



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional FTA Caucus Meeting Summary

Date: July 12, 2023 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Online Meeting Only - Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Steffani Lillie, 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 10, 2023 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved as presented.

Action: Delayed FTA and FHWA TrAMS Obligations

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the projects currently experiencing delays in obligating their regional FTA funds and “flexed” FHWA funds, as detailed in the [agenda packet](#).

Two City of Seattle projects that had previously received obligation extensions to June 2023 had not yet been submitted. Chris Eilerman, City of Seattle, said they had been working with their FTA grant representatives on progressing the applications and expected they would be submitted by the end of July 2023. Given that the applications were moving forward, the Caucus recommended that PSRC staff should continue to monitor progress on submitting them by the end of July.

Sarah then gave an overview of Sound Transit’s request to move \$1,100,000 in CMAQ funds from the Right of Way phase to the Preliminary Engineering/Design phase of its delayed Commuter Rail Project: Seattle to Lakewood project so that these funds could be obligated faster. Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit, said the ROW phase would then continue to be fully funded using local funds. She also confirmed that with this change the full scope of the project would still be completed, and the project would be implemented as awarded. If approved, the agency anticipated the TrAMS grant application for these funds would be submitted by December 2023, with obligation expected in January 2024.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the requested scope change and obligation extension for recommendation by the Transportation Operators Committee (TOC) at their next meeting.

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

Discussion: Update on Distribution of 2023-2026 FTA Funds

Sarah provided an update on the [planned schedule](#) for distributing 2023-2024 equity formula allocation funds and 2025-2026 earned share and equity formula allocation funds. Per board action, PSRC staff would be presenting the projects for review and recommendation by the TOC. The results of the TOC's work on this would then go to the boards for approval.

The Caucus discussed whether the equity formula allocation funds would be allowed a one-year grace period beyond their estimated date to obligate, as under PSRC's project tracking policies for other regional FTA funds. The committee formed a consensus to retain the one-year grace period for the equity formula allocation funds.

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

Roundtable / Other Business

- Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit
- Melinda Adams, Everett Transit
- Benjamin Smith, SDOT
- Tina Lee, Pierce Transit
- Sarah Gutschow, PSRC

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.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**

Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Chris Eilerman, City of Seattle; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Krish Aggarwal, WSF; Tyler Benson, Sound Transit; Roberta Vyrostek, Pierce Transit; Wendi Gephart, Pierce Transit

PSRC: Alexa Leach, Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Kelly McGourty, Nick Johnson

**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)	x	Kathryn Rasmussen
		Ashley Ross (Alt.)
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		Amanda Koerber (Alt.)
King County Metro (1)		Peter Heffernan
		David Morrison (Alt.)
Kitsap Transit (1)	x	Steffani Lillie, Chair
		Jeff Davidson (Alt.)
Pierce County Ferries (1)	x	Clint Ritter, Vice Chair
		Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)
Pierce Transit (1)	x	Tina Lee
		Wendi Gephart (Alt.)
		Roberta Vyrostek (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
		Todd Lamphere (Alt. 1)
		Krishan Aggarwal (Alt. 2)
		Leslie Rifkin (Alt. 3)
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit		Peter Stackpole
		Jessica Gould (Alt.)
Skagit Transit		Marcy Smith

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