



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transit Operators Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00) – Gil Cerise (PSRC)

2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – July 24, 2024* (10:05)

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (10:10) – Gil Cerise, PSRC

The 'At Work' reports for the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>. The latest Transportation Work Program progress reporting summary is available on pages 22-23 of the September 12, 2024, TPB agenda packet: <https://www.psrc.org/media/8993>.

4. Discussion: RTP “Local Transit” Growth Assumptions* (10:15) – Craig Helmann & Gil Cerise, PSRC

In 2010, PSRC's General Assembly adopted a regional transportation plan that included aggressive local transit growth assumptions to support implementation of the regional growth strategy and implementation of an expanded high-capacity transit system. The TOC will be asked to discuss and provide input on potential changes to local transit growth assumptions in the RTP (2026-2050) for fall 2024 board discussion.

5. Discussion: Development of future transit networks for RTP* (2026-2050) (10:35) – Craig Helmann & Gil Cerise, PSRC

PSRC will initiate discussion on development of future transit networks for the RTP (2026-2050) with a deadline for transit agencies to provide their final future transit networks by April 1, 2025.

6. Discussion: Transit Metrics for the RTP (2026-2050)* (10:55) – Craig Helmann & Gil Cerise, PSRC

PSRC will engage the TOC in discussion on key transit-related performance metrics that would be useful to track and highlight for the RTP.

7. Discussion: RTP (2026-2050) Sensitivity Test Preparation (11:15) – Craig Helmann, PSRC

PSRC will initiate discussion on its plans to develop sensitivity tests in development of the next RTP. Staff will lead agencies in a discussion on potential transit-related

elements of sensitivity tests that PSRC staff could incorporate over the coming months.

8. Discussion: Agency Nominations to Appoint Transit representation to Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)* (11:30) – Gil Cerise, PSRC

PSRC will seek nominations from agencies to represent transit on the BPAC, starting at the next BPAC meeting on November 12, 2024. After taking nominations at the September meeting, the TOC will act on transit representation on BPAC for the next 3-year period at the October 23rd TOC meeting.

9. Discussion: Plan for sharing PSRC Transit-related Work Program for FY 2026-2027 Biennium for TOC input between meetings (11:40) – Gil Cerise, PSRC

PSRC staff will share the plan and schedule for obtaining TOC input on the PSRC FY 2026-2027 transit-related work program before engaging the Mobility Partnership at the end of 2024.

10. Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable (11:45)

As time permits, transit agency staff will provide updates on their work that they want to share with their regional partners.

11. Information: 2024-2025 TOC meeting topics*

12. Next Meeting: October 23, 2024

Calendar Link: <https://www.psrc.org/calendar>

13. Adjourn (12:00)

*Supporting materials attached

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Transit Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: July 24, 2024

Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Peter Heffernan, Chair, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Peter took roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the June 26, 2024, meeting was approved.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided a brief overview of the July Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.

Discussion: Development of the Regional Safety Action Plan

Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, briefed the committee on work to develop PSRC's first Regional Safety Action Plan, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. He updated members on the scope of work in the fall of 2023, and at the July meeting, he shared the results of the initial research and data collection efforts

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at GSimonson@psrc.org

Discussion: State Transit Integration Report

Jill Nordstrom and Colin Pippin-Timco, WSDOT provided an update to the TOC on how WSDOT will seek transit agency input to meet the requirements of the state transit integration report for 2024.

For more information, contact Colin Pippin-Timco at colin.pippin-timco@wsdot.wa.gov

Discussion: Transit-related RTP inputs/schedule

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared a draft schedule of when PSRC plans to engage with TOC and transit agencies on a variety of key transit-related topics for the Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050). Based on committee feedback, PSRC will consider cancelling the planned August 2024 TOC meeting and rearranging topics on a revised schedule. That revised schedule will be shared at the next TOC meeting.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

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

Discussion: Transit representation on other PSRC advisory committees and TOC role in appointments

Gil Cerise, PSRC reviewed a table that outlined transit representation on other PSRC committees, and the TOC's role in appointing membership. Gil noted that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) recently updated its committee operating procedures to obtain its transit representation from TOC appointment process. PSRC will schedule time for nominations for that position from transit agencies, followed by a vote of the TOC. Representation requests from the RTOD Committee will be forthcoming over the next few months.

