



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional FTA Caucus Agenda

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:30)

2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – June 8, 2022* (10:35)

Approve summary for the Regional FTA Caucus meeting held June 8, 2022.

3. Discussion: TPB FTA Working Group Update (10:40)

PSRC staff will provide an update on recent discussions of the Transportation Policy Board FTA Working Group.

4. Discussion: Update on Delayed TrAMS Obligations* (10:45)

PSRC staff will provide an overview on projects currently experiencing delays in obligating their regional FTA funds or “flexed” FHWA funds, in accordance with recently updated criteria for delayed projects. The Caucus will review the projects and discuss next steps for ensuring projects obligate on time.

5. Discussion: FTA Funding and Requirements (11:15)

This is a standing item for Caucus members to share information or ask questions about FTA funding and other requirements, including updates related to the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

6. Roundtable (11:20)

7. Other Business (11:25)

8. Next Meeting: January 11, 2023: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn (11:30 a.m.)

* Supporting materials attached.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822 or sgutschow@psrc.org.

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Regional FTA Caucus Attendees:

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Regional FTA Caucus Meeting Summary

Date: June 8, 2022 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Online Meeting Only - Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Clint Ritter, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone at 10:30 a.m. and took a roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the May 11, 2022 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved as presented.

Potential Action: 2022 FTA Annual Adjustments

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an overview of the 2022 FTA annual adjustments process currently underway, including the amounts of funding received. She said the earned share and preservation set-aside project adjustments were still in progress, so the Caucus would be able to review them after the meeting.

Sarah then reviewed proposed adjustments to the FTA regional competitive projects, including adjustments to currently programmed projects and options for awarding additional funds to the contingency list. Because there were two eligible contingency projects with tied scores, she asked the Caucus for input on how to distribute funds to these projects. The Caucus discussed different scenarios for awarding the funds, but decided they needed more time to review the proposed options before making a recommendation.

Sarah said they would send out additional materials on the proposed options after the meeting. The Caucus would then take a vote by email on its recommendations to the TOC for both the earned share and preservation set-aside project adjustments and the regional competitive contingency funding.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org.

Action: Project Tracking Working Group Update

Sarah provided background information on the Project Tracking Working Group's proposals for updating project tracking policies and procedures for delayed TrAMS projects. She then reviewed the revisions to the proposals requested by the Caucus at

its May 11th meeting. The Caucus reviewed the revised version and unanimously recommended the proposed updates to the TOC.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org.

Discussion: FTA Spare Ratio Requirements

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro, provided an overview of fleet planning issues Metro has experienced related to complying with the FTA's spare ratio requirements. The other Caucus members then shared their experiences with these requirements and how they have impacted their funding strategies.

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

Discussion: Update on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Sarah provided an update on PSRC's continuing research on the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and how it will impact FTA programs and requirements. She noted that any new findings will be reported to the Caucus at future meetings.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org.

Roundtable / Other Business

Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit, congratulated the partnership of agencies that coordinated the new ORCA card launch. She also mentioned that Sound Transit LINK is now showing positive ridership for both workweek and weekend ridership.

Tina Lee, Pierce Transit, mentioned that the Stream BRT System expansion recommendation is going to their board in August. She also noted that some of their bus services have been delayed, due to staffing shortages.

Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit, reported that last month was the groundbreaking for the new Silverdale Transit Center. She also mentioned that Kitsap Transit is in an early scoping process for a new fast ferry terminal in Seattle and noted that the public comment period for this is open.

David Morrison, King County Metro, echoed the staff shortage challenges. He reported that they are moving forward with the RapidRide I line and going through the CIG process. He said that design work is happening on the South Annex base, which will be their first electrified base and noted work continues on electrification of other bases.

Sarah reminded the committee about the call for nominations sent out to the Caucus for the Chair and Vice Chair roles and noted the due date for nominations is June 10. Once nominations were received, the Caucus would take action via vote by email before the next meeting.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at sgutschow@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster for the member or alternate representing each agency at the meeting; additional alternates present are listed below.

