



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### Transit Operators Committee Agenda

**Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

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

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**1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00) – Peter Heffernan, King County Metro**

**2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – December 4, 2024\* (10:05)**

**3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (10:10) – Gil Cerise, PSRC**

The 'At Work' reports for the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>. The latest Transportation Work Program progress reporting summary is available on pages 25-26 of the December TPB agenda packet:

**4. Action: TOC Vice-Chair for 2025 (10:15) – Gil Cerise, PSRC**

At the December 4, 2024 TOC meeting, PSRC staff asked for volunteers interested in serving as Vice-chair of the committee to complete the term of service started by Melinda Adams (Everett Transit). Alex Krieg (Sound Transit) is the only candidate who has volunteered. PSRC requests action to confirm Alex in this position for the remainder of the 2024-2025 term for committee leadership.

**5. Discussion/Action: Local Transit representation on the Regional TOD Committee\* (10:20) – Gil Cerise, PSRC**

PSRC is seeking renewal of local transit representation on the Regional TOD Committee for 2025-2027.

**6. Discussion: Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (10:30) – Kelly McGourty, PSRC**

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is leading the effort to develop a regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan under EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. PSRC is a partner on this effort and is spearheading the on-road transportation component. Staff will provide information on the CCAP process and transit-related emission reduction measures that will be included in the plan.

**7. Discussion: Transit in the RTP (Frequency/Span) (10:45) – Craig Helmann and Gil Cerise, PSRC**

PSRC staff will seek committee feedback on quality of transit service that helps support the VISION 2050 regional growth strategy in terms of frequency and span of service.

**8. Discussion: RTP Transit programmatic inputs and process (11:00) – Gary Simonson and Miles Stepleton, PSRC**

PSRC works with transit agencies to gather programmatic data to help assess transit maintenance, operations, and programmatic capital expenditures. PSRC staff will introduce this topic, describing the data needed, timeline and process for gathering these inputs from transit agencies. **NOTE:** TOC members are invited to include transit agency staff who provide financial data inputs to the RTP, as guests for this agenda item.

**9. Discussion: Review initial analysis of microtransit inventory (11:25) – Jean Kim, PSRC**

PSRC staff will share some initial regional inventory data and analysis on microtransit, as well as other Mobility On Demand (MOD) services. TOC will be asked to provide feedback on initial findings.

**10. Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable (11:45)**

As time permits, transit agency staff will provide updates on their work that they want to share with their regional partners.

**11. Information: 2025 TOC meeting topics\***

**12. Information: Regional Safety Action Plan Release for Public Comment**

PSRC has completed a draft of the Regional Safety Action Plan, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. **The public comment period for the Draft Plan is open through February 14th.** The Plan will only be successful if it reflects and responds to the concerns, priorities, and needs of the communities it will serve. Check out the draft on our Regional Safety Action Plan Engagement hub – the link is here: <https://psrc-rsap.infocommunity.org/>. We are looking forward to hearing your comments on the plan.

**13. Next Meeting: February 26, 2025**

Calendar Link: <https://www.psrc.org/calendar>

**14. Adjourn (12:00)**

\*Supporting materials attached

**Zoom Connection:**

- [Join the meeting](#)
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- Meeting ID: 817 0086 3118 Passcode: 553746

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- Sign language, and communication material in alternative formats, can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling 206-464-7090, TTY Relay 711.
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한국어 | Korean, Русский | Russian, Español | Spanish, Tagalog, Tiếng Việt | Vietnamese, visit <https://www.psrc.org/contact/language-assistance>.



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### **Transit Operators Committee Meeting Summary**

**Date:** December 4, 2024

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

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#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Peter took roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

#### **Approval of Meeting Summary**

The summary for the October 23, 2024, meeting was approved.

#### **Transportation Policy Board Debrief**

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

#### **Discussion: Nominations for TOC Vice-chair**

Gil Cerise, PSRC noted that Melinda Adams of Everett Transit has vacated her membership seat on TOC. She was serving as committee vice-chair through 2025. PSRC is seeking volunteers to serve the remainder of the term (through 2025). Gil indicated that he would seek nominations between meetings in hopes of having the vice-chair seat filled in January.

*For more information, contact Gil Cerise at [GCerise@psrc.org](mailto:GCerise@psrc.org).*

#### **Discussion: Transit Integration in the WSDOT Mobility Report**

Colin Pippin-Timco, WSDOT, shared information about WSDOT's incorporation of transit integration into WSDOT's Mobility Report. Colin responded to committee member questions.

