Puget Sound Regional Council

Special Needs
Transportation Committee............. at Work

June 20, 2018

Voting Members and Alternates Represented at the Table
Marianna Hanefeld, Chair – SNOTRAC; John Peterson, Vice-Chair – Snohomish County LTC and Aging; Francie Peltier – PCCTC; Tim Renfro – Pierce Transit; Alex O’Reilly – City of Bellevue; Don Okazaki – King County Metro; Jonathon Morrison Winters – Seattle Aging and Disability Services; Jacqueline Mann – PSESD; Mark Smutny – Sound Generations; Melinda Adams – Everett Transit

Via phone: Leigh Spruce – SNOTRAC; Aaron Morrow – KCMC; Francois Larivee – Hopelink; John Mikel -Pierce County Human Services Aging and Disability Resources; Ann Kennedy – Paratransit Services; Jeff Davidson – Kitsap Transit; Penny Lara – King County Metro

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

Via phone: David Lynch – Hopelink (RARET); Ryan Warner – WSDOT; Stacy Clauson – WSDOT; Christina Robertson - Catholic Community Services - Snohomish

Other Guests
PSRC Staff: Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Jean Kim, 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 was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The meeting summary for the May 16, 2018 meeting was approved.

Reports from PSRC Committees and Boards

Regional Staff Committee (Marianna Hanefeld, Chair)

Marianna Hanefeld, Chair, mentioned that the Regional Staff Committee was in the process of reviewing the PSRC VISION 2050 updates. Gil Cerise, PSRC, noted that the there was a
presentation of highlights from the 2017 Household Travel Survey that might be of interest to the SNTC. Information and presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings.

Transportation Operators Committee (Gil Cerise, PSRC)

Gil Cerise provided an overview of what was discussed at the TOC meeting, which included an update to the Regional Reduced Fare Permit and a presentation of the PSRC sidewalk data collection work and how this could be helpful for the special needs population. Information and presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/toc-meetings.

Transportation Policy Board (Gil Cerise, PSRC & Tim Renfro, Pierce Transit)

Gil mentioned that he, along with Tim Renfro with Pierce Transit, and Nick Bolten and Anat Caspi with the University of Washington, presented Regional Transportation Plan implementation work that is being done in the realm of pedestrian data and accessibility to transit. The work presented incorporated Regional Transportation Plan implementation of the Coordinated Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, and the regional access to transit and parking strategy. Information and presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings.

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

- Review updated draft “policy premises” and description for how applications will be reviewed
  
  Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the matrix of policy premises and provided an overview of any changes to-date. He asked the committee if there were any clarifications needed and if these provided a sufficient amount of guidance.

- Review updated draft “additional factors” for determining regional priority rankings for PSRC region
  
  Sarah Gutschow, PSRC reviewed the Additional Considerations for Deliberation list and noted any changes and provided a brief explanation for each of the considerations on the list. Gil mentioned that the additional consideration for geographic distribution will start fresh since the process is changing from award of funding to award of regional rankings. Committee members requested that other data also be provided, including information from the National Transit Database (NTD), Regional Reduced Fare Permits, etc. PSRC staff will review available information and return to the Committee before October deliberations.

  Stacy Clauson, WSDOT, said that they could provide some more information and details regarding the WSDOT evaluation criteria and noted that although PSRC uses the geographic distribution criteria to rank the projects, the WSDOT panel does not use this as part of their criteria.

- Confirmation of PSRC’s policy premises evaluation
Gil Cerise noted that at the last SNTC meeting a couple of months ago, it was decided that PSRC will be doing the policy premises review, (in the past, when PSRC had project selection authority, scoring was done with a committee of stakeholders), and asked the committee if there were any objections to this decision. The committee had no objections, so it was confirmed PSRC would do this.

- PSRC data support for the upcoming grant competition

Gil Cerise reviewed what data support would be helpful and noted that maps with common destinations could be provided. He explained the map will be a standard map and will not be customized, but the user could for instance, draw their own boundary lines if that was needed. Gil noted that other data requests can be made of PSRC, but to try to ask for these as early as possible so there is enough lead time for the data center to fill the request.

**Information: Next Steps for the Upcoming Consolidated Grant Competition (Gil Cerise, PSRC)**

- Reminder on changes to the PSRC’s role
- Review of 2019-2021 Consolidated Grant timeline for PSRC region

Gil Cerise reminded the committee on the changes to PSRC’s role as part of the Consolidated Grant Competition and presented an overview of the Consolidated Grant schedule which provided a detailed timeline for the upcoming process. Gil said that the WSDOT Call for Projects will be July 9th, and that PSRC will have its own regional webpage with a link to WSDOT for the Call for Project materials. He noted that on July 16th, the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Training will be at PSRC, and also emphasized the Application Deadline will be September 14th, and that the same application must be submitted to both WSDOT and PSRC at this time. He said that voting members and alternates should review the applications prior to the October 17th SNTC meeting which will be an extended meeting for the recommendations.

**Information: 2018 PSRC Regional Transportation Plan & Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Gil Cerise, PSRC)**

Gil Cerise said that the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan has been adopted by the General Assembly and the adopted plan is now available on PSRC website. He noted that the final Appendix H Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 excerpts were available as handouts. Gil said they are now looking at the implementation of the plan and what to prioritize first in the Coordinated Plan. Gil asked the committee if there were any feedback for implementation, and what priorities that they might have. He said one of the priorities is better access to healthcare.

Feedback received from committee members included connectivity between small cities and rural areas, accessing opportunities of a variety of sort; connectivity for seniors and others with special transportation needs in areas not well served by fixed-route transit. Access to healthcare, particularly medical appointments and related trips can be difficult for people who are too frail to get to use fixed-route or the ADA paratransit system, particularly when there are transfers, trips are very long, and/or there is a need for the person to get to a pick up area on their own. The adopted 2018 PSRC Regional Transportation Plan is available on the PSRC website at: [https://www.psrc.org/our-work/rtp](https://www.psrc.org/our-work/rtp)
Discussion: Local Coalition Reports / Emerging Issues (Local Coalition Mobility Managers/Representatives)

Staci Haber, Hopelink, reported that the King County Mobility Coalition will be presenting preliminary findings from the Request for Information (RFI) on June 21st and that the RARET meeting will be at this same time as well. She mentioned that KCMC is working on their needs assessment and also noted that KCMC will be hosting a brainstorming session on July 10th for grants and that Monica Ghosh, WSDOT, will be there.

Marianna Hanefeld, SNOTRAC, reported that the RFP went out for a consultant to help with Snohomish County community transportation survey, and noted that the data from this survey will help with Snohomish County needs and gaps. She also mentioned that the Duvall to Monroe project is underway, and they are working with groups and organizations that can provide alternative funding, to help with funding for projects that are deserving but may not qualify for other grants.

Tim Renfro, Pierce County, reported that a dialysis workgroup as been started and that they have just begun to study this issue of transportation for that type of trip. Their coalition is looking at this to see what the specific needs are for this population. He noted that awareness and outreach is continuing and that there was a very large turnout for the most recent coalition event.

Gil Cerise reminded everyone of the upcoming WSDOT Consolidated Grant / PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Training on July 16, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in PSRC Board Room.

Next meeting
September 19, 2018 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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