



# Puget Sound Regional Council

## Special Needs Transportation Committee

February 15, 2017 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500 • Seattle, WA 98104

- 9:30 1. **Welcome and Introductions** – *Jacque Mann, Chair*
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Approval of Meeting Summary – January 18, 2017 \***
- 9:35 4. **Reports from PSRC Committees and Boards and Update of SNTC Representation** – *PSRC Staff and SNTC Committee members*
- 9:40 5. **Information: Brief Update on Current Grant Competitions**
  - Current status on Coordinated and Consolidated Grant processes – *Gil Cerise, PSRC & Ryan Warner, WSDOT*
  - Evaluation of Regional Priority Ranking Distribution\* – *Gil Cerise, PSRC*
- 9:50 6. **Update of Funding Opportunities Matrix\*** – *Jean Kim, PSRC*
- 10:00 7. **Discussion: Update of Coordinated Plan Existing Conditions/Data** – *Jean Kim & Gil Cerise, PSRC*
  - **Update of Existing Conditions and Data\*** – *Jean Kim, PSRC*
  - **Inventory of Existing Services** – *Jean Kim & Gil Cerise, PSRC*
  - **Public Outreach** – *Gil Cerise, PSRC*
- 10:55 8. **Discussion: Measuring Performance of Grant Funded Projects in 2017-2019 Biennium** – *Gil Cerise, PSRC*
- 11:15 9. **Discussion: Local Coalition Reports / Emerging Issues**
10. **Next Meeting: March 15, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in PSRC Board Room, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104-1035**
- 11:30 11. **Adjourn**

\*Supporting materials attached

**January 18, 2017**

**Attendees:** Jacqueline Mann, Chair – Puget Sound Educational Service District; Jon Morrison Winters, Vice chair – Seattle ADS; Amy Biggs – Snoqualmie Valley Transportation; Stacy Haber – Hopelink; Harry Horst – Northshore Senior Center; Steve Hutchins – Around the Sound; Zoe Jorna – Hopelink; Jerri Kelly – Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Coalition (PCCTC); Penny Lara – King County Metro; John Mikel – Pierce County Aging & Disability; Alex O’Reilly – King County Mobility Coalition; Francie Peltier – PCCTC; John Peterson – Snohomish County Aging; Tim Renfro – Pierce Transit; Christina Robertson – CCSWW Everett; Ryan Warner, WSDOT; Cindy Zwart – Sound Generations; **via phone:** Francois Larrivee – Hopelink; Leigh Spruce – ARC Snohomish County **PSRC Staff:** Gil Cerise, Kathryn Johnson, Marina King, Kelly McGourty, Kimberly Scrivner

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Mann, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9:30 AM. Self-introductions were provided around the room and on the phone.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Meeting Summary Approval**

ACTION: The meeting summaries for October 19<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**4. Reports from PSRC Committees and Boards and Update of SNTC Representation – Gil Cerise, PSRC, and Committee Members**

Gil Cerise announced the annual appointment of committee positions. In-coming Chair will be Jacqueline Mann, Puget Sound Educational Service District and Vice-Chair will be Jon Morrison Winters, Seattle Aging and Disability Services. Chair and Vice-Chair will alternate attending TOC meetings and bringing information back to the SNTC. Alex O’Reilly, City of Bellevue, will continue to attend and report back on RSC meetings and Jon Morrison Winters will be her alternate at that committee. Stacy Haber, Hopelink, will continue to attend TDM committee meetings. Gil requested an update on other committee members who have been attending PSRC meetings regularly.

**5. Information: Update on Current & Upcoming Grant Competitions – Gil Cerise, Kelly McGourty, PSRC; Ryan Warner, WSDOT**

Gil updated the committee on the next steps in the Coordinated Grant process. He stated that later in the spring, after the WSDOT process concludes, it will be possible to determine if projects on the contingency list can be funded. Gil showed the [Coordinated Special Needs Process Chart](#) posted on the PSRC website and stated that the committee’s recommendations would go to WSDOT in late January. Final awards of funding would occur later in the spring. Funded projects go onto the PSRC TIP list and project sponsors will need to fill out a TIP application. Projects will have funding by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ryan Warner, WSDOT updated the committee on the schedule for the Consolidated Grant competition, stating that scoring and evaluation will conclude in March and then be on hold for legislative action on the budget. He stated that funds would likely be awarded in April. All projects awarded funding will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, described PSRC’s upcoming regional competition for FTA funds. The upcoming competition includes a funding source (FTA Section 5307) that incorporated the Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) eligible projects with the consolidation of funding sources as part of the approval of the federal transportation law, MAP-21 in 2012. The call for projects will be released in February. Full applications are due in mid-March. One of the main criteria is how the proposal supports recognized growth centers as described in VISION 2040 and local

comprehensive plans. Projects must be sponsored by a transit agency or WSDOT if a private nonprofit wants to access these funds. Gil Cerise stated that staff would send out information on JARC eligibility to remind committee members of the types of projects eligible for that funding source.

