley Infrastructure 2021-2022" projects. The redistributions are needed to fund two infrastructure replacement projects that have been identified as having a critical need for additional funds, which will help maintain Metro's trolley system in a state of good repair. The redistribution is also requested due to a recent change in FTA policy limiting the time period for utilization of these funds for trolley maintenance activities.

After the funds are redistributed, the "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2021-2022" project will be closed out. The "Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement" project will use the additional funds to offset recent cost increases. The "Replacement of Overhead Trolley Infrastructure 2021-2022" project will use the additional funds to pay for cost increases for University Bridge trolley infrastructure replacement work, including the purchase of more wire, connecting wires, switches, and other hardware to update the system.

**FFY 2021 and 2022 STE UZA 5337 HIFG Funds**

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2021	MET-230	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2021-2022	5337 HIFG	\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000	\$0
2022	MET-230	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2021-2022	5337 HIFG	\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000	\$0
2021	MET-216	Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement	5337 HIFG	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
2022	MET-216	Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement	5337 HIFG	\$5,628,894	\$600,000	\$6,228,894
2022	MET-227	Replacement of Overhead Trolley Infrastructure 2021-2022	5337 HIFG	\$1,619,616	\$4,400,000	\$6,019,616

## King County Metro Redistribution Request

**Request:** King County Metro (KCM) requests to redistribute \$28,567,512 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett Urbanized Area (STE UZA) FFY2024 5307 Earned Share funds between the projects identified below.

**Explanation:** KCM requests to redistribute funds from its "King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024" project to its "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024" project. The redistribution is needed because the agency's planned battery electric bus acquisition is delayed primarily due to supply chain issues for charging infrastructure. After the funds are redistributed, the "King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024" project scope will be reduced by 30 vehicles. The "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024" project will use the additional funds to increase the federal share of the annual budget for this activity but the scope will otherwise remain the same.

**FFY 2024 STE UZA 5307 Earned Share Funds**

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2024	MET-238	King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024	5307 ES	\$36,626,936	-\$28,567,512	\$8,059,424
2024	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	5307 ES	\$0	\$28,567,512	\$28,567,512



## King County Metro Redistribution Request

**Request:** King County Metro (KCM) requests to redistribute \$3,359,000 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett Urbanized Area (STE UZA) FFY2024 5337 HIFG funds between the projects identified below.

**Explanation:** KCM requests to redistribute funds from its "Trolley Pole Replacement 2023-2024" project to its "Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement" project. The redistribution is needed because the "Atlantic Base Yard Replacement" project is moving forward sooner, so will be able to more quickly utilize the funds. After the funds are redistributed, the "Trolley Pole Replacement 2023-2024" project will be closed out. The "Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement" project will use the additional funds to cover recent cost increases.

### FFY 2024 STE UZA 5337 HIFG Funds

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2024	MET-242	Trolley Pole Replacement 2023-2024	5337 HIFG	\$3,359,000	-\$3,359,000	\$0
2024	MET-216	Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement	5337 HIFG	\$0	\$3,359,000	\$3,359,000

## King County Metro Redistribution Request

**Request:** King County Metro (KCM) requests to redistribute \$14,506,324 in Seattle-Tacoma Everett Urbanized Area (STE UZA) FFY2023 and FFY2024 5337 HIFG funds between the projects identified below.

**Explanation:** KCM requests to redistribute funds from its "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2023-2024 " project to its existing "Replacement of Overhead Trolley Infrastructure 2021-2022", "Trolley Energy Storage System Replacement", and "Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement" projects and the new "Pier 48 Gangway Replacement" project. The redistributions are needed to fund four critical infrastructure replacement projects to maintain the agency's aging trolley system, water taxi maintenance facility and Atlantic Base. The redistribution is also requested in part due to a recent change in FTA policy limiting the time period for utilization of these funds for trolley maintenance activities.

After the funds are redistributed, the "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2021-2022" project will be closed out. The "Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement" project will use the additional funds to offset recent cost increases. The "Replacement of Overhead Trolley Infrastructure 2021-2022" project will use the additional funds to pay for cost increases for University Bridge trolley infrastructure replacement work, including the purchase of more wire, connecting wires, switches, and other hardware to update the system. 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 just increase the percentage KCM is able to receive in FTA reimbursements.

**FFY 2023 and 2024 STE UZA 5337 HIFG Funds**

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2023	MET-244	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2023-2024	5337 HIFG	\$3,310,995	-\$3,310,995	\$0
2024	MET-244	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance for Electric Trolley Fleet 2023-2024	5337 HIFG	\$18,152,767	-\$4,805,000	\$6,957,438
					-\$1,665,000	
					-\$4,725,329	
2023	MET-227	Replacement of Overhead Trolley Infrastructure 2021-2022	5337 HIFG	\$0	\$3,310,995	\$3,310,995
2024	MET-272	Pier 48 Gangway Replacement	5337 HIFG	\$0	\$4,805,000	\$4,805,000
2024	MET-259	Trolley Energy Storage System Replacement	5337 HIFG	\$0	\$1,665,000	\$1,665,000
2024	MET-216	Atlantic Base Pavement Replacement	5337 HIFG	\$0	\$4,725,329	\$4,725,329

## Sound Transit Redistribution Request

**Request:** Sound Transit (ST) requests to redistribute \$1,490,506 in Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Urbanized Area (SEA UZA) FFY2023 5339 funds between the projects identified below.

**Explanation:** ST requests to redistribute funds from its "Regional Express Bus Program (2023-2024)" project to its "SR 522/NE 145th St BRT " project. The redistribution is needed because the bus procurement under the "SR 522/NE 145th St BRT " project is moving forward sooner than the bus procurement under the "Regional Express Bus Program (2023-2024)" project. ST is currently in the process of procuring battery electric buses (BEBs) for the "SR 522/NE 145th St BRT" project for its new BRT service scheduled to open in 2027, with a contract recently awarded for the BEBs. However, bus replacement procurement under "Regional Express Bus Program (2023-2024)" project is not slated to start until 2025-2026.

The scopes of both projects will not change as ST will be increasing the "Regional Express Bus Program (2023-2024)" project's total budget and decreasing the "SR 522/NE 145th St BRT" project's total budget by a like amount of local funds.

**FFY2023 SEA UZA 5339 Funds**

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2023	RTA-106	Regional Express Bus Program (2023-2024)	5339	\$1,490,506	-\$1,490,506	\$0
2023	RTA-103	SR 522/NE 145th St BRT	5339	\$0	\$1,490,506	\$1,490,506