***Alternates, Interested Parties, and PSRC Staff Present**

Krishan Aggarwal, WSF; Tyler Benson, Sound Transit; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Dave Morrison, King County Metro; Ashley Ross, Community Transit; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit

PSRC: Monica Adkins, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Jean Kim

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

Regional FTA Caucus Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

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Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
Transit Agencies		
Community Transit (1)		Melissa Cauley, Chair
	x	Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		Vacant (Alt.)
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan
		David Morrison (Alt.)
Kitsap Transit (1)	x	Steffani Lillie
		Jeff Davidson (Alt.)
Pierce County Ferries (1)	x	Clint Ritter, Vice Chair
		Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)
Pierce Transit (1)		Barb Hunter
	x	Tina Lee (Alt.)
Seattle DOT (1)	x	Benjamin Smith
		Vacant (Alt.)
Sound Transit (1)	x	Lisa Wolterink
		Kirste Johnson (Alt.)
		Monica Overby (Alt.)
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)	x	John Bernhard
		Rick Singer (Alt. 1)
		Krishan Aggarwal (Alt. 2)
		Leslie Rifkin (Alt. 3)
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit		Eric Phillips
		Jessica Gould
Skagit Transit		Marcy Smith

Project Tracking Policies for PSRC's Federal Funds

Update on Delayed FTA and FHWA TrAMS Applications

The table below summarizes projects experiencing delays in obligating funding as of **September 2022**.

Agency	Project	Funding	Estimated Obligation Date	Status	Project sponsor actions
King County Metro	Rainier Rapid Ride Corridor (SEA-213)	\$1,819,350 5307 Competitive	10/1/2017	In-Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2021 updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Because the agency put this project on hold, the agency returned some funding to PSRC but retained the portion needed to reimburse funding already spent on the design phase. The Caucus reviewed and approved this request at its 10/13/21 meeting. ○ The agency subsequently reduced the amount of funding in the TrAMS grant request in November 2021.
King County Metro	West Seattle Water Taxi Mobility Hub (KCFD-13)	\$1,435,900 STP	7/15/2019	In-Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2021 updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 2020 the agency decided to pause this project due to the financial impacts of the pandemic. Agency management were discussing the status of the project and would include the City of Seattle in project implementation conversations. ○ The agency said they expected that the project status would be resolved as part of the development of its 2023/2024 budget, and it would move forward to implementation.
King County Metro	Transit Speed and Reliability Corridor Improvements (MET-203)	\$624,000 CMAQ	6/1/2018	In-Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2021 updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agency has already implemented several elements of the project. Implementation of the final project elements was impacted due to COVID related revenue adjustments to the agency budget. • Agency staff said they were currently reviewing project elements and the recently approved midterm budget to determine when implementation would occur.
King County Metro	Bus Replacements 2021-2022 (MET-222)	\$1,455,348 5307 Preservation	9/30/2021	In-Progress	
King County Metro	Transportation Demand Management to Support Centers and Regional Service Investments (MET-231)	\$695,122 CMAQ	6/1/2021	In-Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2021 updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The agency has initiated the project and incurred eligible expenditures under pre-award authority. ○ FTA has not yet processed the amendment, but KCM anticipated that the amendment would be obligated early in 2022.
		\$2,304,878 CMAQ	7/15/2021		

Agency	Project	Funding	Estimated Obligation Date	Status	Project sponsor actions
King County Metro	Increasing Student and Family Access to Regional Travel Options through TDM (MET-237)	\$500,000 CMAQ	7/15/2021	In-Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2021 updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro has developed the application and it has gone through internal review. After receiving FTA comments (if any) and incorporating them, the application would be formally submitted to FTA. • In addition, the application contains other funds for different projects (not F2FR) awaiting PSRC STIP action. Therefore, the timeline for actual submission would likely be June 2022. • The project is moving forward under pre-award authority. Service parameters are being developed currently, while RFP development will soon begin with an expected publishing date in September. The RFP is to secure a contractor to provide the service.
Seattle	Center City Connector (SEA-205)	\$3,479,754 CMAQ	2/2/2017	In-Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2021 updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In June 2020 the project was put on pause due to the pandemic and the loss of city revenue along with funding from partners. ○ The City of Seattle included funding for this project in its 2022 budget, adopted in December 2021. ○ The streetcar team was currently discussing the project's status and timeline in light of the final 2022 budget, including updated cost assumptions that have changed since the project was put on hold. • PSRC met with SDOT staff on 4/7/22. SDOT staff said they want to update the scope, schedule and budget for project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SDOT asked if they can use the unobligated funds for other project expenses besides vehicles, as the original vehicle maker is now out of business and they need to find a new one that meets Buy America requirements.
Seattle	Monorail System Maintenance 2021-2022 (SEA-226)	\$42,579 5307 Preservation	9/30/2021	In-Progress	
Sound Transit	Access to Transit with Next Generation ORCA and ORCA Lift (RTA-104)	\$4,152,000 CMAQ	7/15/2021	Transmitted	