Penny Lara, King County Metro, stated that her agency still has JARC funding available and she encouraged committee members to send in a proposal.

Gil Cerise and Ryan Warner informed the Committee that WSDOT is preparing to evaluate how regional priority rankings for the Consolidated Grant are distributed across the state. Gil stated that he and/or Ryan would provide an update at the February 15 SNTC meeting.

**6. Information: Adverse Weather Tabletop Exercises – Zoe Jorna, Hopelink**

Zoe Jorna, Hopelink, provided a one-page flyer and announced Hopelink's participation in a regional Adverse Weather Tabletop Exercise. The event will be held on successive dates in Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties. The target audience is human service organizations, transportation providers and emergency management professionals. A [link](#) to registration for the event was provided in the meeting agenda packet. [Zoe](#) requested members to get back to her with any questions.

**7. Presentation: Transportation 2040 Update Work Plan Overview – Robin Mayhew & Gil Cerise, PSRC**

Robin Mayhew, PSRC, provided a [presentation](#) and gave an overview of the 5 main elements of the update to the Transportation 2040 plan. Gil Cerise updated the committee of the multi-agency coordinated work on a regional integrated transit network. He stated that PSRC is working with transit agencies and ferry operators in the region to update the 2040 transit network using Remix transit sketch planning software, and based on the plans provided by regional planning agencies. PSRC transit-related work program for the T2040 Plan updates also includes development of an access to transit and a parking strategy; updates to performance measures, transit-oriented development (TOD) analysis, in addition to the update of the Coordinated Plan. Gil stated that this is an opportunity to bring special needs transit into the broader conversation throughout the plan update. Committee members asked if funding transportation services to special needs populations will be discussed in the T2040 update. Robin Mayhew responded that the financial element will review how transportation dollars are spent and if there are gaps in areas that need funding. There will also be a new plan emphasis on health and equity. Chair Mann requested members to contact [Robin](#) with any further comments.

**8. Discussion: Coordinated Plan Update Overview and Public Outreach Strategy\* – Gil Cerise, PSRC**

Gil provided a [presentation](#) on the Coordinated Transit Human Services Plan as part of the larger T2040 update, and stated that there is a short timeframe for an update to the Coordinated Plan, which currently comprises the largest appendix to T2040. Gil stated that one goal of the work program is to have the Coordinated Plan document more readable, succinct and action-oriented. PSRC will be seeking the committee's help to achieve these goals over the coming months. Outreach to the public has a new emphasis from the FTA, particularly reaching out to seniors and those with disabilities, as well as other special needs populations. PSRC wants to coordinate with King County Metro's outreach efforts, and other similar efforts, but requested additional input from committee members on outreach opportunities, particularly to Kitsap County. Kimberly Scrivner, PSRC, announced that she was heading up the effort to hire an outreach consultant and she would like the chosen candidate to present to the SNTC at an upcoming meeting.

**9. Discussion: Review of Coordinated Plan Existing Conditions – Gil Cerise, PSRC**

Gil built on the information from the previous presentation by presenting updates to existing conditions of special needs populations in the region, including information from the US Census American Community Survey and from PSRC's Regional Household Survey. Members urged PSRC to look for different ways of measuring data points for low-income people. Members pointed out that there are clear ties to access to transportation and health. Looking at rural versus urban populations might also be useful, as well as closely defining the terms "unemployed" and "transportation". Members suggested mapping the top health destinations in the region to determine if there are gaps.

Gil stated that the FTA requires an inventory of service providers and available services as part of the Coordinated Plan. He stated that PSRC wants input from committee members on how to update the inventory current found as an attachment to the Coordinated Plan. Members mentioned the online service “Find a Ride.Org” and other sources and stressed the importance of not duplicating resources. Would the FTA accept a list of online resources? Gil indicated that finding a way to provide information online, if accepted by our federal and state partners, would help reduce the bulk of the printed document. The current inventory is a lengthy attachment to the Coordinated Plan.

