Members and Alternates Represented at the Table:
Melissa Cauley - Community Transit & Chair; Kathryn Rasmussen – Community Transit; Krishan Aggarwal - WSDOT – Ferries; Peter Heffernan – King County Metro; Dawn Erickson – Everett Transit; Melinda Adams – Everett Transit; Tina Lee – Pierce Transit; Lisa Wolterink – Sound Transit; Matt Graves – Pierce County; John Bernhard – WSDOT - Ferries

Via Phone: Barb Hunter – Pierce Transit; Jessica Gould – Intercity Transit; Jeff Davidson – Kitsap Transit; Monica Overby – Sound Transit

Other Guests (for all or part of the meeting):
Jim Storment – City of Seattle; Eric Irelan – King County Metro

PSRC Staff: Sarah Gutschow, Kelly McGourty, Monica Adkins

Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment
Public comment was provided by Alex Tsimerman.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The summary for the May 8, 2018 meeting was approved.

Action: Recommendation on PSRC’s 2021-2022 FTA Earned Share and Preservation Set-aside Funding
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an overview of the 2018 project selection process and reviewed the 2021-2022 FTA Earned Share and Preservation Set-aside Funding projects submitted for recommendation by the Caucus. The Caucus unanimously approved the submitted projects for recommendation by the Transportation Operators Committee (TOC) at its meeting on June 27th.

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

Action: Project Recommendations for PSRC’s 2018 FTA Regional Competition
Kelly McGourty, PSRC, introduced herself as the facilitator for the meeting and provided an overview of the process and the meeting procedures to follow for preparing the funding recommendation to the TOC, including a prioritized contingency list of projects. She reminded the committee of the funding competition process timeline and described the handouts, including the project scores. Kelly then led the discussion of the other considerations to be used by the committee in the recommendation process. The adopted list of other considerations included: geographic equity by county, agency equity, modal equity, and maximizing the number of funded projects.

Kelly reminded the Caucus that there were approximately $24 million in funds available. The committee was asked if they would like to identify a cut-off line, above which projects would be considered for funding. The committee decided not to establish a cut-off line, given the modest number of projects submitted. The Caucus discussed partially or fully funding the funding requests of the projects with the top five scores, including projects sponsored by Sound Transit, Community Transit, Pierce Transit, and King County Metro. Under this scenario, the Sound Transit “Light Rail Extension: Redmond Technology Station to Downtown Redmond” and Community Transit “Swift Orange Line Station Construction” projects would receive full funding. Sound Transit indicated they could scale their “I-405 Bus Rapid Transit, Burien to Bellevue Section” project by 10 buses, while Pierce Transit said they could scale their “BRT Vehicles: Pacific Avenue/SR 7 Corridor” project by 2 buses, with the remaining buses for each project placed on the
contingency list. King County Metro would scale both the amount of recommended and contingency funding for their “RapidRide Totem Lake/Bellevue/Eastgate Transit Facility Passenger Amenities and Access Improvements” project by reducing the number of stations and stops constructed. This scenario fully utilized the available funding, with $40,000 remaining that would be addressed as part of the annual funding adjustments process. After discussing a few potential adjustments, the committee decided to adopt this scenario for recommending projects.

After this discussion, the committee recommended that all remaining project funding requests would be placed on the contingency list, ranked according to project score. Finally, the committee balanced funding for the recommended project list by year, so that projects would utilize an approximately equal amount of funding for the years 2021 and 2022. The committee agreed to present this draft project recommendation list to the Transportation Operators Committee at its June 27th meeting.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at (206) 971-3601

Information Item: PSRC’s 2018 Annual FTA Adjustments - Project Revisions

Sarah informed the Caucus that the 2018 Annual FTA Adjustments project revisions were not yet complete, so the Caucus would be taking action on its recommendation to the TOC via vote by email later in June, including the projects recommended for funding from the current adopted contingency list.

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Other Business

Sarah noted that this was the last meeting for Matt Graves, Pierce County, who would be retiring at the end of June.

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro (KCM), informed the Caucus about some of the organizational changes that would be happening at KCM as of January 1, 2019. These changes would include King County Department of Transportation becoming the King County Metro Department and the Department of Local Services. The King County Marine Division would become part of the King County Metro Department moving forward.

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Next Meeting

December 11, 2018, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. PSRC Conference Room