*For more information, contact Colin Pippin-Timco at [colin.pippin-timco@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:colin.pippin-timco@wsdot.wa.gov).*

#### **Discussion: PSRC Transit Model Summit**

Stefan Coe and Brice Nichols, PSRC, shared information about PSRC's model and how it incorporates transit to identify future transit boardings and other metrics. Brant Lyerla from Sound Transit provided background on Sound Transit's model. Committee members and guests asked the presenters questions. Craig Helmann, PSRC, indicated that PSRC wants to ensure transit agencies understand the two different models since

outputs from each model are reported. In recent years, many other transit agencies' consultant teams have used the Sound Transit model as the basis for their long-range plans. PSRC's travel model is used for more comprehensive travel forecasting, not just for transit.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

*For more information, contact Stefan Coe at [scoe@psrc.org](mailto:scoe@psrc.org).*

### **Discussion: Regional Priority Rankings for 2025-2027 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program**

Jean Kim, PSRC, provided an update on the PSRC regional priority ranking process for the state Consolidated Grant. Given that the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee (CMAC)'s November deliberation meeting was rescheduled due to widespread windstorm power outages, a recommendation from that committee is not ready for today's meeting. Instead, Jean provided background to the committee and answered questions in advance of a vote-by-email that is planned for mid-December.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

*For more information, contact Jean Kim at [jkim@psrc.org](mailto:jkim@psrc.org).*

### **Discussion: Debrief on PSRC annual transit plan review and data collection**

Erin Hogan, PSRC, provided a brief overview of PSRC's annual transit development plan review and comment process, as well as the data collection effort that PSRC conducts to collect individual agency data in support of regional FTA performance targets. PSRC noted that the process went smoother for this second year, yet there is a continued need to follow-up with transit agencies for timely data submittals. PSRC is planning another orientation/training for transit agency staff on issues that PSRC will be doing plan review and data collection on early in 2025.

*For more information, contact Erin Hogan at [ehogan@psrc.org](mailto:ehogan@psrc.org)*

### **Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable**

- Sophie Luthin, Community Transit
- Sabina Araya, Everett Transit
- Erik Rundell, KCM
- Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit
- Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit
- Jen Malley-Crawford, SDOT
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Cordy Crockett, WSDOT

## **Adjourn**

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

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### **\*Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Brant Lyerla, Sound Transit; Colin Pippin-Timco, WSDOT; Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit; Erik Rundell, KCM; Jacob Brett, KCM; Jillian Nordstrom, WSDOT; Matt Yarrow, SDOT; Raymond Williams IV, Pierce Transit; Rosella Picado

### **PSRC**

Alexa Leach, Gil Cerise, Nick Johnson, Jean Kim, Erin Hogan, Craig Helmann, Brice Nichols, Philip Harris, Gary Simonson, Stefan Coe

*\*Attendees were present via remote participation*

# TOC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: Decemeber 4, 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm

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Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
<b>Transit Agencies</b>		
Community Transit (1)	x	Sophie Luthin
		<i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)	x	Sabina Araya
		<i>Amanda Koerber (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>Vacant (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)		Andrew Arnes
		<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>
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)	x	Jason Rogers
		<i>John Bernhard (Alt.)</i>
WSDOT (1)	x	Cordy Crockett
		<i>Jill Nordstrom (Alt.)</i>
<b>Non-Voting Participants</b>		
Intercity Transit (1)		Peter Stackpole
		<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Skagit Transit (1)		Rebekah Tuno
		<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
Coordinated Mobility Advisory Committee (CMAC) (1)		VACANT
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# Puget Sound Regional Council

January 15, 2025

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Transit Operators Committee

**FROM:** Gil Cerise, Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** Local Transit Representation on the Regional TOD Committee

## IN BRIEF

The three-year term for local transit representation on PSRC's Regional TOD Committee has ended. PSRC will seek TOC's nominations for two representatives to serve on the Regional TOD Committee for the 2025-2027 term.

## DISCUSSION

The Regional TOD Committee adopted charter includes a provision for the TOC to appoint two members to represent local transit on that committee. Sound Transit and WSDOT have dedicated membership seats on the Regional TOD Committee. In addition, PSRC member cities and counties also have an opportunity to apply for representation on the RTOD Committee. The full membership composition of the Regional TOD Committee can be found on the [committee's charter](#).

