Transportation Operators Committee

March 25, 2015 • 10:30 am-12:30 pm
PSRC Central Meeting Room – 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

10:30 1. Welcome and Introductions – Chris O’Claire, Chair
       2. Citizen Comments
       3. Approval of Meeting Summary: February 19, 2015*

10:35 4. Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities – Chris O’Claire and June DeVoll

10:40 5. Discussion: Transit Focus on Stuck In Traffic Presentation – Craig Helmann, PSRC
       See March Transportation Policy Board presentation link here

11:00 6. Information: Transportation Futures – Ben Bakkenta and Alex Krieg, PSRC

11:10 7. Discussion: Transit Integration Report/Transit Summit* – Alex Krieg, PSRC

11:40 8. Discussion: Vision for Transit in the Central Puget Sound Region – Gil Cerise, PSRC


12:00 10. Status Report: Wayfinding – Alex Krieg, PSRC


12:20 12. Information: Announcements from Transportation Operators

13. Next Meeting:
       April 22, 2015 Time 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., PSRC Central Meeting Room

       Potential Topics: 2014-2015 Coordinated Grant Recommendation – Part 2; Transit Integration
       Report/Summit; Regional Transit Vision; Transit Access; Transit Agency Long-Range Planning
       and System Integration; PSRC Household Travel Survey Results.

12:30 14. Adjourn

*Supporting materials attached
1. Welcome and Introductions
   Chris O’Claire, Chair welcomed everyone at 1:04 p.m. Self-introductions were provided around the room. Gil pointed out that this is the last TOC meeting on a 3rd Thursday. Starting in March, the TOC will meet on the 4th Wednesdays for the remainder of 2015.

2. Citizen Comments
   There was no citizen comment.

3. Meeting Summary Approval
   The January 15, 2015 meeting summary was approved as presented.

4. Report on PSRC Committees and Board Activities
   Gil Cerise gave a brief report on agenda topics that were presented at the Regional Staff Committee.

5. Regional Reduced Fare Permit Memorandum of Agreement Update – Gary Simonson, PSRC and Phil Branham, RRFP Task Force Chair/King County Metro
   Gil Cerise provided background information to the Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and mentioned PSRC’s role in it. Gary walked through the updates that were made to the RRFP materials. Phil Branham and Mark Konecny, both representing the Regional Reduced Fare Permit Task Force, were present to respond to questions.

   ACTION: The TOC unanimously recommended distribution of the updated RRFP MOA to signatory agencies.

6. PSRC Participation in SHRP2 Grant on a Dynamic Transit Assignment Model – Billy Charlton, PSRC
   As part of ongoing efforts to improve its analytic tools, PSRC partnered with the San Francisco Bay Area’s Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to improve PSRC’s transit modeling capabilities. The two agencies applied for and received $700,000 grant from the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) to build a “dynamic transit assignment” model. The model will complement PSRC’s existing transit modeling tools, but will provide a more fine-grained simulation of transit operations such as boarding and loading time, crowding, and can be used to examine bus operations in mixed traffic. PSRC’s share of this work amounts to $100,000 of staff time. The development of this tool is expected to take approximately two years. Billy Charlton will come back to future TOC meetings to provide updates.

7. Presentation of Information from PSRC 2014 Household Travel Survey – Alex Krieg and Brice Nichols, PSRC
   Brice and Alex gave a presentation on the preliminary findings from the PSRC 2014 Household Travel Survey. PSRC staff can conduct data results on request. The first public release is out there now, and the second release will be coming in late February/early March. PSRC staff offered to host a workshop for transit planning staff to explain how to access and use the 2014 Household Travel Survey data hosted on PSRC’s website. To view the presentation, please visit http://www.psrc.org/assets/12279/HouseholdTravelSurveyTOC20150219.pdf. The data can be viewed and downloaded online at http://www.psrc.org/data/transportation/travel-surveys/2014-household.

8. Transit Supportive Land Use Density Paper
   Gil Cerise directed the committee to the location of the paper on the PSRC’s website. Since Michael Hubner is out ill
today, this topic has been pushed out to a future TOC meeting.

