Regional FTA Caucus Meeting Summary

Date: February 10, 2021 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 a.m.
Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions
Melissa Cauley, Chair and Community Transit, welcomed everyone at 10:30 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The summary for the December 9, 2020 Regional FTA Caucus meeting was approved.

Action: Kitsap Transit and King County Metro Redistribution Requests
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the Kitsap Transit request for a redistribution of $7,506,427 in 5307 Earned Share funds from the “KT Transit Operations 2018-2020” project to the “Silverdale Transit Center” project. She then reviewed the King County Metro request to exchange $4,371,348 in 2018 5337 HIFG funds for the same amount in 2020 5337 HIFG funds between the "Atlantic Base Vehicle Maintenance Bus Lifts" and "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2018-2020" projects. The Caucus voted unanimously to recommend the requests for approval by the Transportation Operators Committee (TOC).

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

Action: Recommendation on Minimum Floor Adjustment Process for 2021 and 2022
Sarah provided an overview of the current Minimum Floor Adjustment Policy, and then reviewed some potential options for incorporating contracted services agreements into the adjustment as part of the 2021 and 2022 FTA Annual Adjustments processes. The Caucus discussed the different options, then voted unanimously to maintain the current minimum floor adjustments process for 2021 and 2022. The Caucus would revisit the discussion as part of the 2022 FTA Annual Adjustments after further consideration of the potential impacts of changes to the adopted process.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822.
Discussion: CRRSAA Act Regional Funding Distributions
Sarah provided an overview of some different options for distributing the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA Act) funding to transit agencies in the region. The Caucus provided input on the potential impacts of the different options under consideration and asked to look at additional hybrid options before providing a recommendation. Kelly McGourty, PSRC, said further information about the draft funding distribution options would be sent out after the meeting and requested that Caucus members provide any suggested additional hybrid options prior to the next meeting. To maintain an April board action, the Caucus would then need to make a recommendation to the TOC on its preferred distribution option at the March Caucus meeting.

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

Discussion: PSRC’s 2021 FTA Annual Adjustments Process
Sarah provided an update on the FFY2021 Annual Adjustments Process, including a proposed schedule.

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Other Business
Due to time constraints, there was no other business.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

*Members and Alternates Present
Melissa Cauley, Community Transit and Chair; Clint Ritter, Pierce County Ferries and Vice Chair; Melinda Adams, Everett Transit; Krishan Aggarwal, WA State Ferries; John Bernhard, WA State Ferries; Dawn Erickson, Everett Transit; Peter Heffernan, King County Metro; Barb Hunter, Pierce Transit; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit; Dave Morrison, King County Metro; Monica Overby, Sound Transit; Kathryn Rasmussen, Community Transit; Leslie Rifkin, WA State Ferries; Rick Singer, WA State Ferries; Benjamin Smith, City of Seattle; Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit

*PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present
Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit; Brock Howell, SNOTRAC; Eric Irelan, King County Metro; Maria Koengeter, City of Seattle; Eric Phillips, Intercity Transit; Heather Rochelle, Sound Transit; Jim Storment, City of Seattle; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit; Kristy Ziglar, FTA

PSRC: Monica Adkins; Sarah Gutschow; Kelly McGourty

*All attendees were present via remote participation