



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transit Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: September 25, 2024

Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Gil Cerise, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Gil took roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the July 24, 2024, meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided a brief overview of the September Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.

Discussion: RTP “Local Transit” Growth Assumptions

Gil Cerise and Craigh Helmann, PSRC, provided background on PSRC’s regional transportation plan’s local transit service assumptions. Initial transit service assumptions were developed based on board direction in Transportation 2040, adopted in 2010. Since then, transit agencies within the region have used the same transit service growth assumptions in development of their own long-range transit plans.

PSRC’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) must be supported by a reasonable financial strategy. Local transit is the component of the RTP that has the largest funding gap that is assumed to be filled by new revenue sources. Local transit does not include Sound Transit or Washington State Ferries, both of which are covered separately in the RTP Financial Strategy.

Gil and Craig sought transit agency feedback on whether their long-range plans were considered fully funded and affordable to the agencies. The committee discussed the various long range plan assumptions for growth and although each agency had different growth assumptions, the range of growth assumptions they were considering and continuing to consider were like PSRC’s existing regional transit service growth assumptions. One key element and potential difference was that transit agencies are focusing first on restoration of service lost due to the pandemic. Once service is restored, the growth assumptions PSRC considers in its regional plans are consistent.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).
For more information, contact Gil Cerise at GCerise@psrc.org.

Discussion: Development of future transit networks for RTP

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided background on the need to update the future transit network for 2050 and an interim year for the RTP. Gil and Craig engaged the committee on possible options for interim-future transit networks and what time point and/or capital projects should be accounted for within that interim network. Gil shared that PSRC will plan to meet with each agency to answer questions on the work that we are asking them to complete. PSRC has established a deadline of April 1, 2025, to provide the future transit networks in time for QA/QC and incorporation into modeling for the RTP (2026-2050).

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).
For more information, contact Gil Cerise at GCerise@psrc.org.

Discussion: Transit Metrics for the RTP (2026-2050)

Craig Helmann, PSRC shared transit metrics that PSRC typically reports on, highlighting metrics shown on PSRC's RTP dashboard: <https://psrcwa.shinyapps.io/rtp-dashboard/>. This includes measuring ridership (boardings), service (revenue hours), efficiency of service (boardings/revenue hour). Transit agencies agreed that these are appropriate metrics that should be continued at the regional level. Agencies will consider whether additional metrics that address regional transit priorities should be incorporated in the future.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).
For more information, contact Gil Cerise at GCerise@psrc.org.

Discussion: RTP (2026-2050) Sensitivity Test Preparation

Craig Helmann, PSRC shared PSRC's plan to develop sensitivity tests to help in development of the RTP. He asked agencies with suggestions for PSRC to consider bringing them up at the TOC meeting or via email between meetings.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).
For more information, contact Craig Helmann at CHelmann@psrc.org

Discussion: Agency Nominations to Appoint Transit representation to Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared information as a follow-up to the last TOC meeting on other committees that the committee has appointment duties. In this case, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)'s 2024 operating procedures call for TOC to appoint one primary member and one alternate to provide the public transit perspective to the BPAC. Gil shared information on the committee's work program and agencies that have provided transit perspective in the past. Gil clarified that the member and

alternate being appointed by TOC does not have to be a TOC member but should be a staff member who is familiar with pedestrian and bicycle planning and access to transit. In addition, he clarified that PSRC will implement this member by seeking a transit agency to provide the member for the three-year term of the appointment. That means that if staff turns over before the three-year period, PSRC will ask the transit agency to appoint a replacement to fulfill the remainder of that appointment period. Gil will send an email seeking nominations from transit agencies and will schedule an action on this item for the October TOC meeting.

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

Discussion: Plan for sharing PSRC Transit-related Work Program for FY 2026-2027 Biennium for TOC input between meetings

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided information on how PSRC intends to share its transit-related work program for PSRC's FY 2026-2027 biennium with TOC. Given time limitations, the TOC will be provided an opportunity to review and provide input at the October TOC meeting to share with the Mobility Partnership prior to public release of PSRC budget materials.

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

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Max Henkle, Community Transit
- Tina Lee, Pierce Transit
- Erik Rundell, King County Metro
- Jen Malley-Crawford, SDOT
- Cordy Crockett, WSDOT

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**

Amanda James, Everett Transit; Max Henkle, Community Transit

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

**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)		Sophie Luthin
		<i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)		Melinda Adams
	x	<i>Amanda Koerber (Alt.)</i>
King County Metro (1)		Peter Heffernan, Chair
	x	<i>Erik Rundell (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap Transit (1)		Steffani Lillie
		<i>Edward Coviello (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County Ferries (1)		VACANT
		<i>Nick Lacsina (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)		Andrew Arnes
	x	<i>Tina Lee (Alt.)</i>
City of Seattle (1)	x	Jen Malley-Crawford
		<i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)	x	Alex Krieg
		<i>Lisa Wolterink (Alt.)</i>
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)		Jason Rogers
		<i>John Bernhard (Alt.)</i>
WSDOT (1)	x	Cordy Crockett
		<i>Jill Nordstrom (Alt.)</i>
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit (1)		Peter Stackpole
		<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Coordinated Mobility Advisory Committee (CMAC) (1)		Susan Carter, (Hopelink)
		VACANT