



Puget Sound Regional Council

Special Needs Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: March 20, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Meeting)

Welcome and Introductions

Susan Carter, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. and took a roll call of the membership in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The January 17, 2024 meeting summary was approved as presented.

Discussion: PSRC Transportation Committee Assessment

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared an overview of PSRC's effort to re-evaluate transportation planning committees. Jean Kim, PSRC, then reviewed a plan to rebrand SNTC and shared a draft document that will provide the basis for revised operating procedures for the committee. The draft document included revised the committee purpose statement and key work program areas that closely align with the Regional Transportation Plan. The committee reviewed the revision and provided feedback. PSRC will share revised SNTC operating procedures and proposed membership structure at the May meeting.

For more information, contact Jean Kim, PSRC, at jkim@psrc.org

Discussion: Preparation for the 2024 PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process

Jean provided an overview of the regional priority ranking process and an updated schedule for the state's 2025-27 Consolidated Grant competition. She reviewed a variety of factors used for PSRC application assessment and SNTC deliberation in 2022. Erin Hogan, PSRC, shared a summary of how other peer regions incorporated equity into similar specialized transportation grant programs, including FTA 5310. Jean and Erin shared staff proposals to further weave equity considerations into our region's priority ranking process. Staff will engage the PSRC Equity Advisory Committee in April. Staff will share final proposal to update the regional priority ranking factors taking into consideration the EAC's input for the SNTC review at the May meeting.

For more information, contact Jean Kim, PSRC, at jkim@psrc.org and Erin Hogan, PSRC, at EHogan@psrc.org.

Discussion: Coordinated Mobility Plan's Specialized Transportation Inventory Update

Jean shared a brief overview of the upcoming specialized transportation survey that will help develop the next Coordinated Mobility Plan, which will be adopted in May 2026 (as part of the next PSRC's Regional Transportation Plan). The survey will be distributed to all transit and specialized transportation agencies in late March.

For more information, contact Jean Kim, PSRC, at jkim@psrc.org.

Discussion: Update on the Connecting People to Transit Work

Jean presented the final recommendations of the PSRC Access to Transit Case Study developed by the Transit Access Working Group. She shared the revised PSRC's access to transit work program based on the working group's recommendations.

For more information, contact Jean Kim, PSRC, at jkim@psrc.org.

Roundtable: Opportunity for SNTC members to share information on their programs and coalition news

During the local coalition reports, the committee received updates and announcements from the following attendees:

- Brock Howell, Snohomish County Mobility Coalition (SNOTRAC)
- Bree Boyce, Hopelink
- Laura Loe, Hopelink, Find a Ride
- Daeveene May, Pierce County Mobility Coalition (PCCTC)
- Ausha Potts, Pierce Transit

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Represented**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation; Bree Boyce, Hopelink (RARET); Cherry Thomas, Pierce Transit; Don Vanney, Mayor of Arlington; Laura Loe, Hopelink; Leslie McCracken, Paratransit Services; Matthew Cramer, WSDOT; Tom Hewitt, City of Seattle.

