Voting Members and Alternates Represented at the Table
Marianna Hanefeld, Chair – SNOTRAC; John Peterson, Vice-Chair – Snohomish County LTC and Aging; Jerri Kelly – Pierce County Human Services; Francie Peltier – PCCTC; Tim Renfro – Pierce Transit; Penny Lara – King County Metro; Jacqueline Mann – PESD

Via phone: Leigh Spruce – SNOTRAC; Aaron Morrow – KCMC; Christina Robertson - Catholic Community Services – Snohomish; Francois Larivee – Hopelink; Alex O’Reilly – City of Bellevue; John Mikel - Snohomish County Long Term Care & Aging; Karl Farnsworth – Kitsap Transit

Non-voting Members Represented at the Table
Staci Haber – KCMC; Monica Ghosh – WSDOT; Amy Biggs – Mt. Si Senior Center; Scott Ninneman - King County Dept of Community & Human Services; Mona Steele – Homage-TAP; Hollianne Monson - Catholic Community Service of WW - King County

Via phone: Nicole Patrick – WSDOT

Other Guests: Perry Denman – CRISTA Senior Living; Kelly Lindsey – King County Metro; Joshua Jackson – King County Metro

PSRC Staff: Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow; Jean Kim, Kathryn Johnson, Monica Adkins

Welcome and Introductions, Public Comment, and Announcements
Marianna Hanefeld, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. Self-introductions were provided around the room and on the phone.

Public Comments
There were no public comments.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The meeting summary for the March 21, 2018 meeting was approved.

Reports from PSRC Committees and Boards

Transportation Operators Committee – Gil Cerise, PSRC, noted that the March meeting was canceled, but reviewed some of the items that would be on the April agenda.

Regional Staff Committee – Regional Staff Committee meeting for April had not occurred by the time SNTC met.

TDM Committee – Staci Haber, Hopelink, reported that there was discussion of the TDM Committee becoming a formal advisory committee, including formalizing a non-voting seat from SNTC. Staci questioned whether a non-voting member from SNTC would be OK. Gil Cerise, PSRC, noted that it will not necessarily require that the SNTC member be a voting member, and that the idea is to have continuity between the different committees.

Transportation Policy Board – Gil Cerise, PSRC, mentioned that the change in special needs transportation grant process was presented and the TPB recommended this for final approval to the Executive Board, which will meet on April 26, 2018.
Information: ORCA for All! Community Specific resources by King County Metro – Penny Lara, King County Metro

Penny Lara, King County Metro, introduced colleagues Kelly Lindsey and Joshua Jackson from King County Metro and provided an overview of ORCA Regional Transit Coordination Grant and how it is being used to help the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population. She explained how she used one-on-one outreach to get data regarding how much LEP communities use public transit, how they paid for it and if they were aware of the ORCA program. She said she received many responses that they knew of the ORCA card but did not understand how to get one, and how it worked. She said she contacted her colleagues, Kelly and Joshua, to put together a more visual explanation of the ORCA program to reach more LEP users using a promotional video spot to increase ORCA awareness and card use. She said the video will be shared with all other agencies and is also located on orcacard.com website.

The presentation can be found here.

Discussion: PSRC Region’s Priority Rankings for WSDOT Consolidated Grant Competition 2019-2021 Biennium* – Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow & Jean Kim, PSRC

Nicole Patrick, WSDOT, provided an update to the WSDOT Consolidated Grant program, and a review of the white papers resulting from the most recent Grants Program Advisory Committee (GPAC) process. These white papers address things like qualifications for applying for four years of funding vs. two years of funding; and how the number of regional priority rankings are assigned across the state. She noted that the information is also on the WSDOT.gov website.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed Draft policy premises identified in March SNTC and explained that he would go over the matrix of each of these for discussion with the committee to decide on the most promising ones to use for regional priority rankings. He noted these questions are a preliminary screening to help identify the higher priority applications for consideration of a regional priority ranking. All of the questions were constructed for a yes or no answer. Gil noted that PSRC staff took the SNTC’s original list of topics to include and, in some cases, combined them into a single question. Committee members provided feedback and made decisions on what policy premises to use for the regional priority rankings. The committee agreed to most of the six proposed policy premises with minor edits. Gil noted that PSRC staff took the SNTC’s original list of topics to include and, in some cases, combined them into a single question. Committee members provided feedback and made decisions on what policy premises to use for the regional priority rankings. The committee agreed to most of the six proposed policy premises with minor edits. The committee requested a more substantive change to policy premise #4, relating to unnecessary duplication; and agreed to removal of Policy Premise #6 “Underserved Populations.” All applications are likely to address underserved populations. Therefore, it is difficult to create a meaningful policy premise that would distinguish among the applications submitted. There was discussion about the need for preserving existing programs to also allow capital projects to be considered “preservation” in order to receive those points, and the need for applications to show long-term financial sustainability by relying less and less on this competitive grant program.

PSRC staff indicated that they will examine these issues and provide proposed updates to the draft Policy Premises for the committee’s consideration in May.

PSRC reviewed an example of how the Policy Premises could be addressed in reviewing some example applications. The example showed how the policy premises could be used to provide SNTC with an initial assessment of applications submitted for consideration of an “A”, “B”, “C”, or “D” ranking. The next question was who would provide this initial assessment. Options included PSRC staff, a committee of stakeholders, or a combination of the two. The committee agreed that PSRC staff can provide a neutral and fair assessment of grant applications for the policy premises.

Due to limited time, the additional topic for this agenda item was not discussed, so it was noted that this topic would be discussed at the next meeting:
  - Review Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberations

Additional factors for consideration in deliberations are the same as used in past grant competitions. The policy premises are the initial basis, and these factors are then used to help the SNTC develop a recommendation for other PSRC committees and boards to act on before sending them on to WSDOT for their scoring process.
Information/Discussion: TNC Surcharges in Seattle – Staci Haber, Hopelink

There was not time to hold this discussion, which was initiated by Steve Hutchins, Around the Sound, and Staci Haber, Hopelink. Staci Haber, Hopelink, provided a link to information on the proposal and possible implications for people with special transportation needs that use Uber and similar service. The article with the information is located: https://seattle.curbed.com/2018/4/9/17217576/seattle-city-council-uber-rates

Discussion: Local Coalition Reports / Emerging Issues – Local Coalition Mobility Managers/Representatives

Staci Haber, Hopelink, reported that the King County Accessible Travel in Your Community map is now also available in Spanish. She said the next Coalition meeting is on May 15 in Shoreline and noted that KCMC is continuing their field trip series, and that the next field trip will be to Catholic Community Services of Western Washington (King County).

Jerri Kelly, PCHS, said that she is working on a newsletter and asked people to let her know if they want to be added to the newsletter.

Marianna Hanefeld, SNOTRAC, reminded everyone to let her know if anyone wishes to be added to the SNOTRAC newsletter. She also mentioned that the SNOTRAC April 23rd meeting will be a grants workshop, which will offer grant writing tips at the Marysville Library, and will also have a focus on obtaining non-traditional grants.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reminded everyone about the handout from the WA State Ferries regarding their long range plan update and also mentioned that WSDOT is planning a grants training sessions coming up in the summer.

Jean Kim, PSRC, reminded everyone that the grants funding opportunities worksheet had been updated with a few new grants, since the last meeting.

Next meeting
May 16, 2018 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.