



Puget Sound Regional Council

Freight Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Location: *Online Meeting Only – See Remote Participation Instructions Below*

1. Introductions

2. Approval of December 9, 2020 Meeting Summary*

3. Discussion: Next Steps for Chair / Vice-Chair Nominations

Now that 2021 membership has been finalized, staff will discuss the nomination process and schedule for selecting a Chair and Vice-Chair for the committee.

4. Discussion: Key Messages and Recommendations on Freight in the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan

Staff will provide a summary of discussions to date and a calendar of activities for board engagement on freight and goods movement. As a follow-up to the last meeting, the proposal for subgroups of interested members to work in depth on key topics will be discussed.

4. Other Business and Announcements

5. Next Meeting: April 14, 2021: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

6. Adjourn

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Freight Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: December 9, 2020 – 9:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Meeting)

Welcome and Introduction to Online Meeting Format

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m., reviewed the Zoom remote meeting procedures and went through attendee introductions.

Discussion: Continuing discussion on the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan: Freight Needs, Opportunities, Recommendations

Kelly provided an overview of the work conducted to date related to freight and goods movement for the 2022 RTP update. She then informed the committee of the upcoming work, including a discussion of performance metrics, identification of needs and opportunities, and development of the plan document. She indicated the improvements being pursued from the way freight is addressed in the current RTP, adopted in 2018.

The committee had a robust discussion of the key elements and messages for consideration in the RTP update. These included the following:

- acknowledgement of freight as part of, yet different from, a multimodal transportation system;
- identification of the conflict points between freight and other modes, and the intersection among all aspects of the system;
- a better understanding of preservation and maintenance for freight assets;
- the maintenance of freight capacity;
- addressing at-grade crossings;
- support for both the critical freight network and local freight systems;
- bringing the “last mile network” up to heavy haul standards;
- illustrating the range of freight movement from international trade to urban delivery;
- incorporation of rail, marine and air cargo elements;
- better understanding of the first mile / last mile network;
- acknowledging the full business spectrum of goods movement, i.e. not just heavy truck movement;
- update the industrial lands analysis;
- consider setting minimum standards for preservation and maintenance;

- truck parking needs.

A suggestion was made to develop subgroups of committee members to help work through the details of these topics for further discussion. There was consensus to develop a regional strategy that encompasses these topics and possibly key projects and needs. Additional comments included recognition that project costs are high and take a lot of funding sources, which is a barrier.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty, at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601.

Discussion: Freight and Goods Transportation System (FGTS) Update

Jason Beloso and Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT, provided an overview of the major focus areas, challenges, and potential data to be used for the 2021 update to the WSDOT Freight and Goods Transportation System. The committee discussed the data options presented and provided feedback and suggestions.

For more information, contact Wenjuan Zhao, at zhaow@wsdot.wa.gov or Jason Beloso at BelosoJ@wsdot.wa.gov

Round Robin – New and Ongoing Projects, Updates or Announcements

Due to time constraints, Kelly asked the committee to email her if they had any updates that they wished to share, and she would add them for review at the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Represented**

Jason Beloso, WSDOT; Dana Brown, City of Tacoma; April Delchamps, City of Kent; David Forte, Kitsap County; Sheela George, Snohomish County; Tom Hood, City of Everett; Adam LeMieux, Port of Everett; Peter Lewis-Miller, Pierce County; Cecile Malik, City of Auburn; Ryan Morris, City of Arlington; Venu Nemani, City of Seattle; Geraldine Poor, Port of Seattle; David Simpson, Port of Everett; Richard Tarry, City of Everett; David Tomporowski, City of SeaTac; Shane Weber, City of Bremerton; Christine Wolf, Port of Tacoma; Brian Ziegler, FMSIB

***PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present**

Derek Barry, City of Sumner; Russ Blount, City of Fife; Trevor Davigcourt, WSDOT; Jeff DeVere, Washington Trucking Association; Chris Eaves, City of Seattle; Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup; Gus Lim, City of Dupont; Jennifer Kammerzell, City of Tacoma; spwjay; David White; Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT

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Monica Adkins, Jennifer Barnes, Mitch Koch, Kelly McGourty, Gary Simonson

**All attendees were present via remote participation*