9. Transit Integration Report / Transit Summit – Alex Krieg, PSRC
The presentation of the 2nd annual Transit Integration Report was bumped from the April Transportation Policy Board meeting, and will now be on the May 14 agenda. The good news is that we have an extra month to prepare. Alex has started reaching out to transit agency staff regarding topics for a meeting in March to see where things stand. The Transit Summit might happen right after the Transportation Policy Meeting (TPB) in May due to the focus on transit at that meeting. Ahead of February TPB meeting, we assembled three of the five transit representatives to talk to them about the report and to see where their interests are in terms of being conveners of the Transit Summit. Feedback was that the conversation shouldn’t be too large and they want to help provide decision-guidance. There is interest in focusing the summit on various long range planning activities among transit providers in the region. Alex will provide an updated timeline at the next meeting.

10. Congestion Trends Presentation – Craig Helmann and Gary Simonson, PSRC
Craig and Gary gave a presentation on congestion and mobility. They talked about how congestion is reported, described regional highlights since 2010, growth that has occurred in the region, vehicle miles traveled between 2010 and 2013, transit boardings, vanpool usage, ferry ridership, commute mode share, and delays on all major freeways in the region. Overall, growing hours of delay have a significant impact on the region’s economy and its residents’ quality of life. The presenters sought additional transit data and feedback from transit agency staff on the draft presentation, which they are developing for the March Transportation Policy Board. Please send additional comments to Craig Helmann at chelmann@psrc.org.

Gil gave a quick update and mentioned that all transit executive interviews will be done by the first week of March. He followed up with an update to a couple slides from the presentation on transit trends presented at last month’s TOC.

12. Information:
   a. Announcements from Transportation Operators
      There were no announcements from transportation operators.

13. Next Meeting:
The TOC meeting will now meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month for the remainder of the year. The next meeting will be March 25, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at PSRC’s Central Meeting Room.

14. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.
2015 Transit Integration Report
Updated Outline – 03/06/2015

1. Report purpose + *Getting there together*
   - Overall report purpose
   - Recap and update on *Getting there together* and what’s happened since at Metro and Sound Transit, and across the region
   - Graphic depicting transit usage and key integration statistics

2. Transit Integration: What’s Happened?
   - Wayfinding
   - Puget Sound Trip Planner
   - Coordination around King County Metro 2014 and 2015 service changes
   - Fare coordination (i.e. low-income fare, mobile ticketing, and next generation strategies for ORCA)
   - Downtown Seattle Transit Coordination (emphasis on 2014 output while touching on ongoing work)
   - Metro, Pierce Transit, and Auburn coordination on Pierce Transit route 497, which connects to the Auburn Sounder Station
   - Community Transit and Sound Transit coordination on additional trips in the I-5 corridor to address overloads and severe traffic conditions

3. Transit Integration: What’s Underway?
   - Integration activities associated with U-Link opening
   - Regional transit vision at PSRC and long-range planning efforts at transit agencies across the region
   - Development of ST3 system plan that reflects integration with transit agencies and WSDOT
   - Colman Dock coordination between Kitsap Transit, King County Ferry District, and Washington State Ferries
   - Transit access
   - Sound Transit and Pierce Transit coordination on Lakewood-Puyallup service
Transit Integration Report + Summit Working Group

DRAFT Schedule as of 3/9/2015

March
- Generate report content
- Draft Summit agenda, purpose, and invite list

March 9
- Working Group meeting

March 25
- 80% draft Report content by 3/25 TOC meeting; review draft Summit agenda, purpose, and invite list

April
- Finalize Report content, design, graphics
- Finalize Summit agenda, purpose, and invite list

April 3
- 100% of draft Report content

April 9
- Check-in with Transit representatives of the Transportation Policy Board on 2015 Report and Summit

April 13
- Transit Executives check-in: review draft Report and discuss Summit status

April 22
- Review final draft 2015 Transit Integration Report and draft Transit Summit agenda with TOC

May
- Publish Report and host Summit

May 1
- Final 2015 Transit Integration Report

May 7
- 2015 Transit Integration Report release/sent to Transportation Policy Board

May 14
- Present 2015 Transit Integration Report to Transportation Policy Board
- Host Transit Summit after Transportation Policy Board meeting