Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: PSRC Board Room, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00)

2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – January 8, 2019* (10:05)

3. Discussion: New Voting Member Appointments Update (10:10)
   Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, will provide a status update on voting member appointments.

4. Discussion: BPAC Operating Procedures Update (10:15)
   The committee will discuss potential updates to the procedures for determining non-voting members and interested parties. Please review the current procedures here.

5. Discussion Item: Chair and Vice Chair Nominations (10:35)
   The committee will discuss procedures and open nominations for upcoming elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Elections will be held at the May 2019 meeting.

6. Discussion: ST System Access Fund and System Access Strategic Plan (10:45)
   Alex Krieg, Sound Transit, will provide information on the agency’s System Access Fund and an overview of recent progress on its System Access Strategic Plan.

7. Discussion: Regional Trails Summit Overview (11:15)
   Jean White and Sujata Goel, King County Parks, will give an overview of a new broad-based coalition for promoting a network of regional trails, including a summary of the 2018 Regional Trails Summit.

8. Discussion: Regional Bike and Pedestrian Data Projects Update* (11:35)
   Jean Kim, PSRC, will update the committee on PSRC’s ongoing bike and pedestrian data projects, including the draft survey of member jurisdictions on bike and pedestrian count and infrastructure data availability.

9. Roundtable: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities (11:50)
   Committee members provide brief updates on local and regional events of interest.

10. Next Meeting: May 14, 2019: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

* Supporting materials attached

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Voting Members and Alternates Represented at the Table
Stephen Padua – City of Issaquah, Chair; Meredith Soniat – City of Tacoma, Vice-Chair; Eric Goodman – Community Transit; John Vander Sluis – King County Roads; Thomas Noyes – WSDOT; Aaron Lee – Snohomish County; Diane Wiatr – City of Seattle; Jack Ecklund – City of University Place; David Forte – Kitsap County; Kimberly Scrivner – City of Kirkland; Megan Moore – Kitsap Public Health; Daniel Hansen – City of Kent; Tobin Bennett-Gold – City of Kenmore; Bradley Bobbitt – WSDOT

Via Phone: Justin Nawrocki – WSDOT NW Region; Shawn Phelps – Pierce County; Malva Slachowitz – King County Metro; Robert Barandon – Puyallup Tribe; Richard Tarry – City of Everett; Grace Kane – City of Lake Stevens; Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn – Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Non-voting Members and Other Guests (for all or part of the meeting): Claire Martini – Cascade Bicycle Club; TJ Nedrow – WSDOT Olympic Region; Andrea Archer Parsons – City of Bremerton; Don Willott – Bainbridge Multi-Modal TAC; Melissa Mohr – Kitsap County; Amy Brockhaus – Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust; Mercedes Stroeve – Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust; Eli Mulhausen – SDOT; Heather Gregerson – City of Renton; Lisa McConnell (individual); Jason Lin (Bellevue resident); Sarah Udelhofen (individual)

Via Phone: Brad Shipley – City of Edmonds; Cecile Malik – City of Auburn; Brigid Dean – WSDOT

PSRC Staff: Gil Cerise; Sarah Gutschow; Jean Kim; Tammi Chick

Welcome and Introductions
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, noted that she is now the lead staff person for the BPAC. She also informed the committee that due to recent updates to PSRC’s Public Participation Plan, there would no longer be a regular public comment period provided at BPAC meetings.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The meeting summary from October 9, 2018 was approved as presented.

Discussion Item: New Voting Member Appointments
Stephen Padua, Chair, welcomed new voting members and alternates to the committee. Sarah provided a status update on voting member appointments, including current vacancies. She noted that per the BPAC Operating Procedures, all member and alternate appointments needed to be confirmed in writing by the appropriate designating bodies. The committee suggested including representation from Washington State Ferries on BPAC. Sarah said that they would ask the Transportation Operators Committee at its next meeting if they’d like to nominate any additional BPAC voting members or alternates to represent Local Transit, including Washington State Ferries.