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

Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable

- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Sophie Luthin, Community Transit
- Melinda Adams, Everett Transit
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro
- Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit
- Andrew Arnes, Pierce Transit
- Cordy Crockett, WSDOT

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

***PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present**

Amanda Koerber, Everett Transit; Colin Pippin-Timco, WSDOT; David Burgesser, SDOT; Erik Rundell, King Country Metro; Jillian Nordstrom, WSDOT; Jess Kim, SDOT

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Erin Hogan, Nick Johnson, Alexa Leach, Jean Kim, Gary Simonson, Craig Helmann, Gil Cerise

**Attendees were present via remote participation*

TOC Attendance Roster

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: July 24, 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm

Online/Remote Meeting Only

Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
Transit Agencies		
Community Transit (1)	x	Sophie Luthin
		Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)
Everett Transit (1)	x	Melinda Adams
		Amanda Koerber (Alt.)
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan, Chair
		Erik Rundell (Alt.)
Kitsap Transit (1)		Steffani Lillie
	x	Edward Coviello (Alt.)
Pierce County Ferries (1)		VACANT
		Nick Lacsina (Alt.)
Pierce Transit (1)	x	Andrew Arnes
		Tina Lee (Alt.)
City of Seattle (1)	x	Jen Malley-Crawford
		Benjamin Smith (Alt.)
Sound Transit (1)	x	Alex Krieg
		Lisa Wolterink (Alt.)
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)		Jason Rogers
		John Bernhard (Alt.)
WSDOT (1)	x	Cordy Crockett
		Jill Nordstrom (Alt.)
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit (1)		Peter Stackpole
		Jessica Gould (Alt.)
Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) (1)		Susan Carter, (Hopelink)
		VACANT

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ACTION ITEM

September 25, 2024

TO: Transit Operators Committee

FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager
Craig Helmann, Director of Data

SUBJECT: RTP “Local Transit” Growth Assumptions

The Transit Operators Committee (TOC) will be asked to review and discuss transit service hour growth assumptions embedded within the Regional Transportation Plan. Input provided by TOC at the September 25th meeting will inform options that PSRC staff will bring to the Transportation Policy Board for discussion in the fall of 2024.

Background

With the adoption of Transportation 2040, the regional transportation plan for the central Puget Sound region, in May 2010, PSRC’s General Assembly identified a policy-based “local transit” growth assumption of approximately 2%/year through the 30-year planning period. This growth assumption applied to transit service provided by Community Transit, Everett Transit King County Metro, Kitsap Transit, and Pierce Transit, in addition to service assumptions embedded in Sound Transit’s system plans and Washington State Ferries’ long-range plan.

In subsequent years, transit agencies developed and updated long-range plans that incorporated the regional transit service growth assumptions in their long-range planning framework.

Under both PSRC’s regional planning framework and the transit agencies’ long-range plans, fully implementing service growth at the level adopted in the regional transportation plans would require new revenue sources, in addition to maximizing existing current law revenue authority.

Discussion

As PSRC engages the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) to develop a scope of work for the RTP (2026-2050), several RTP financial strategy assumptions are being queued up for board discussion. Among those assumptions is the transit growth assumption.

This will have implications both for future transit network development and the RTP financial strategy.

Please be prepared to discuss the following questions at the September 25 TOC meeting:

- Considering reduction in transit service and changing ridership patterns following the COVID-19 pandemic, do transit agencies think that PSRC should “reset the base” for transit service from pre-pandemic assumptions to a new baseline for transit growth in 2023?
- Do transit agencies think that the regional growth assumptions of 2%/year are reasonable to achieve (with or without “resetting the base”) in their long-range plans?
- What levels of transit growth assumptions should PSRC suggest for board discussion during the fall of 2024, in preparing to set the scope of work for RTP (2026-2050)?
- What implications or potential consequences should the board be aware of in revising transit service growth assumptions?

Next Steps

PSRC plans to share TOC input with the TPB over the next two meetings in preparation for a touchpoint on RTP scope of work at the December 12, 2024, meeting. TOC members are encouraged to monitor this discussion and to be prepared to provide follow-up input, as needed.

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053.



