Special Needs Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: May 20, 2020 – 9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.
Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (BlueJeans Connection)

Welcome and Introduction to Online Meeting Format
Gil Cerise, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He explained that due to public health concerns and the state’s Stay Home, Stay Healthy order the SNTC May meeting is being held remotely. He asked the participants to use the chat feature to type in their name for attendance and reminded them that the committee can provide feedback during the meeting using the “chat” feature via BlueJeans. Marianna Hanefeld, WSDOT, then made several announcements which included information on her new role at WSDOT as the regional community liaison, and how WSDOT is moving forward with various grants. She noted the First Mile/Last Mile grant may be appropriate for some special needs transportation providers, and if anyone was interested in applying, the application due date was Friday, May 22.

Approval of Meeting Summaries
The November 20, 2019 SNCT and March 18, 2020 meeting summaries were approved as presented.

Regional Transportation Plan Update
Gil provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan update and Jean Kim, PSRC, provided an update of the regional Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). Jean noted that PSRC is interested in committee feedback on possible outreach opportunities where input can be obtained from older adults, people with disabilities, youth, and people with low-income, among others. The committee provided feedback and information.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here.
For more information, contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org.

PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process for WSDOT 2021-23 Consolidated Grant Competition
Jean provided an overview of WSDOT’s 2021-2023 Consolidated Grant which is scheduled to have its call for projects beginning the summer of 2020.

Kimberly Pearson, PSRC provided updates to performance measure factors associated with regional ranking review and discussed the changes. She went through the proposed changes in detail to explain how applicants can understand how these changes would affect their application rankings and the best way to achieve a “Yes” response for Regional Priority Ranking Factors.

Gil provided a review of the Special Needs Transportation Committee role in deliberation and recommendation and reminded the committee how the voting membership was organized and what membership vacancies that could be filled or changed. The committee provided updates and information on some of the vacancies.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here.

For more information, contact Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org or Kimberly Pearson at kpearson@psrc.org

Roundtable: Opportunity for SNCTC members to share information on their programs and coalition news

During the local coalition reports, the committee received updates and announcements from the following attendees:

- Jerri Kelly, Pierce County Human Services
- Cassidy Giampetro, Hopelink (King County Mobility Coalition)
- Bree Boyce, RARET
- Brock Howell, SNOTRAC and ESDA

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

*Members and Alternates Represented

Mark Smutny, Sound Generations and SNCTC Vice Chair; Dorene Cornwell, STAR of Seattle (KCMC); Janet Gant, Snohomish County LTC & A; Jerri Kelly, PCHS; Ann Kennedy, Paratransit Services; Jacque Mann, PSESD; John Mikel, Pierce County Aging/Disability Resources; Jon Morrison Winters, Seattle ADS; Alex O’Reilly, City of Bellevue; Donna Smith, Sound Transit; Francie Pettier, PCCTC; Jeff Vinecourt, Kitsap Transit

*PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present
Monica Adkins, PSRC; Bree Boyce, RARET (Hopelink); Gil Cerise, PSRC; Cassidy Giampetro, Hopelink; Monica Ghosh, WSDOT; Marianna Hanefeld, WSDOT; Erin Hogan, PSRC; Brock Howell, SNOTRAC and ESDA; Kathryn Johnson, PSRC; Jean Kim, PSRC; Ben Kramer, Homage; Maggie Moore, PSRC; Kimberly Pearson, PSRC; Belina Van, Volunteer Services of Catholic Community Services

*All attendees were present via remote participation*