Discussion: PSRC Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Plan 2019 – 2020
Sarah and Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided a brief overview of the recent history of the committee and its functions. They then reviewed the BPAC Operating Procedures and major BPAC focus areas, including PSRC’s 2018 Active Transportation Plan. Sarah presented for discussion the proposed 2019 – 2020 PSRC Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Plan, with a draft timeline for work plan elements. Committee members reviewed and provided feedback on the draft work plan.
Discussion: Pedestrian Data Pilot

Jean Kim, PSRC, updated the committee on the first stage of the pedestrian data collection and consistency pilot project, which involved using OpenStreetMap to record pedestrian asset data at selected sites in Snohomish County. She then reviewed the next steps for the project, including verifying the data collected in Snohomish County and identifying additional data collection sites in King, Kitsap and Pierce counties. Jean noted that the goal of the project is to create regionally consistent guidance for collecting pedestrian asset data to better support the analysis and evaluation of pedestrian travel and connectivity needs.

Discussion: Bike and Pedestrian Count Peer Review

Jean presented on PSRC’s efforts to collect information on and help support current bicycle and pedestrian counts in the region. She then shared information with the committee on PSRC’s recent peer review of the pedestrian and bike count data collection practices of other state DOTs and regional planning agencies. For the next steps of this project, PSRC will be conducting a survey of local agencies in the region on their bike and pedestrian infrastructure and count data sets. She will be asking the committee to review PSRC’s draft survey at the next BPAC meeting.

Information Item: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities

Sarah said there would be a call for nominations of the BPAC Chair and Vice-Chair at the March meeting. The committee would then vote on the nominations at its May meeting.

TJ Nedrow, WSDOT, announced that he is retiring in January. He informed the committee that the trail facility on the State Route 162 Spiketon Creek Bridge would remain in operation and that there are plans for the construction of a temporary bridge. He also provided an update on the timeline for WSDOT’s State Active Transportation Plan work, with a public engagement process planned for February.

Diane Wiatr, City of Seattle, reminded the committee of the upcoming permanent closure of Seattle’s Alaskan Way Viaduct on January 11th.

Claire Martini, Cascade Bike Club, provided information on the Tunnel and Viaduct ride on February 1st and the Washington Bike Summit on February 11th and 12th.

Next meeting:
March 12, 2019: 10am – Noon

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:52am
Memo

Date: March 12, 2019

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

From: Jean Kim, Associate Planner

Subject: Regional Bike and Pedestrian Data Projects Update

In Brief

PSRC staff will provide an update on its regional bicycle and pedestrian data collection work program, along with draft survey elements. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) will be asked to review the proposed survey items.

Background

PSRC launched its Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Collection and Consistency project in 2018 to obtain regionally consistent active transportation count and asset data, which includes three tasks: assessment of existing bicycle and pedestrian counts, updates to bicycle facility data, and pedestrian data collection in OpenStreetMap. The purpose of the overall project is to improve PSRC’s forecasting and modeling abilities to better evaluate bike and pedestrian connectivity throughout the region.

This step of the project is to assess gaps in bicycle and pedestrian data in the region by sending out a simple survey to all member jurisdictions. The survey will help us collect baseline data and identify areas with gaps in count locations and active transportation facilities.

Discussion

At the March BPAC meeting, PSRC staff will seek the committee’s feedback on the following draft survey elements:
Section 1: Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Data

- Availability of Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Count Program Data
  NOTE: PSRC staff will follow up with jurisdictions that have indicated that they have programs for counting bicyclists and/or pedestrians.

Section 2: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Data

- Availability of Bicycle Facility Data and a Review of PSRC’s Completed Bicycle Facilities Map
  NOTE: We are also using the survey to give jurisdictions the opportunity to review the latest PSRC’s bicycle facility map and check to see if it accurately captures what bicycle facilities exist in the region. The “Completed Facilities” are shown in green (facilities for all ages and abilities) and yellow (other completed bike facilities) lines on the web map.

- Availability of Pedestrian Facility Data
  NOTE: The intent of PSRC collecting pedestrian asset data is to build baseline data for PSRC’s pedestrian data collection in OpenStreetMap.

Next Steps

PSRC staff will finalize the survey and distribute it to member jurisdictions in the coming weeks. Once the survey is complete, PSRC staff will follow up with jurisdictions who are willing to share their bicycle and/or pedestrian data.

Lead Staff

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