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ACTION ITEM

September 25, 2024

TO: Transit Operators Committee

FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager
Craig Helmann, Director of Data

SUBJECT: RTP (2026-2050) Future Transit Network Development

The Transit Operators Committee (TOC) will be asked to discuss and provide input on updates to the regionally integrated 2050 transit network and additional interim year transit networks for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (2026-2050).

Background

To remain on schedule for adoption of the RTP (2026-2050) in May of 2026, PSRC needs transit agency input on updates to the 2050 transit network, in addition to one or more interim-year transit networks.

PSRC is seeking completion of these future transit networks by April 1, 2025. This will allow time for PSRC staff to QA/QC inputs, compare them to regional capacity project lists, and integrate the future transit network assumptions into the PSRC model for modeling that will occur over the summer of 2025.

Discussion

Please be prepared to discuss the following questions at the September 25 TOC meeting:

- What kinds of changes should PSRC be prepared to account for in the 2050 transit network?
 - Potentially delayed high-capacity transit projects that move beyond the 2050 planning horizon year.
 - Adjustment to service hours based upon changes to assumptions in transit service growth.
- If we were to do one interim future transit network year, what would your recommendation be?
 - Suggestion: An interim year that reflects light rail extensions to West Seattle, Tacoma Dome, and Ballard with 2nd downtown tunnel.

- Format: are all agencies able to provide updates in GTFS format, as in past years?

Next Steps

Given previous experience with developing future transit networks, PSRC staff proposes to set up meetings with TOC members and technical staff from their agencies to discuss details of the future transit network update. We will plan to set those meetings up in the October-November timeframe to give agencies adequate time to prepare their network updates by the April 1, 2025 deadline.

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053.



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ACTION ITEM

September 25, 2024

TO: Transit Operators Committee

FROM: Craig Helmann, Director of Data
Gil Cerise, Program Manager

SUBJECT: RTP (2026-2050) Transit-Related Performance Metrics

PSRC will engage the Transit Operators Committee (TOC) on transit performance metrics that meaningfully assess transit's performance in implementation the VISION 2050 regional growth strategy for use in the RTP (2026-2050).

Discussion

PSRC has prepared an RTP Performance Dashboard that summarizes key performance metrics across key subject areas: <https://psrcwa.shinyapps.io/rtp-dashboard/>

The RTP Performance Dashboard currently highlights the following transit-related metrics:

- Boardings
- Transit service/revenue hours
- Boardings per revenue hour

The above metrics are shown as observed/past data from National Transit Database (NTD) and modeled outputs for planning purposes in the future.

In addition, the RTP Dashboard includes a variety of Transit to Work data from US Census ACS data source, including:

- Transit to work by County
- Transit to work by Race & Ethnicity
- Transit to work comparison across metropolitan regions
- Transit to work by city in the region

In addition to the transit metrics on the RTP Dashboard, PSRC continues to collect and develop regional performance targets and actual information on Transit Asset Management (TAM) and transit safety, based upon Federal Transit Administration guidance on those topic areas.

PSRC will engage the committee to discuss transit performance metrics and whether there are other transit performance metrics that should be collected at the regional level, as well as what each agency sees as its key performance metrics that they track over time to meet their long-range planning goals and objectives.

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053.



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ACTION ITEM

September 25, 2024

TO: Transit Operators Committee

FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Transit-Representation on PSRC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

PSRC will seek nominations from transit agencies to represent transit on PSRC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). TOC will be asked to take an action on this topic at their October 2024 meeting.

Background

BPAC has had transit agency representation on the committee for several years based upon operating procedures developed in 2018, and more informal committee organization prior to that. Attendance and participation from transit agencies on the committee has provided important input on walk, bike, and roll access to transit over the years.

In July 2024, the BPAC approved an update of its committee operating procedures and membership in alignment with PSRC's updates to transportation planning advisory committees discussed earlier in 2024 (see: <https://www.psrc.org/media/8905>). Based upon these operating procedures, the TOC will provide appointment for transit agency representation on the committee.

Discussion

Under the current operating procedures, there is room for one voting member and one alternate to serve in absence of the voting member to represent transit on the committee. Others interested in pedestrian and bicycle planning may continue to follow the work of the committee by joining the email list as an interested party. Membership on the committee is for a three-year term, at the end of which TOC will appoint new representatives.

