



## **Special Needs Transportation Committee Meeting Summary**

**Date: March 18, 2020 – 9:30a.m. – 10:30a.m.**

**Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (BlueJeans Connection)**

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### **Welcome and Introduction to Online Meeting Format**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He explained that due to public health concerns because of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the SNTC March meeting is being held completely remotely, in a webinar format and is only covering a specific item (2021-2023 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Process) in the interest of time. He reminded the participants that the committee can provide feedback during the meeting using the “chat” feature via BlueJeans.

### **Discussion: 2021-2023 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Process**

Gil reviewed the PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process and how it fits within the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Process schedule. He noted that the 2021-2023 Consolidated Grant call for projects is scheduled for summer of 2020 and that PSRC is preparing for its regional priority ranking distribution process to support the Consolidated Grant competition. He reviewed PSRC’s role in developing regional priorities for the statewide Consolidated Grant competition and the regional priority ranking factors and proposed changes to those factors.

Gil summarized PSRC’s plans for updating the regional priority process as generally keeping the same process as used in 2018, but with changes to the Coordinated Plan-related evaluation factors and the performance measures evaluation factor. PSRC is proposing to consolidate the two Coordinated Plan-related factors; and changes to the performance measure-related factor based upon the update process Kimberly Pearson has been leading with a working group’s input, summarized below.

Kimberly Pearson, PSRC, then reviewed the development of a consistent set of draft performance measures for special needs transportation services, such as for mobility management, operation and capital programs that the SNTC performance measures working group have been working on to date. She said at the next working group meeting they will be continuing their efforts to refine the measures. The committee provided feedback on the information provided.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website [here](#).

*For more information, contact Gil Cerise at [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org) or Kimberly Pearson at [kpearson@psrc.org](mailto:kpearson@psrc.org)*

### **Other Information: WSDOT and RARET – Updates on COVID-19 and Transportation Providers**

Monica Ghosh, WSDOT, mentioned that WSDOT is looking into what flexibility is available for FTA funds regarding the effects of COVID-19 on transportation providers. She said WSDOT is still trying to understand what options are available and noted that as more information is given, she will share any updates received.

Staci Haber, Hopelink and Bree Boyce, RARET (Hopelink) reported that RARET will have a remote meeting on March 25, and that they are looking to have a discussion with partners on how to leverage RARET to better respond to COVID-19. She noted that they also wanted to share information with partners on the impacts of transit drivers during this time.

*For more information on WSDOT and COVID-19, contact Monica Ghosh, WSDOT, at [GhoshMo@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:GhoshMo@wsdot.wa.gov).*

*For more information on RARET, contact Bree Boyce, RARET (Hopelink) at [BBoyce@hopelink.org](mailto:BBoyce@hopelink.org) or Staci Haber, KCMC (Hopelink) [SHaber@hopelink.org](mailto:SHaber@hopelink.org)*

### **Information: SNTC Membership by Voting Structure**

The current SNTC membership roster was provided for committee review. Committee members should review vacancies noted on the membership roster and fill those in advance of the SNTC deliberation and recommendation meeting in the fall of 2020.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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### **\*Members and Alternates Represented**

Marianna Hanefeld, SNOTRAC and SNTC Chair; Dorene Cornwell, STAR of Seattle (KCMC); Jeff Davidson, Kitsap Transit; Janet Gant, Snohomish County LTC & A; Jerri Kelly, PCHS; Brooke Knight, Northshore Senior Center; John Mikel, Pierce County Aging/Disability Resources; Brian Senyitko, Everett Transit; Leigh Spruce, Arc of Snohomish County; Jeff Vinecourt, Kitsap Transit

### **\*PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present**

Monica Adkins, PSRC; Bree Boyce, RARET (Hopelink) Gil Cerise, PSRC; Sarah Gutschow, PSRC; Kathryn Johnson, PSRC; Cassidy Giampetro, Hopelink; Monica Ghosh, WSDOT; Staci Haber, Hopelink (KCMC); Brock Howell, Everett Station District Alliance; Margaret Keckler, Community Transit; Casey Moreau, PSRC; Kimberly Pearson, PSRC

*\*All attendees via remote participation*