February 13, 2018

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table:
Melissa Cauley - Community Transit & Chair; Peter Heffernan - King County & Vice-Chair; Melinda Adams - Everett Transit; Matthew Graves - Pierce County; Dave Morrison - King County; Krishan Aggerwal - WSDOT – Ferries; John Bernhard - WSDOT – Ferries; Lisa Wolterink - Sound Transit; Kirste Johnson – Sound Transit; Sara Walton - City of Seattle; Katherine Rassmussen - Community Transit

Via Phone:
Barb Hunter - Pierce Transit

Other Guests (for all or part of the meeting):
Kelly Houck – Kitsap Transit (via phone)

PSRC Staff: Sarah Gutschow, Kelly McGourty, Gil Cerise; Monica Adkins

Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The summary for the January 16, 2018 meeting was approved.

Action: FTA Caucus Officer Elections
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the nominations received since the January meeting for the Caucus Chair and Vice-Chair positions and asked for any additional nominations. The only nominations were Melissa Cauley for Chair and Sara Walton for Vice-Chair. The Caucus unanimously approved both nominations.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822

Action: Adoption of Operating Procedures
Sarah reviewed the revised draft of the FTA Caucus Operating Procedures. The Caucus unanimously approved the updated Operating Procedures.

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Discussion: 2018 Project Selection Update
Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an update on the 2018 Policy Framework and the schedule for the upcoming 2018 project selection process. She informed the Caucus that PSRC’s Executive Board had not adopted the Policy Framework at its January meeting due to a concern raised about the redistribution of points from the Project Readiness criteria. The Executive Board asked that staff go back to the Transportation Policy Board for further discussion on this topic.

At its February 8th meeting, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) endorsed the original recommendation to redistribute the five points from Project Readiness to the “Policy” section of the criteria, and forwarded the final recommendation on to the Executive Board for their February 22nd meeting. The Caucus discussed potential options for the FTA project selection process should the Executive Board not approve the Policy Framework in February.
Discussion: FTA Transit Asset Management Rule Update

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an update on the implementation of FTA’s Transit Asset Management (TAM) rule, including information about the reporting on attainment of agency targets that will feed into regional target monitoring. He informed the Caucus that the TAM Committee would be assembling again in March and invited Caucus members to participate.

Other Business

Kelly provided a brief overview of the VISION 2050 scoping process, including upcoming listening sessions and other public comment opportunities.

Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit, mentioned the proposed requirement for “value capture” for FTA projects in the FY 2019 presidential budget and infrastructure proposal, and asked if anyone had had any experience incorporating “value capture” criteria into their projects. The Caucus members responded that did not have any experience with this requirement.

Melissa Cauley, Community Transit, informed the Caucus that Senator Patty Murray had sent a letter to the FTA Deputy Administrator stating that the FTA’s delay in moving its Small Starts grants forward was in violation of its agreements with transit agencies.

Next Meeting – April 10, 2018, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., PSRC Conference Room