Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee

February 13, 2018 • 10:00 a.m.– 12 Noon
PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500 • Seattle, WA 98104

10:00 1. Welcome and Introductions

10:10 2. Public Comments, Approve Summary of the 2017 July and November BPAC Meetings*

10:15 3. Information Item: Committee Reports
       Committee members will report on recent activities from various PSRC committees and other regional committees.

10:25 4. Discussion Item: BPAC Operating Procedures update (Gil Cerise, PSRC)
       PSRC is updating the operating procedures for technical and advisory committees. Staff will review the proposed changes to the committee structure and operating procedures.

10:50 5. Discussion Item: BPAC Leadership (All)
       The BPAC Chair and Vice Chair positions are open for new terms. A huge THANK YOU to Peter Dane and Shawn Phelps for your leadership. The BPAC will discuss the process for electing new leadership in light of the update of the operating procedures.

11:00 6. Discussion Item: 2018 Work Plan (Kim Scrivner, PSRC)
       Staff will review the proposed 2018 work plan for discussion. This includes detailed discussion of nonmotorized data collection/coordination aspect to this work program.

11:40 7. Information Item: VISION 2050 (Maggie Moore, PSRC)
       Staff will give the BPAC a briefing on the upcoming VISION 2050 update scope of work.

11:50 8. Information: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities
       Committee members provide brief updates on local and regional events of interest to others.

12:00 9. Adjourn
       *Supporting materials attached

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Welcome and Introductions and Public Comment

Committee Chair Peter Dane started the meeting at 10 a.m. Self-introductions were provided around the room and on the phone.

Public Comments

There was one person making public comments, (Alex Tsimmerman) allowed 2 minutes to comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the June 13, 2017 BPAC meeting was approved with one correction to the committee reports.

Information Item: Committee Reports

Kimberly reported that the board and committees are continuing to work on the update to Transportation 2040 and the public engagement process is underway. She also reported that PSRC staff had a meeting with Kitsap County and jurisdiction staff regarding the Regional Bike Network. Chair Dane reported that the Regional Project Evaluation Committee is evaluating the life-span of our roadway network and the best way to collect and measure roadway condition data. Vice-chair Phelps reported that the Regional Staff Committee heard updates on the regional centers framework and the T2040 update and the regional outcome measures framework.

Discussion Item: Transportation Alternatives Criteria Discussion (All)

Kimberly reminded the committee about the June BPAC presentation regarding the criteria for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) competition which solicited BPAC comments. She reported that the BPAC Chair, Peter Dane, and Vice-Chair, Shawn Phelps, will be representing the BPAC on the TAP working group. The purpose of the July presentation was to respond to some specific questions posed at the June meeting.

1. Match – 13.5% match typical of other PSRC grant competitions.
2. Cap on the number of projects is still a question to be decided but an option on the table was a cap per agency which will be decided by the TAP working group.
3. The timeline of this competition was still tentative at the time of the meeting.
4. The grant program is roughly about $4 million per year for the four-year cycle which is typical of this grant program.
5. Phases allowed including planning, design and construction but right-of-way had some specific eligibility requirements set by FHWA.

**Discussion Item: Active Transportation Plan (ATP) – Measuring the Goals (All)**

Kimberly shared the strategy for updating the ATP which is to condense the document and make it more actionable. One focus is to include an evaluation framework for the ATP goals. She described a few strategies for condensing this document by reviewing the table of contents from the currently adopted plan and reviewed with the committee some past conversations with the BPAC on this topic. She shared with the committee a proposal to frame the chapters around each goal along with a template. The purpose of this discussion is to hear from the BPAC on how to measure each goal. The proposal is to have objectives per goal but the measures would measure the goal. Kimberly shared some examples of active transportation performance measures to help facilitate this conversation.

The committee had a robust conversation about the equity measure in terms of definitions, how this measure frames the plan and how the goal is phrased. The committee came to a resolution to rephrase the equity goal to remove the term ‘system’ and reference the state of the system in a later goal in terms of access to opportunity. The first goal will be more high-level to frame socio-economic equity and that this allows equity to touch on the rest of the goals in terms of addressing age, ability and networks. The committee charged PSRC staff to match the goals with how they will be measured.

