Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: May 14, 2019
Location: PSRC Board Room, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

Welcome and Introductions
In the absence of a Chair or Vice Chair, PSRC staff facilitated the meeting and welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. Self-introductions were provided around the room and on the phone.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The summary for the March 12, 2019 BPAC meeting was approved as presented.

Discussion: New Voting Member Appointments Update
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided a status update on new voting member and alternate appointments, including current vacancies.

Action Item: Chair and Vice Chair Elections
Sarah reviewed the nominations received since the March meeting for the BPAC Chair and Vice Chair positions. Eric Goodman, Community Transit, had been nominated for the Chair position. There had been multiple nominations for the Vice Chair position, including Thomas Noyes, Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT); Tobin Bennett-Gold, City of Kenmore; and Malva Slachowitz, King County Metro. As no other nominations were presented at the meeting, the committee then voted on both positions. Eric Goodman was unanimously approved as the new Chair and Thomas Noyes was approved by a simple majority as the new Vice Chair.

Discussion/Action Item: Operating Procedures Update
Sarah informed the committee about the ad hoc subcommittee that had met on April 9th to review the changes to the BPAC Operating Procedures proposed at the March BPAC meeting. She then reviewed the revised Operating Procedures, updated to incorporate the feedback received from the ad hoc subcommittee, including revisions to the procedures for non-voting members and interested parties, as well as minor changes to
the “Purpose”, “Leadership”, “Meeting Schedule and Agendas”, and “Voting Membership Structure” sections.

The committee discussed the proposed changes and suggested a few edits to the “Non-voting Membership” section. The committee then voted unanimously to adopt the Operating Procedures with the suggested edits.

**Discussion Item: WSDOT State Active Transportation Plan Update**

Barb Chamberlain, WSDOT, provided an overview of WSDOT’s current update of the State Active Transportation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to present a multi-modal vision for providing a safe, sustainable, and integrated transportation system.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here: [https://www.psrc.org/bpac-meetings](https://www.psrc.org/bpac-meetings)

**Discussion Item: Comments to WSDOT on SR 522 Biking Prohibitions**

Justin Nawrocki, WSDOT, reviewed bicycle prohibitions on SR 522, and asked the BPAC to provide feedback, in accordance with WSDOT Traffic Manual procedures. The committee provided comments regarding the availability of alternative routes, detours, and safe crossings.

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**Discussion Item: PSRC’s Household Travel Survey**

Suzanne Childress, PSRC, shared results from PSRC’s 2017 Household Travel Survey, with a focus on the sections of the survey related to walking and biking. She shared details on the 2017 survey questions on travel mode choices and demonstrated how the survey design captures this data. Suzanne then reviewed the survey findings regarding walking and biking. She noted the 2019 Household Travel Survey will run from April 23rd to June 10th, with data from the 2019 survey published in January 2020.

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**Discussion: Regional Bike and Pedestrian Data Project Survey**

Jean Kim, PSRC, updated the committee on PSRC’s Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Survey. She reported that the survey was sent out on April 29th to over 90 jurisdictions in the PSRC region to gather baseline information on pedestrian and bicycle count and facility data. She noted that PSRC would update the BPAC on survey results at the July meeting.

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Roundtable: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities

Malva Slachowitz, King County Metro, announced that the Bike Everywhere Day event would take place on May 17, 2019.

Don Willott, Bainbridge Multi-Modal TAC, said that construction began on the Olympic Drive Project, including changes to the walkway and the addition of a bike turn lane.

Eric Goodman, Community Transit, mentioned that Community Transit had started service on the Swift Green line in March 2019, their second Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, and that riders can take their bicycles directly on the BRT vehicles.

Andreas Piller, City of Bellevue, reported that the City had implemented one of its first continuous bike connection routes going through the city. He noted that the City now has two bike route connections, with one going East to West and one going North to South.

Mel Roberts, Kent Bicycle Advisory Board, reported that the City of Kent’s Green River Salmon Restoration project is relocating a portion of Frager Road, so this portion of the road will be closed for construction during the relocation.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Members and Alternates Present

Tobin Bennett-Gold, City of Kenmore; Chris Dimmitt, City of Bremerton; *Jack Ecklund, City of University Place; Robert Foxworthy, King County; Steven Friddle, City of Fife; Richard Gelb, Public Health Seattle/King County; Eric Goodman, Community Transit; Seattle/King County Health; *Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn, Tacoma Pierce County Health; *Dan Hansen, City of Kent; *Jennifer Kammerzell, City of Tacoma; Melissa Mohr, Kitsap County; Thomas Noyes, WSDOT; Justin Nawrocki, WSDOT-NWR; *Shawn Phelps, Pierce County; Andreas Piller, City of Bellevue; Kim Scrivner, City of Kirkland; Malva Slachowitz, King County Metro; John Vander Sluis, King County DOT

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Gil Cerise, PSRC; Barb Chamberlain, WSDOT; Teresa Damaske, Toole Design; Mark Epstein, City of Bainbridge Island; Sarah Gutschow, PSRC; Hagen Hammons, King County Metro; Kathryn Johnson, PSRC; Mercedes Stroeve, Mountains to Sound Greenway; Melvin Roberts, Kent Bicycle Advisory Board; Don Willott, Bainbridge Multi-Modal TAC

*via remote participation