



Puget Sound Regional Council

Freight Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: February 12, 2025, 9:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Meeting)

Welcome and Introductions

Doug Cox, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. Roll call was completed to confirm the members and alternates present.

Action: Approval of Meeting Summary

The December 11, 2024, meeting summary was approved as presented.

Discussion: Existing Freight Conditions for RTP

Doug Cox, PSRC, shared a preliminary summary of the existing freight conditions PSRC has identified and will incorporate into the RTP Existing Conditions report. The three categories discussed were the inventory of freight assets included in PSRC's Transportation System Conditions Map, foundational data from PSRC's modeling, and WSDOT and FMSIB work products. Freight assets include rail corridors, at-grade rail crossings, waterway corridors, ports, intermodal facilities, and truck routes. Note that Washington State Ferry routes are considered truck routes rather than waterways. Geri Poor suggested an edit to the intermodal facilities layer: the "cargo/ airport" symbol north of Sea-Tac International Airport may need to be placed south of the airport to represent Alaska Airlines and Delta Airlines operations locations. RTP update will not include 2025 FGTS data, but Geri Poor suggested we include language that references the 2025 FGTS update for most recent data. A few updates to the rail corridors layer were suggested in Tacoma and Woodinville. Geri Poor also suggested that PSRC considers displaying the port districts as defined by the Army Corps of Engineers, rather than only displaying the Port locations.

The presentation is provided on PSRC's website [here](#).

For more information, contact DCox@psrc.org.

Discussion: PSRC Travel Models

Craig Helmann, PSRC, provided an overview of the travel models that PSRC maintains and discussed opportunities and constraints in their application to freight analysis for the RTP. PSRC uses UrbanSim for land use modeling in the Region. PSRC is one of the few metro-regions that integrates land use and transportation models. PSRC is also a national leader in travel demand modeling, using SoundCast for activity-based

modeling. Lastly, PSRC uses Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) to model emissions in the Region. Truck demand is based on employment and observed truck patterns based on employment. PSRC has also used ATRI and Inrix truck data to model truck origin & destination (OD) data in the Region. Furthermore, PSRC uses local data to help calibrate the model which includes medium and heavy truck counts on arterials and freeways in the Region. The metrics obtained from modeling include network-based metrics (speed, travel time between key ODs, miles traveled, and delay) and truck/trip-based metrics (delay and vehicle miles traveled per trip, trip location).

The presentation is provided on PSRC's website [here](#).

For more information, contact Craig Helmann at CHelmann@psrc.org.

Discussion: 2025 FGTS Data Collection

Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT, and Mitch Koch, PSRC, shared the 2025 Freight and Goods Transportation System (FGTS) data collection schedule and available resources. The FGTS data updated every two years. WSDOT is requesting FGTS classification data for T-1 to T-5 corridors, supporting truck volume data, and estimated tonnage from cities, ports, and MPO/ RTPOs. Truck volume data and estimated tonnage for T-1 and T-2 corridors must be from June 2021 or earlier. Truck volume data and estimated tonnage for T-3 and T-5 corridors must be from June 2021 or earlier as well. The timeline for the process was summarized as follows:

February 10: PSRC sent FGTS data request to cities and ports in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

February 20th: WSDOT hosted a technical webinar for the process.

February- May: PSRC will coordinate with cities and ports to collect data.

June 13th: Deadline for PSRC to submit FGTS data to WSDOT.

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Discussion: Regional Safety Action Plan Public Comment

Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, was curious about public comment opportunities for the Regional Safety Action Plan. Geri was specifically curious why the Plan does not include a section designated to safety within MICs given the unique traffic patterns and safety concerns in areas with high freight activity. Geri will provide a joint letter on behalf of the Ports to PSRC with these concerns.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster for the member or alternate representing each agency/jurisdiction at the meeting; additional alternate(s) present are listed below.

Interested Parties and PSRC Staff Present

Aaron Garland, WSDOT; Tom Hood, City of Everett; Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT; Scott McCollister, WSDOT; Tino Jonga, Fehr & Peers

PSRC

Doug Cox, Alexa Leach, Craig Helmann, Jennifer Barnes, Mitch Koch, Brice Nichols, Kalon Thomas

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

Freight Advisory Committee Attendance Roster

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NOTE: Members are invited to sit at the table and vote. Alternates may sit at the table and vote when the member is absent. Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting.

Jurisdictions	✓	Name		✓	Name, Jurisdiction
Counties			Manufacturing Industrial Centers		
King County (1)		John Vander Sluis	Cascade (1)	☒	Jim Kelly, Arlington
		Grace Carlson (Alt.)			Ryan Morrison, Arlington (Alt.)
Kitsap County (1)	☒	David Forte	Paine Field / Boeing Everett (1)	☒	Jesse Hannahs, Marysville
		Melissa Mohr (Alt.)			Tom Hood, Everett (Alt.)
Pierce County (1)		Clint Ritter	PSIC - Bremerton (1)	☒	Chris Dimmitt, Bremerton
	☒	Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)			Vicki Grover, Bremerton (Alt.)
Snohomish County (1)		Joseph Bervell	Ballard - Interbay (1)		Chris Eaves, Seattle
		Jay Larson (Alt.)			Joanna Valencia, Seattle (Alt.)
Ports			Duwamish (1)		(represented by Seattle)
Port of Bremerton (1)	☒	Arne Bakker			(represented by Seattle) (Alt.)
		James Goodman (Alt.)	North Tukwila (1)		VACANT
Port of Everett (1)		Adam LeMieux			Vacant (Alt.)
		Laura Gurley (Alt.)	Kent (1)	☒	David Paine, Kent
Port of Seattle (1)	☒	Geri Poor			Rob Brown, Kent (Alt.)
		Kyra Lise (Alt.)	Sumner Pacific (1)	☒	Michael Kosa, Sumner
Port of Tacoma (1)	☒	Ryan Medlen			Ryan Windish, Sumner (Alt.)
		Deirdre Wilson (Alt.)	Port of Tacoma (1)	☒	Brennan Kidd, Tacoma
WSDOT (1)					Greg Vigoren, Fife (Alt.)
	☒	Jason Beloso	Frederickson		(represented by Pierce County)
		Wenjuan Zhao (Alt.)			(represented by Pierce Co.) (Alt.)
Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) (1)			Freight-Intensive Areas		
		Brandy DeLange	SeaTac (1)		Florendo Cabudol, SeaTac
	☒	Fred Wenhardt (Alt.)			Zack Shields (Alt.)
Tribal Agencies			Auburn (1)		Jacob Sweeting, Auburn
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (1)		VACANT			Vacant (Alt.)
		Vacant (Alt.)	Non-Voting (4)		
Puyallup Tribe (1)		VACANT			Denise Plumb, United Parcel Service (UPS)
		Vacant (Alt.)			Eric Jessup, WSU, Freight Policy Transportation Institute
Suquamish Tribe (1)		VACANT			Jared Faker, Intl. Longshore and Warehouse Union #23
		Vacant (Alt.)			VACANT
Tulalip Tribe (1)		VACANT			
		Vacant (Alt.)			

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