**Discussion Item: August Tours (All)**

During the June meeting, the BPAC proposed several options for the August walk and bike tours. Kimberly compiled these suggestions along with suggestions from previous years and reviewed the potential options with the committee for discussion. The committee chose the Lynnwood Walk and Talk for the walk tour and the Seattle Cycle Track to the UW station as the bike tour.

**Information: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities**

Dianne Iverson offered a suggestion for Kitsap County for the 2018 tours which she'll suggest off-line.

Shawn Phelps noted that on August 7th, there will be a Walkability Summit in Tacoma. This event will bring in a nationally renowned speaker on walkability, Mark Fenton. There will be two different sessions, the first with a lunch for elected officials with a training for transportation professionals. The evening session will be focused on engaging the local community which will include a dinner. This will be focused on how to connect the neighborhoods, the school and community center in this neighborhood. Meredith Soniat also mentioned that this event will include a walking audit.

Barb Chamberlain noted that WSDOT has started a state-wide active transportation e-news bulletin that will come out at least once a month that will include trainings, webinars, resources, news links, etc. She asked the committee to email her if they have anything to include or if they want to be added to the email list. Search on-line for WSDOT and gov-delivery to manage WSDOT subscriptions.

Thomas Noyes noted the WSDOT NW region traffic office is seeking to fill a transportation engineer position specifically focused on pedestrian, bicycle and transit implementation. They recently held interviews and plan to have someone on board mid-August.

Malva Slachowitz had two items. The first was a follow-up on her comment from June, on behalf of the City of Seattle, regarding the city’s permit for bike share. During the June meeting, she noted that Seattle released a draft permit for public comment and that by July, the permit has been released for a six-month pilot. Her second item was to share that King County Metro has been working with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and with a group of about 20 agencies to produce a report related to best practices that integrate bikes with transit. There is a draft circulating and they are hoping to publish this autumn.

Dianne Iverson shared that Kitsap Transit just started the fast ferry between Bremerton and Seattle. Kitsap Transit has asked West Sound Cycling Club to advise them on the best way to integrate bicycles with the fast ferries.

Peter Dane noted that the City of Redmond is opening phase II of the Redmond Central Connector project expected this fall.
Next meeting:
August 8, 2017: 10:00 a.m. – Noon (which was cancelled)

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at noon.
Welcome and Introductions and Public Comment
Committee Chair Shawn Phelps started the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Self-introductions were provided around the room and on the phone.

Public Comments
There was a public comment from one individual (Alex Tsimerman); he was allowed 2 minutes to comment.

Minutes were approved.

Information Item: Committee Reports
Kimberly reported that Transportation 2040 is now the Regional Transportation Plan. Just as the Regional Transportation Plan is finalized, the Vision update will start. Kimberly announced that the planning horizon will be expanded and renamed Vision 2050.

Regional Staff Committee member Shawn Phelps reported the meeting’s discussion about Vision 2050 Centers Framework.

Information Item: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Analysis (Chris Svolopoulos, City of Seattle)
Chris Svolopoulos gave a presentation on Vision Zero, a plan being created by the City of Seattle to end deaths from traffic accidents. Seattle has a low fatal collision rate compare to other cities, but bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are 40% of those accidents. The Vision Zero program is tracking pedestrian and bicycle accidents, analyzing percentages of different types of accidents and their level of severity. Staff are currently working on heat maps to see where accidents occur and trying to get data from insurance claims.
Information Item: King County Bicycle Network Planning Report *(Jennifer Knauer, Malva Slachowitz, Robert Foxworthy, King County Parks,)*

The above committee members gave a report on their 9-month planning initiative to assess the bicycle network in King County. The report was requested by the King County Council and is built from long-range plans with two planning horizon years, 2025 and 2040. The roadway and bicycle network was inventoried and some takeaways are a commitment to non-motorized access as much as parking. Other topics discussed were the regional trail system and future plans. Unincorporated King County roads have particular issues that make bike lanes very rare. The program is meant to identify enhancement opportunities, improve data collection, advance equity and social justice, and support trail systems.