PSRC

Gil Cerise, Jean Kim, Alexa Leach, Erin Hogan, Nick Johnson

**All attendees were present via remote participation.*

SNTC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

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Representation	Name	Representation	Name
King County - Transit		Snohomish County - Transit	
King County Metro (1)	Mitchell Brown, King County Metro	Community Transit/Everett Transit (1)	Margaret Keckler, Community Transit
	Penny Lara, King County Metro (Alt.)		Brian Senyitko, Everett Transit
King County - Local Coalition		Snohomish County - Local Coalition	
KCMC (1)	x Jonny Procriv, Volunteer Services of CCSWW-KC (KCMC)	Representative from SNOTRAC (1)	x Brock Howell, SNOTRAC
	Staci Sahoo, Hopelink (KCMC) (Alt.)		Amanda Dodd, SNOTRAC (Alt.)
King County - Area Agency on Aging/ADRC		Snohomish County - Area Agency on Aging/ADRC	
Seattle-King County Aging and Disability Services (1)	x Dinah Stephens, Seattle ADS	Snohomish County Long-Term Care and Aging (1)	x Stefanie Novacek, Snohomish Co LTC & Aging
	Suzu Miller, Seattle ADS (Alt.)		Michal Glauner, Snohomish Co LTC & Aging (Alt.)
King County - Disability Advocacy Group		Snohomish County - Disability Advocacy Group	
King County Persons with Disabilities/Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities (1)	Aaron Morrow, KCMC	Snohomish County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities (1)	x Leigh Spruce, Arc of Snohomish County
	x Dorene Cornwell, KCMC (Alt.)		Don Vanney, Arlington councilmember and disability advocate (Alt.)
King County - Other Special Needs Group		Snohomish County - Other Special Needs Group	
Available county seat to be chosen by KCMC* (1)	x Phirun Lach, Sound Generations	Available county seat to be chosen by SNOTRAC* (1)	Melissa Johnson, Snow Goose Transit
	Amy Biggs, Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (Alt.)		Christina Robertson, Catholic Community Svcs Snohomish (Alt.)
Pierce County - Transit		Kitsap County - Transit	
Pierce Transit (1)	x Ausha Potts, Pierce Transit	Kitsap Transit ^ (1)	x Michael Bozarth , Kitsap Transit
	Cherry Thomas, Pierce Transit (Alt.)		Jeff Vincourt, Kitsap Transit (Alt.)
Pierce County - Local Coalition		Kitsap County - Local Coalition	
Representative from PC Human Services (f/k/a PCCC) (1)	x Daeveene May, Pierce County, Human Services	KIRN - Kitsap County Coalition ^ (1)	Kelly Schwab, KIRN
	Jodie Moody, Catholic Community Services (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
Pierce County - Area Agency on Aging/ADRC		Kitsap County - Area Agency on Aging/ADRC	
Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources (1)	Brian Guthrie, Pierce Co. Aging & Disability Resources	Kitsap County Dept. of Aging and Long-Term Care ^ (1)	VACANT
	VACANT (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
Pierce County - Disability Advocacy Group		Kitsap County - Disability Advocacy Group	
Pierce County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities (1)	x Francie Peltier, PCCTC	Kitsap County Persons with Disabilities/ Advocacy Groups for Persons with Disabilities ^ (1)	VACANT
	Tara Zink, Pierce County, Human Svcs. Developmental Disabilities Dept (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
Pierce County - Other Special Needs Group		Kitsap County - Other Special Needs Group	
Available county seat to be chosen by PCCTC* (1)	Steve Hutchins, Around the Sound	Available county seat to be chosen by Kitsap Group* ^ (1)	VACANT
	Penni Belcher, UWPC/South Sound 211 (Alt.)		VACANT (Alt.)
State and Regional Representation			
Medicaid Transportation – Pierce and Kitsap Counties			
Paratransit Services (1)	Ann Kennedy, Paratransit Services		
	Christie Scheffer, Paratransit Services (Alt.)		
Medicaid Transportation – King and Snohomish Counties			
Hopelink (1)	x Susan Carter, Chair (Hopelink)		
	Darryl Sierra, Hopelink (Alt.)		
Washington State Ferries (WSDOT)			
Ferries - WSDOT (1)	Sarah Rose, WSF		
	Jared Fernley, WSF (Alt.)		
Regional Transit			
Sound Transit (1)	Brandy Arojo, Sound Transit		
	Beth Hamby, Sound Transit (Alt.)		
Regional Education			
Educational Service Districts (1)	Jacque Mann, PSESD		
	x Davina Miller-Leach, PSESD (Alt.)		
Tribal Representation **			
Tribes (1)	VACANT		
	VACANT (Alt.)		

as of 1/2024

*This is suggested to be a representative from a transportation provider or other special needs populations listed in coordinated plan including seniors, low income, youth, veterans, and limited english proficiency groups.

** Representative is chosen by local Tribal Transportation Planning Organizations (TTPO)

^Role does not include WSDOT Consolidated Grant Voting