PSRC’s External Transit Agency Policy
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Transit service provided within the PSRC region, regardless of the origin of the transit provider, is reported to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and contributes to the apportionment of FTA funds allocated to our region. There are three urbanized areas (UZAs) in the region, as designated by the U.S. Census: the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA, the Bremerton UZA and the Marysville UZA. The Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA has multiple transit agencies; Kitsap Transit and Community Transit are the sole transit agencies within the Bremerton and Marysville UZAs, respectively.

Currently, Skagit Transit in Skagit County and Intercity Transit in Thurston County provide service that originates within their respective counties but ends in the PSRC region. For Skagit Transit, this applies to their Everett Connector Service. For Intercity Transit, this applies to their service being provided to Pierce County. In addition, Kitsap Transit provides vanpool service to the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA which is now being reported within that UZA.

Transit agencies external to any Urbanized Area (UZA) within the PSRC region that provide service to, and report data in, that UZA should receive that portion of PSRC’s FTA funds earned from that service.¹ Further, those PSRC FTA funds should be programmed and spent on projects related to the service provided to that UZA. On the basis of this policy, the earned share amounts of PSRC’s FTA funds will be identified in the annual FTA adjustment process, which reconciles the estimates used for programming with the actual amount of the appropriation for that year.

Transit agencies external to the four-county region are not eligible for committee representation and therefore are not eligible to vote on PSRC’s policies and procedures. Further, these external agencies may not participate in the regional competitive portion of PSRC’s FTA funds and are also not eligible for the minimum floor provision.

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¹ Note: not all data reported to FTA from service results in earning of funds within a UZA.