Members and Alternates Represented at the Table:

Melissa Cauley - Community Transit & Chair; Dave Morrison - King County; Krishan Aggerwal - WSDOT – Ferries; Monica Overby - Sound Transit; Sara Walton - City of Seattle;

Other Guests (for all or part of the meeting):

Amy Changchien – FTA; Jessica Gould – Intercity Transit; Clint Ritter – Pierce County Ferries

PSRC Staff: Sarah Gutschow, Kelly McGourty, Monica Adkins

Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Alex Tsimmerman.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the February 13, 2018 meeting was approved.

Action: King County Metro Redistribution Request

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the King County Metro (KCM) request for a redistribution of $2,834,283 in Seattle-Tacoma-Everett (STE) UZA FFY 2018 funds from their “500K Substation Breaker Replacement” and “Atlantic Base Maintenance Building HVAC Replacement” projects to the “Colman Dock Passenger Only Ferry Float Replacement” project. KCM also requested to redistribute $1,000,000 in STE UZA FFY 2019 Earned Share FTA 5337 HIFG from “Atlantic Base Maintenance Building HVAC Replacement” to “500K Substation Breaker Replacement,” and add a total of $2,834,283 from KCM’s currently unprogrammed STE UZA FFY 2020 Earned Share FTA 5337 HIFG funds to both projects. The Caucus voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request to the Transportation Operators Committee.

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

Discussion: 2018 FTA Appropriations

Sarah gave an update on the recently released FTA FFY 2018 6/12th Partial Appropriations and provided a general overview of the FTA annual adjustments process and timeline. The Caucus discussed whether to distribute the FFY18 Partial Appropriations to projects or to wait until the upcoming release of the FFY18 Full Appropriations. Amy Changchien, FTA, said she anticipated the full apportionments would be available at the end of April.

The Caucus decided to distribute the 2018 partial appropriations to projects so that transit agencies could access the 2018 funding sooner. Sarah said that PSRC would soon be sending out information about the distribution of the partial apportionment to transit agencies. Partial funding would be available for obligation once PSRC sent the updated FY2018 Split Letter to FTA.

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Discussion: FTA Project Progress Reports

Sarah provided a status report on PSRC’s April 2018 Progress Reports for FTA-funded projects. She also noted that on the non-capital project report there was a minor change to the question regarding funding expenditures. After the submitted progress reports were reviewed, PSRC would be reporting out the results to the Caucus at an upcoming meeting.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822
Status Report: 2018 Project Selection Update

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed upcoming 2018 project selection deadlines for the FTA Earned Share and FTA Regional Competition funding processes. She said that PSRC continued to encourage agencies to start new TIP "bucket" projects for each new TIP cycle to enable easier project tracking. Sarah also noted that Pierce Transit was looking for another transit agency willing to exchange 5337 HIFG for 5307 funds, and would be reaching out to the other agencies soon.

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Other Business

Sarah reviewed the 2018 Regional FTA Caucus Planned Meeting Topics document. She also noted that Matt Graves would be retiring at the end of June, so Pierce County Ferries would soon need a new Caucus representative.

Monica Overby, Sound Transit, informed the Caucus that Mitzi McMahan was no longer working in their Grants Division, as she had moved to another division at Sound Transit.

Melissa Cauley, Community Transit, said that they had executed the Small Starts grant for their Swift II BRT project and were preparing for their upcoming FTA Triennial Review. She also noted that Carol Thompson and Tom Morrow were no longer working at Community Transit.

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Next Meeting – May 8, 2018, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., PSRC Conference Room