

Transit Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: January 22, 2025

Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting

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 December 4, 2024, meeting was approved.

Action: TOC Vice-Chair for 2025

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that PSRC only received one nomination for Vice-Chair to complete the term initiated by Melinda Adams (Everett Transit). When Melinda left the agency, this left a vacancy in this key committee leadership position. Alex Krieg (Sound Transit) has agreed to take on the role of Vice-Chair through the remainder of the term, ending in December 2025.

Discussion/Action: Local Transit representation on the Regional TOD Committee

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared information on the Regional TOD Committee request that TOC fill two membership seats for local transit on that committee. The seats are currently held by King County Metro and Pierce Transit. Gil clarified conditions of the three-year membership term, and shared that there are designated membership seats on RTOD Committee for Sound Transit, WSDOT, and City of Seattle. The committee agreed to provide nominations by email, following the meeting. The committee agreed with Gil's suggestion that a vote-by-email be completed prior to the February TOC meeting to select local transit members.

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

Discussion: Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that Kelly McGourty was unable to attend today's meeting. She will share information on the Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan with the TOC membership between meetings.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at KMcGourty@psrc.org

Discussion: Transit in the RTP (Frequency/Span)

Gil Cerise and Craig Helmann, PSRC, shared information that PSRC has been developing to illustrate quality of transit service to the board and in RTP documents. Craig shared options for how PSRC characterizes frequency of service and span of service to illustrate areas of the region that do/do not have access to frequent service and service that reaches people working and using transit outside of normal commute hours. Craig also shared density thresholds to identify needs for density of households and jobs (activity units) for various types of transit. These illustrations and data associated with them can tell a story about where there are gaps in transit service today, and then the agency will assess future conditions later in the RTP development process.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website here.

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

Discussion: RTP Transit programmatic inputs and process

Gary Simonson and Miles Stepleton, PSRC, provided information to the TOC on programmatic investment inputs that transit agencies are asked to provide for RTP development. Gary and Miles indicated that transit agencies should expect surveys to be distributed in February with a turnaround of information by end of March (deadline will be included in the email).

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website here.

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at GSimonson@psrc.org.

Discussion: Review initial analysis of microtransit inventory

Jean Kim, PSRC, shared initial findings from a survey of Mobility On Demand (MOD) services, including microtransit services provided by several transit agencies within the region. Jean got feedback from the agencies on survey results, which will be incorporated into the RTP Existing Conditions report.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website here.

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

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

Andrew Arnes, Pierce Transit

- Sabina Araya, Everett Transit
- Sophie Luthin, Community Transit
- Peter Heffernan, KCM

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 Koerber, Everett Transit; Heidi Soule, Pierce Transit; Jacob Brett, KCM; Jessica Roberts; Jillian Nordstrom, WSDOT; Julie Stutzke, Pierce Transit; Kim Pearson, SDOT; Lisa McVay; Ryan Packer; Sarah Streiffert, Pierce Transit

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Alexa Leach, Gil Cerise, Nick Johnson, Jean Kim, Erin Hogan, Craig Helmann, Miles Stepleton, Philip Harris, Gary Simonson

*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)	х	Sophie Luthin
		Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)
Everett Transit (1)	х	Sabina Araya
		Amanda Koerber (Alt.)
King County Metro (1)	х	Peter Heffernan, Chair
		Jacob Brett (Alt.)
Kitsap Transit (1)		Steffani Lilllie
		Edward Coviello (Alt.)
Pierce County Ferries (1)		VACANT
		Vacant (Alt.)
Pierce Transit (1)	х	Andrew Arnes
		Tina Lee (Alt.)
City of Seattle (1)	х	Jen Malley-Crawford
		Benjamin Smith (Alt.)
Sound Transit (1)	х	Alex Krieg
		Lisa Wolterink (Alt.)
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)		Jason Rogers
		John Bernhard (Alt.)
WSDOT (1)	х	Cordy Crockett
		Jill Nordstrom (Alt.)
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit (1)		Peter Stackpole
		Jessica Gould (Alt.)
Skagit Transit (1)		Rebekah Tuno
		VACANT (Alt.)

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