Discussion Item: Regional Bicycle Network Update *(Kimberly Scrivner, PSRC)*

Kimberly gave a status report on the Regional Bicycle Network. The committee reviewed a series of maps to show changes requested by the respective counties. The idea is for the routes to be realigned with local existing plans. Highlights of the changes were that Kitsap has more of a dense network than before, there will be more connections in Snohomish county, more changes in South Seattle than north, south King County and Tacoma are not expected to have much change, and there were a few changes in east Pierce county. The currently adopted plans are on PSRC’s website but the maps from the meeting will be available on the website also.

Information Item: Draft Active Transportation Plan Preview *(Kimberly Scrivner, PSRC)*

Kimberly gave an overview of the updated draft Active Transportation Plan. She reviewed the introduction, action plan, narrative for each goal, and highlighted other sections of interest to the committee. Kimberly asked committee members to provide comments in December during the public comment period.

Information: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities

Mel Roberts announced that Auburn is close to finishing its trail and will be useable in two-three weeks. Thomas Noyes announced that WSDOT got funding for 50 bike counters and seeking funding for 21 more in three jurisdictions. Don Willott announced he is participating in a peninsula transportation planning meeting. They are spending $60,000 for the Olympic Discovery Trail. Kimberly Scrivner announced that the December meeting will be canceled.

Next meeting:
January 9, 2018: 10:00 a.m. – Noon *(December meeting was canceled)*

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:54
BPAC 2018 Work Program

Quarter 1 (January – March)

- Election of Vice-Chair for 2018-19 and potentially Chair
- Committee Operating Procedures and Membership Update
- VISION 2050 Scoping

Quarter 2 (April – June)

- Kick-off data collection coordination (pedestrian level data and other needs)
- RTP and ATP Final Adoption (Opportunity to assess implementation of new plan)
- VISION 2050

Quarter 3 (July – September)

- BPAC August TOURS or other outreach events
- Explore critical gaps in the regional bicycle network through an equity lens
- Data collection coordination
- Upcoming Counts in October – Role for BPAC?
- VISION 2050

Quarter 4 (October – December)

- VISION 2050
- Develop guidance for creating walkable regional and local centers; inform the comp plan certification process on best practices for active transportation in local plans
- Develop 2019 Work Program
- Data collection coordination (check-in on progress to-date)
- Evaluate Planning for Whole Communities Toolkit for updates

Potential Informational Items throughout the year

- King County METRO CONNECTS
- 2018 Project Selection
- Update of typology document
- Bike share/ e-bikes
- ORCA Training Video for LEP Community
- Pierce County Walkability Action Team updates
- Opportunity for local jurisdictions to share examples of MMLOS that address nonmotorized/active transportation modes
- WA State Ferries Long Range Plan update
The Puget Sound Regional Council is extending the region's growth plan to 2050. **VISION 2050** will build on the region's existing plan, VISION 2040, to keep the central Puget Sound region healthy and vibrant as it grows.

As the region prepares to add more people and more jobs in the coming decades — about 1.8 million more people by 2050 — **VISION 2050** will provide a guide for sustaining a healthy environment, thriving communities, and a strong economy. **VISION 2050** will identify the challenges we should tackle together as a region and renew the vision for what we want to achieve in the next 30 years.

PSRC wants to hear from you to help shape the plan update. Join the regional conversation this February at a PSRC listening session. Presentations will begin at 3:15 PM.

**King County** ............... Tuesday / February 13 / 3-5PM / Union Station, Ruth Fisher Board Room 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle 98104

**Pierce County** ............. Tuesday / February 20 / 3-5PM / Fife Community Center 2111 54th Avenue East, Fife 98242

**Snohomish County** ....... Thursday / February 22 / 3-5PM / Lynnwood City Hall 19100 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood 98036

**Kitsap County** .......... Tuesday / February 27 / 3-5PM / Norm Dicks Government Center 345 6th Street, Bremerton 98337

**What is the current growth plan?**

The region’s current growth plan VISION 2040 was adopted in 2008. It has policies and strategies that focus growth within an established urban growth area. It aims to keep rural areas, farms, and forests intact and thriving. Within cities, new housing and jobs for a growing population are focused in centers to create and sustain vibrant urban neighborhoods.