#### **10. Local Coalition Reports/ Emerging Issues – Committee Participants**

- Gil Cerise reminded committee members who have federal or state grants from the Coordinated or Consolidated Grant programs to provide copy PSRC on the quarterly reporting that they provide to WSDOT, in order not to duplicate efforts. Reports should be sent to [Jean Kim](#), PSRC.
- Gil announced an exhibit entitled [Open to All – Designing for the Full Range of Human Experience](#), and provided a handout. The exhibit was located at the American Institute of Architects, across the street from the SNTC meeting location.
- Kimberly Scrivner, PSRC, announced a February 2<sup>nd</sup> launch of Sidewalks 2.0, a sidewalk mapping tool that allows open source coding of data for sidewalks. She said that the organization is a co-sponsor of the Open to All exhibit, and that there would be a workshop at PSRC on how to record sidewalk and accessibility data.
- Snohomish County Coalition (SNOTRAC) - is in the final phase of recruiting a mobility manager. They hope to have a confirmed hire by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- King County Coalition – King County Metro has printed the county accessible travel map. Stacy Haber, Hopelink, provided copies of the map to PSRC. She announced new membership seats, including public health and first mile/last mile, and area aging organizations. She stated that the Mobility Coalition and Metro offered free transportation for veterans to the [Stand Down Resources Fair](#) held December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.
- Pierce County Coalition – there was a 2016 community summit on Key Peninsula. They provided a video which Jerri Kelly will provide to committee members. The first quarterly meeting of 2017 will be about goal setting for 2017.

#### **11. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Groupings (for aggregating data below)	RTPO/ Counties	Persons Per Square Mile	Total Rural Population	People Under 18	% of people under 18	People over 65	% over 65	Total Persons With Disabilities	% People With Disabilities	Living in Poverty	% in Poverty	# Veterans	% Veterans	Total Ranking Spots (No Cap)	Cap (individual counties)	Final (accounts for cap)	A	B	C	D
1	Ben Franklin	93.7	32,525	77,390	29.03%	29,139	10.93%	28,361	10.77%	40,836	15.56%	17,746	9.39%	12	No	12	4	4	4	Unlimited
2	Walla Walla	47.8	8,584	13,177	22.16%	9,140	15.37%	7,947	14.11%	9,069	16.70%	5,150	11.13%	10	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
3	CWCOG	42.0	131,040	60,386	22.05%	50,053	18.28%	55,219	20.55%	48,185	18.00%	29,019	13.61%	21.5	No	22	8	7	7	Unlimited
4	NEW	10.7	64,980	14,197	22.13%	12,591	19.62%	12,743	20.01%	12,094	19.08%	7,931	15.89%	14.5	No	15	5	5	5	Unlimited
5	Palouse	17.3	22,850	12,793	17.23%	10,358	13.95%	9,592	13.03%	17,222	25.58%	5,637	9.18%	10.5	No	11	4	4	3	Unlimited
6	Peninsula	86.6	132,123	83,964	20.17%	75,990	18.25%	68,182	17.06%	51,255	12.67%	56,676	17.68%	20	No	20	7	7	6	Unlimited
7	PSRC	619.9	184,155	797,183	22.41%	411,364	11.56%	377,272	10.75%	408,050	11.66%	262,557	9.60%	15.5	No	16	6	5	5	Unlimited
8	QuadCo	18.1	82,124	44,364	27.30%	21,072	12.97%	19,309	11.98%	31,965	20.14%	11,384	9.65%	14.5	No	15	5	5	5	Unlimited
9	San Juan	93.0	16,180	2,349	14.82%	4,219	26.62%	1,923	12.18%	1,783	11.39%	1,546	11.45%	8.5	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
10	Skagit	69.7	36,259	27,243	23.02%	20,645	17.44%	16,395	13.99%	17,352	14.87%	11,377	12.55%	11.5	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
11	Island	386.7	40,781	15,613	19.78%	16,026	20.30%	10,253	13.80%	7,539	9.79%	12,634	21.39%	10.5	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
12	SW WA	116.5	99,841	120,008	25.53%	61,004	12.98%	60,292	12.89%	55,962	12.02%	39,076	11.17%	17.5	No	18	6	6	6	Unlimited
13	SRTC/Spokane	276.9	72,012	108,680	22.79%	65,971	13.83%	67,570	14.44%	72,163	15.61%	45,187	12.35%	18	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
14	Thurston	370.4	52,896	58,294	22.48%	36,392	14.03%	31,029	12.25%	30,320	11.85%	29,076	14.76%	14.5	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
15	Wen Valley	24.3	37,453	28,609	25.35%	17,764	15.74%	14,737	13.14%	16,892	15.11%	8,691	10.32%	13	No	13	5	4	4	Unlimited
16	Okanogan	7.9	33,476	9,678	23.47%	7,576	18.37%	6,868	16.88%	8,802	21.69%	3,957	12.56%	15	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
17	Whatcom	99.6	57,022	42,072	20.54%	29,345	14.32%	26,194	12.88%	32,401	16.24%	14,187	8.73%	10.5	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
18	YVCOG	58.2	62,730	74,195	30.11%	29,842	12.11%	30,430	12.49%	54,474	22.48%	13,915	8.09%	14.5	Yes	9	3	3	3	Unlimited
	<b>Totals/Weighted Averages</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>1,167,031</b>	<b>1,590,195</b>	<b>23.05%</b>	<b>908,491</b>	<b>13.17%</b>	<b>844,316</b>	<b>12.43%</b>	<b>916,364</b>	<b>13.55%</b>	<b>575,746</b>	<b>10.94%</b>							