Existing local transit representatives on the Regional TOD Committee include:

1. Sarah Lovell (member) and Chris Arkills (alternate) for King County Metro, and
2. Mark Eldridge for Pierce Transit (no alternate). Lindsey Sehmel was originally appointed to represent Pierce Transit. Pierce Transit appointed Mark to replace Lindsey left that agency.

Local transit agency representatives do not have to be TOC members. If there is staff turnover, Regional TOD Committee staff ask the transit agency appointed to serve for that term to replace the member who has vacated the membership seat.

## NEXT STEPS

PSRC staff will ask TOC to nominate staff from local transit agencies to serve on the Regional TOD Committee. If more than two agencies request to serve, PSRC will arrange a vote-by-email to identify the agencies providing representation for 2025-2027.



PSRC will need names for the committee in February for the March 2025 Regional TOD Committee meeting.

For more information contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager at [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org) or 206-971-3053.

# 2025 TOC Planned Meeting Topics

## Quarter 1 (January – March)

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### January 22:

- Discussion: Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
- Discussion: RTP characterization of existing and planned transit service quality (frequency/span)
- Discussion: Programmatic Financial and M&P data needs from transit agencies for RTP
- Discussion: Regional inventory of microtransit and other MOD services
- Information: Draft Regional Safety Action Plan release for public comment
- Action: TOC vice-chair for 2025
- Discussion: Nomination of candidates for transit agency representation on RTOD Committee
  - Note: potential to do a vote-by-email between meetings or hold the vote at February meeting, depending on RTOD staff needs.

Separate from TOC – hold a TDP coordination/outreach meeting.

### February 26:

- Discussion: Preliminary Draft transit narrative for state of the transportation system
  - Includes information on all types of transit, including micromobility and specialized transportation
  - Park & Ride Dashboard update
- Discussion: RTP Regional Transit Access Assessment
  - Share schedule for regional transit access assessment in RTP
- Discussion: Future Transit Network Development – Due April 1, 2025
- Discussion: PSRC collection of transit financial data for RTP 2026-2050
- Discussion: FTA-related regional performance targets and plan for data collection
- Discussion: Overview of Coordinated Mobility Plan summary of mobility needs and gaps
- (Tentative) Action: TOC appointment of transit agency representation on RTOD Committee

### March 26:

- Discussion: Final check-in for April 1 Future Transit Network Delivery
  - Plan to incorporate cross-check with Regional Capacity Project process
- Discussion: Development of a Regional Transit Access Assessment
- Discussion: Ferries in the RTP
- Discussion: Introducing longer range transit corridor planning: how to identify future corridors?
- Discussion: State of TDM and associated needs

## Quarter 2 (April – June)

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- Anticipate FTA annual adjustments – NOTE: PSRC will provide an update on this, as information is made available. In recent years, the annual adjustments have occurred in Q2 of the year.

### April 23:

- Discussion: Continuation on longer range transit corridor planning: how to identify future corridors?
- Discussion: Final preparation of transit inputs for modeling:
  - Review of Future Transit Network delivery and follow-ups
  - Progress on transit-related financial data collection
- Discussion: Transit-related elements of RTP scenarios

### May 28:

- Discussion: Ferries in the RTP
- Discussion: Development of a Regional Transit Access Assessment
- Discussion: Transit-related elements of RTP scenarios
- Discussion: Coordinated Mobility Plan – Developing strategies to address the needs

### June 25:

- Discussion: Continuation on longer range transit corridor planning: how to identify future corridors? (if needed)
- Discussion: TDM needs and strategies

## Quarter 3 (July – September)

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### July 23:

- Discussion: Development of a Regional Transit Access Assessment
- Discussion: Data collection for Regional FTA-required performance metrics
  - Update on method and timing of data collection

### August 27:

- HOLD MEETING DATE, if needed (Note: in 2024, TOC members requested cancellation of meetings in August)

### September 24:

- Discussion: Initial modeling results – what it means for transit?
- Development of draft RTP transit-related narrative
  - Includes all modes and types of transit, as well as transit-related programs, such as TDM, TOD, etc.

## Quarter 4 (October – December)

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- Potential meeting dates to hold include:
  - October 22, 2025
  - December 3, 2025
- RTP: Regional Transit Access Assessment (as needed)
- RTP: Development of draft RTP for public release in January 2026