At the September 25 TOC meeting, PSRC will solicit interest from agencies in representing transit on the BPAC. An action on the appointment will be taken at the October 2024 TOC meeting.

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053.

2024-2025 TOC Planned Meeting Topics

Quarter 3 (July – September)

August 28: Cancelled

September 25:

- Discussion: Regional Assumptions for Local Transit Service Growth
 - Options to consider for scenarios relating to transit service and regional financial strategy
 - Options to reset base for transit growth to 2023, or continue the path from previous plans (assuming another “catch up and grow” scenario)
- Discussion: Launch of Future Transit Network development
 - Discuss method of collection and integration of networks so that PSRC has an integrated 2050 and interim year network for RTP modeling
 - Timeline for development and integration of future networks
- Discussion: RTP transit metrics discussion
 - Review existing metrics
 - Identify potential updates
- Discussion: Input on transit-related RTP sensitivity test
- Discussion: Nominations for transit agency representation on BPAC
- Discussion: PSRC Transit-related work program development – share timing and method of PSRC collecting feedback between meetings

Quarter 4 (October – December)

October 23:

- Discussion: RTP base year/existing conditions and trends
 - Overview of transit inventory
 - Network
 - Facilities
 - Other?
 - Transit-related 2023 Regional Household Travel Survey results
- Discussion: RTP Regional Transit Access Assessment
 - Share plan/scope for seeking consultant assistance to develop regional assessment and tool for member agency use.
- Discussion: Transit-related terminology
 - Ensure we are using terminology that is understood by general public
 - Note: updates transit agencies are making (example: changing terminology for Vanpool)
- Discussion: Close loop on PSRC FY 2026-2027 Transit-related work program and TOC feedback.
- HOLD: Potential Safety Briefing (RSAP)

- Review of FTA-required performance targets and actuals (derived from plan reviews)
 - TAM
 - Transit Safety
- Briefing on Consolidated Grant applications received (prepare for December action)
- Action: TOC appointments for transit representation on BPAC

December 4:

- Action: Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Rankings
- RTP: PSRC transit model summit
 - PSRC will share its modeling assumptions and outputs
 - Invite Subject Matter Expert (SME)'s with transit modeling expertise (Sound Transit and others)
- Discussion: RTP transit-related financial inputs
 - Review inputs for revenues and expenditures
 - Identify timeframe/schedule for collection to incorporate in RTP financial plan
- HOLD: Potential Safety Briefing (RSAP)/related to draft plan
- Debrief on Transit Development Plan review and review of other transit planning products (TAM, transit safety, etc.)
- Discussion: RTP TDM components
 - Regional inventory
 - Local CTR plans
 - Trends, etc.

2025

Quarter 1 (January – March)

January 22:

- Discussion: Review Board input on RTP scope and implications for transit
- Discussion: Check-in on ongoing transit inputs
 - Future Transit Network Development
 - Transit-related financial inputs
 - Any inputs necessary for transit performance metrics
- Discussion: Overview of Coordinated Mobility Plan summary of mobility needs and gaps
- Discussion: Nomination of candidates for transit agency representation on RTOD Committee

Separate from TOC – hold a TDP coordination/outreach meeting.

February 26:

- Discussion: Transit Access update
 - Development of regional transit access assessment
- Discussion: Mobility On Demand (MOD)

- Incorporating MOD into transit planning
- Action: TOC appointment of transit agency representation on RTOD Committee

March 26:

- Discussion: Final check-in for April 1 Future Transit Network Delivery
 - Incorporate any cross-check with RCP process

Quarter 2 (April – June)

- RTP: Final preparation of transit inputs for modeling
- RTP: Regional Transit Access Assessment
- RTP: Coordinated Mobility Plan development of strategies to address mobility needs and gaps
- RTP: Progress on TDM-related narrative
- Anticipate FTA annual adjustments

Quarter 3 (July – September)

- RTP: Regional Transit Access Assessment
- RTP: (September) initial modeling results – what it means for transit

Quarter 4 (October – December)

- RTP: Regional Transit Access Assessment (as needed)
- RTP: Development of draft RTP for public release in January 2026