

BPAC Outreach Update

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – January 10, 2023



Committee Outreach Update

- PSRC staff conducted **outreach meetings** with 25 committee members in November/December 2022. More meetings are planned for January.
- Participants **represented organizations** in all four counties, including:
 - County parks and public works
 - Municipal planning and public works
 - Transit agencies
 - Public health districts
 - Community and educational groups



Local Knowledge and Expertise

- Participants shared information on their active transportation **planning, projects and programs**.
- BPAC members have a wide range of bicycle and pedestrian **knowledge and expertise** about:
 - ✓ Roadway network bike/ped infrastructure
 - ✓ Separate ROW shared use paths
 - ✓ Education, safety and outreach programs
 - ✓ Bike/ped transit access
 - ✓ Public health related to built environment
 - ✓ Emerging trends and technologies



PSRC Work Program Feedback

- Participants provided feedback on the upcoming PSRC **bicycle and pedestrian work program**.
- BPAC members suggested several ways PSRC can provide value as the **regional entity**, including:
 - ✓ Aggregating and analyzing regional data
 - ✓ Tracking regional bike/ped metrics
 - ✓ Providing technical guidance and resources
 - ✓ Encouraging local coordination
 - ✓ Providing a forum for sharing best practices
 - ✓ Coordinating with related PSRC processes



Suggestions for Committee Engagement

- Members had several ideas for how to **enhance BPAC engagement**:
 - ✓ Use virtual meeting tools, e.g., surveys, virtual whiteboards, break-out rooms
 - ✓ Ensure all member voices are heard
 - ✓ Clarify meeting purposes and next steps
 - ✓ Provide opportunities for member sharing and relationship building
 - ✓ Consider potential site visits and tours



Hybrid Meetings Feedback

- Based on survey, majority of members said they would be interested in **some hybrid meetings** in 2023.
- About a third said they would be likely to attend in-person and a third were not sure.
- Members unlikely to attend said traveling to downtown Seattle would be difficult, with some suggesting alternative locations for meetings.
- Multiple members said meetings should only be hybrid if there is a **compelling need**.