**Data sources and calculations (all columns):**

- Total county population' is from 2015 Office of Financial Management (OFM) ([http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/april1/ofm\\_april1\\_population\\_final.pdf](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/april1/ofm_april1_population_final.pdf))
- Total square miles of county' is from 2010 county land area from the OFM site ([http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/popden/popden\\_county.xlsx](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/popden/popden_county.xlsx))
- Persons per square mile' is calculated and equals the total county population divided by the total square miles of county
- Total rural population' is calculated by taking the total county population and subtracting the population of the MPO
- Count towards age', 'people under 18', and 'people over 65' are from the American Community Survey (ACS) ACS 5 year, table B01001 (2014). ACS information can be queried from [http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/guided\\_search.xhtml](http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/guided_search.xhtml)
- '% of people under 18' is calculated by taking 'people under 18' and dividing by 'count towards age'
- '% people over 65' is calculated by taking 'people over 65' and dividing by 'count towards age'
- 'Count towards disabilities' and 'total persons with disabilities' is from the ACS 5 year, table B18101 (2014)
- '% people with disabilities' is calculated by taking the total persons with disabilities and dividing by total population
- Population of MPO' is from 2015 OFM Highway Urban Area Population Estimates by County (<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/special/hua.pdf>)
- 'Count towards poverty' and 'living in poverty' are from ACS 5 year, table S1701 (2014)
- '% in poverty' is calculated by taking 'living in poverty' and dividing by 'count towards poverty'
- 'Count towards veterans' and '# veterans' are from ACS 5 year, table S2101 (2014)

**Evaluation:**

- For the purposes of the ranking spots, all of Kitsap County was counted as part of the Peninsula RTPO.
- Skagit and Island were separated in the 2015 cycle evaluation.
- Need points were distributed among 18 planning regions according to high/medium/low
- As, Bs, and Cs are awarded proportionally depending on the total number of ranking spots. If the number is not divisible by three, the first remainder will be an A, the second will be a B
- Final point distribution includes veterans category and a 9 point cap on single county planning regions
- If "Total Rankings Spots (No Cap)" does not add to a whole number, the "Final (Accounts for Cap)" is rounded up to the nearest whole number.

