



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional FTA Caucus Meeting Summary

Date: December 13, 2023 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Location: Online Meeting Only - Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, 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 October 11, 2023 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved as presented.

Discussion: Updates on Delayed FTA and FHWA Obligations

Sarah provided updates on projects that previously or were currently experiencing delays in obligating their regional FTA funds or “flexed” FHWA funds. Sarah said PSRC had recently sent a request for further information about projects that had recently become delayed. This information provided by project sponsors would be reviewed by the Caucus for potential actions at its next meeting.

Chris Eilerman, City of Seattle, then provided a status report on the delayed funds in its Culture Connector streetcar project. This project previously received an extension to March 2024 to obligate delayed flexed FHWA funds, contingent upon the sponsor being able to demonstrate they would have full funding at that time. Chris stated that the City of Seattle did not include local match funding for this project in its 2024 annual budget, so would not be able to obligate federal funds by the extended date. They would therefore be returning the funds to the region. Sarah said that PSRC staff would work with the City of Seattle on next steps for returning the funds.

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

Discussion: FTA Project Tracking Policies

In preparation for project selection in 2024, Sarah presented PSRC’s proposed updates to the Project Tracking Policies for FTA funds, which were last revised in January 2022. As further detailed in the agenda attachment, since the new equity formula funds were sourced from PSRC’s regional FTA funds, the proposed project tracking updates for

these funds would use the default position of following the existing policies and procedures previously applied to projects awarded regional FTA funds.

Caucus members had several questions and alternative proposals for project tracking of the equity formula funds. Since there was not sufficient time to fully address these comments, Sarah and Kelly McGourty, PSRC, said that PSRC would follow up with a survey to committee members after the meeting to gather feedback. The responses would then be presented for further discussion at an extended meeting in January 2024.

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

Transit Agency Roundtable

There was no time during the meeting for a roundtable discussion.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 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**

Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Danielle Casey, FTA; Dave Morrison, King County Metro; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit; Mark Stojak, FTA; Monica Overby, Sound Transit; Ryan Packer, The Urbanist; Tyler Benson, Sound 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
		<i>Tarin Tesfaye (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Ashley Duber (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		<i>Amanda Koerber (Alt.)</i>
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan
		<i>David Morrison (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap Transit (1)		Steffani Lillie, Chair
		<i>Lindsay Cook (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County Ferries (1)	x	Clint Ritter, Vice Chair
		<i>Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)	x	Tina Lee
		<i>Wendi Gephart (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Roberta Vyrostek (Alt.)</i>
Seattle DOT (1)	x	Chris Eilerman
		<i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)	x	Lisa Wolterink
		<i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)		John Bernhard
		<i>Todd Lamphere (Alt. 1)</i>
	x	<i>Krishan Aggarwal (Alt. 2)</i>
		<i>Leslie Rifkin (Alt. 3)</i>
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit		Peter Stackpole
		<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Skagit Transit		Marcy Smith

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