Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Online Meeting Only: Use BlueJeans Connection Information Provided (below)

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00)

2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – May 12, 2020* (10:05)

3. Regional Project Evaluation Committee and Regional Staff Committee Debrief (10:10)
   The most recent meeting summaries for the Regional Project Evaluation Committee are available on the PSRC website at: [https://www.psrc.org/rpec-meetings](https://www.psrc.org/rpec-meetings)
   The most recent meeting summaries for the Regional Staff Committee are available on the PSRC website at: [https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings](https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings)

4. Discussion Item: Comments to WSDOT on SR 167 Biking Prohibitions* (10:15)
   Eric Tolman, WSDOT, will ask the BPAC to provide feedback on bicycle prohibitions on SR 167, in accordance with WSDOT Traffic Manual procedures.

5. Discussion Item: Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Policies and Regulations (10:30)
   PSRC staff will provide a comprehensive overview of the recently completed inventory of regional bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure ordinances and policies. Staff will review initial findings from the inventory and proposals for incorporating this data into the 2022 update of PSRC’s Regional Transportation Plan.

6. Discussion Item: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility and Count Data Inventories (10:55)
   PSRC staff will give an update on the current process for creating comprehensive regional bicycle and pedestrian facility and count datasets using data collected from jurisdictions in the region. The overview will include preliminary data from the inventories and planned next steps for these projects.

7. Discussion Item: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Update (11:20)
   PSRC staff will provide an update on the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan, including overarching issues related to active transportation and the planned update schedule.

8. Roundtable: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities (11:45)
   Committee members provide brief updates on local and regional events of interest.
9. Next Meeting: September 8, 2020: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn

* Supporting materials attached

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822 or sgutschow@psrc.org.

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: May 12, 2020
Location: Online/Remote Only

Welcome and Introductions

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. She noted that the BPAC May meeting was being held remotely due to the ongoing public health emergency.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the September 10, 2019 BPAC meeting was approved as presented.

Regional Project Evaluation Committee and Regional Staff Committee Debrief

Sarah provided an update on the April meetings of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee and the Regional Staff Committee.

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Recent meeting summaries for the Regional Staff Committee are available on the PSRC website at: https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings

Discussion Item: 2022 Regional Transportation Plan

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided a preview of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. He then reviewed the 2020 Regional Transportation planning process and draft plan update schedule. Gil noted that upcoming preparatory work would include working with PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board for feedback on key focus areas, public outreach on the plan update, and initiating the environmental review process.

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

Discussion Item: Updates on Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Program Projects

Sarah provided an update on the ongoing process for creating comprehensive regional bicycle and pedestrian facility and count datasets using data collected from jurisdictions.
in the region. She also reported on the recently completed inventory of regional bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure ordinances and policies, including some of the initial findings from the inventory. Sarah then reviewed the next steps for PSRC’s bicycle and pedestrian planning work program.

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

**Discussion Item: Federal Safety Targets**

Gary Simonson and Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC, provided a briefing on the regional safety targets that PSRC’s Executive Board adopted in January 2020 as part of a required federal process. They gave an overview of the regional safety targets, including those associated with non-motorized travel. Gary then reviewed the next steps for this work, including continuing to adopt specific annual safety performance targets as federally required and conducting analyses of other regional transportation safety data and trends beyond the federal requirements. Pavithra mentioned that they would be incorporating this data into the 2022 update of the PSRC RTP.

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

**PSRC Project Selection Update**

Sarah provided a brief update on the 2020 Project Selection process currently underway. Detailed information is available here: https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/fhwa-and-fta-regional-funding

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

During the roundtable, the committee received updates and announcements from the following members and alternates:

- Anthony Burgess, City of Poulsbo
- Justin Nawrocki, WSDOT
- Diane Wiatr, City of Seattle
- Shawn Phelps, Pierce County
- Larry Leveen, ForeverGreen Trails
- Thomas Noyes, WSDOT
- Eric Goodman, Community Transit

**Information: 2020 BPAC Meeting Calendar**

The 2020 BPAC Meeting Calendar was provided for review.
Information: 2020 BPAC Planned Meeting Topics

The 2020 BPAC Planned Meeting Topics document was provided for review.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

*Members and Alternates Present

See attached Roster.

*PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Monica Adkins, PSRC; Jake Armstrong, King County Metro; Derek Barry, City of Sumner; Gil Cerise, PSRC; Christina Curtis, City of Everett; Teresa Damaske, Toole Design; Mark Epstein, City of Bainbridge Island; Akshali Gandhi; Sarah Gutschow, PSRC; Erin Hogan, PSRC; Brock Howell, SNOTRAC and ESDA; Kathryn Johnson, PSRC; Jean Kim, PSRC; Michael Kosa, City of Sumner; Mel Roberts, Kent Bicycle Advisory Board; Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC; Kimberly Pearson, PSRC; KL Shannon; Gary Simonson, PSRC; Mercedes Stroeve, Mountains to Sound Greenway; Stephanie Yu

*All attendees via remote participation
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**Other Agency Representation**

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)
- West Valley Bike Club (1)
- North Kitsap Trails Association (1)
- South Puget Sound Regional Bicycle Advisory Committee (1)
- Pierce County (1)
- Snohomish County (1)
- King County (1)
- Kitsap County (1)
- At-Large (2)

**as of 5/26/2020**
Bicycle Prohibition Action on SR 167

Background

As part of its public outreach efforts regarding bicycle prohibitions on state highways, WSDOT is required to solicit feedback from the local Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Commentary made by members of the BPAC will be included in review of bicycle prohibition proposals, as per WSDOT Traffic Manual chapter 6.4.

Proposed Prohibition

The bicycle prohibition is proposed for the segment of State Route (SR) 167 NB from SR 410 to SR 18. Because the HOV lanes are being added without expanding the highway, the existing shoulder on SR 167 will be greatly reduced (less than 4 feet in many places). WSDOT is therefore looking at restricting this section of SR 167 to bicycles. There are a few alternate routes, including using the Sumner Link Trail to 24th Street Bike Route; which connects with the 136th Street/Valentine Road Bike route; which connects to the newly constructed segment of the Interurban Trail. West Valley highway is also an alternative. More information is available in the written description of the detour (Attachment A) and detour route maps (Attachment B) provided by WSDOT.

WSDOT is soliciting PSRC BPAC commentary at its July 14, 2020 meeting.

For more information, please contact:
- Theresa Turpin, WSDOT Olympic Region Multimodal Development Manager, at turpint@wsdot.wa.gov
- Eric Tolman, Transportation Engineer, at TolmanE@wsdot.wa.gov
- Lone Moody, Assistant Project Engineer, at MoodyLo@wsdot.wa.gov
Detour Description – Eric Tolman

I was contacted by the WSDOT Tacoma Engineering Office regarding the addition of HOV lanes on SR 167 northbound. This project will significantly reduce the existing shoulders and there will be a need for a bike detour (SR 167 in this area is currently open to bike use). After discussing the need for a detour with Brian Wood and Charlotte Claybrooke with WSDOT’s Active Transportation Division and after reviewing the plans for SR 167 HOV (SR 410 to SR 18) I did investigation on a detour route for bikes along SR 167. The investigation was conducted first by using google earth and then taking a bike ride to see what options could work for bicycles.

Initially, it appeared the Sumner Link Trail would be a good route. However, upon further investigation (by bicycle) the Sumner Link Trail northern terminus is at 8th Street/Stewart Avenue. This is a busy section of road, no shoulder to the west to connect with Interurban, with a bridge and railroad crossing. This narrow bridge and railroad crossing is not a comfortable route to bike (in my opinion).

On the bicycle, a better detour route is to use the White River/Sumner Link Trail then leave the trail fairly close to mid trail, after crossing the first trail bridge over the White River. The trail bridge connects to the 24th Street East cul-de-sac (see detour map).

Therefore proposed detour is to have the bicyclist connect to the White River/Sumner Links Trail. Stay on the trail until 24th Street East (just after the trail bridge there is a wide sidewalk on the north side of 24th) cross over the railroad tracks to turn right onto 136th Avenue. The southern segment of 136th has a sharrow that becomes a bike lane until Nyberg Road. At Nyberg road, it changes to a two way trail on the west side of the roadway. Continuing north, this roadway becomes Valentine Ave. Valentine Ave connects to 8th Street/Stewart Street (west of the Sumner Link northern terminus), providing a crossing light at this intersection. This also avoids the narrow bridge and the railroad tracks at 8th Street/Stewart Street. Once across the intersection (on the north side of this section of 8th Street/Stewart Street) there is an east-west two way trail that connects to the new section of the Interurban Trail. The Interurban Trail is available for cyclists north past SR 18.

There are future plans to widen the bridge and railroad crossing at 8th Street/Stewart Street and provide an improved route for the Sumner Link; connecting to the Interurban Trail. Unfortunately, there is no known date for these improvements. Until then, the above route is proposed for cyclists.

After the 8th Street/Stewart Street improvements are completed, the permanent route for SR 167 bicyclists would become the Sumner Link to the Interurban Trail and connecting to the Interurban Trail. Additional connections to the south include the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail and soon the trail will be connected to the Puyallup Foothills Trail, providing regional connections.