Rating	Points
High	2.0
Medium	1.0
Low	0.5



## SNTC Potential Funding Opportunities

**Link for Funding Opportunities: <http://www.nadtc.org/>**

Funding Source	Allocated By	Eligible Applicants	Opportunities	Call for Projects	Application Due Date	Links
<b>TIER 1 (HIGH PRIORITY/ IMMEDIATE)</b>						
FTA Section 5307	PSRC	FTA direct recipients (mostly transit agencies) and private nonprofits who partner with direct recipients on projects	JARC-eligible programs & non-JARC mobility management	Feb 2017 (Screening)	March 2017	<a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13093_3561.html">http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13093_3561.html</a>
Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program FY 2017	FTA	Federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) located in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or less.	Eligible projects include public transportation planning and capital expenses. Operating projects are eligible in limited circumstances as, in FY 2017, FTA will only consider operating assistance requests from tribes without existing transit service, or those tribes who received a TTP formula allocation of less than \$20,000.	1/19/2017	3/20/2017	<a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/public-transportation-indian-reservations-program-tribal-transit-fy-2017">https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/public-transportation-indian-reservations-program-tribal-transit-fy-2017</a>
<b>TIER 2 (MID PRIORITY/MEDIUM TERM)</b>						
FTA Section 3006(b)	FTA	Open to 5310 recipients and sub-recipients	To assist in financing innovative projects for the transportation disadvantaged that improve the coordination of transportation services and non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services; such as: the deployment of coordination technology, projects that create or increase access to community One-Call/One-Click Centers, etc.	TBD	TBD	<a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/enhanced-mobility-seniors-disabled-fact-sheet-section-5310">https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/enhanced-mobility-seniors-disabled-fact-sheet-section-5310</a>
<b>TIER 3 (LOWER PRIORITY/LONGER TERM)</b>						
Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Program Using Robotics and Automation to Improve Accessible Transportation Options for Individuals with Disabilities	Administration for Community Living	Nonprofits, State Governments, Private institutions of higher educations, County Govs, City or township Govs, Special District Govs, Native American Tribal Govs/orgs, Independent school districts	The purpose of DRRP is to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act by generating new knowledge or developing methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technologies that advance a wide range of independent living and employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most significant disabilities.	1/5/2017	3/21/2017	<a href="http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290866">http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290866</a>
Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Small Grants Program--generally under \$200K	Seattle Foundation	Applicant organization must have 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status or be fiscally sponsored by another tax exempt organization.  Applicant organization must be led by residents of South Seattle, White Center or Kent.	N2N supports grassroots efforts that lead to increased engagement, power and influence of community members affected by poverty and racial disparities. Priority is on efforts led by people from diverse and under-invested communities.	Quarterly basis (The deadlines for submitting applications are <u>January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15</u> . Organizations are eligible for funding once per calendar year)		<a href="http://www.seattlefoundation.org/nonprofits/Neighbor-To-Neighbor">http://www.seattlefoundation.org/nonprofits/Neighbor-To-Neighbor</a>

## Special Needs Common Destinations

Common Destinations Location Key (2014 PSRC Household Travel Survey)

Location	Includes	
<b>RETAIL/SERVICES</b>	BAKERY	
	BOOKSTORE	
	CLEANERS	Laundromats
	HARDWARE	Hardware and home improvement stores
	MALL	Shopping malls
	SHOPPING	General shopping or other retail activity
	THRIFT	Used and second-hand stores
	GROCERY	
	RESTAURANT	
	BANK	
	PERSONAL	General personal activities
	SERVICES	General service activities not classified elsewhere
	GAS	Gas stations
	AUTOMOTIVE	Car sales, repairs, supplies
	FOOD BANK	
PETS	Pet stores, veterinary, doggie daycare	
COFFEE	Coffee shops, cafes, espresso stands	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	COLLEGE	
	LESSONS	Specialized classes, training, martial arts
	LIBRARY	
	PRESCHOOL	
	SCHOOL	Other educational activities
	CHILDCARE	
<b>SENIOR CENTER</b>	SENIOR CENTER	
<b>SOCIAL</b>	SOCIAL	Community/youth/senior services
	COMMUNITY	Community centers, civic activities
	VOLUNTEER	Volunteering activities
	ORGANIZATION	Civic, fraternal organizations, clubs, Boys & Girls Clubs
<b>ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION</b>	ENTERTAINMENT	
	ARTS	Concerts, ballet, galleries
	CASINO	
	CINEMA	Movie theaters
	MUSEUM	
	ZOO	Aquariums
	RECREATION	Recreational activities not otherwise classified as sports
	PARK	City, county, state parks not otherwise classified as recreational or sports
	SPORTS	Sports activities, both spectator and participating
	SWIMMING	
	EXERCISE	Walking, jogging, going to exercise places
<b>WORK-RELATED</b>	GOLF	
	WORK RELATED	Other locations for employed persons
<b>HEALTH-RELATED</b>	WORKPLACE	Usual workplace for employed persons
	HEALTH	Health foods, massage
	MEDICAL	
	DENTAL	
	PHARMACY	Drug stores including major chains
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	THERAPY	Physical and mental therapy services
	TRANSPORTATION	Transit, carpools, carshare
	FERRY	
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	AIRPORT	
	RESIDENCE	Private residences (e.g., visiting friends, family)
<b>RELIGIOUS</b>	ASSISTED LIVING	
	CHURCH	Other religious activities
<b>MISC.</b>	MISC	Unclassifiable
	GOVERNMENT	
	POST OFFICE	
	UTILITIES	Water, power, phone, other utilities
	CEMETERY	Funerals
	OUT OF REGION	
	MILITARY	