

Transportation Operators Committee.....at Work

November 29, 2017

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Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

Trinity Parker, Chair – Sound Transit; Jana Demas, Vice-Chair – King County Metro; Darin Stavish – Pierce Transit; Peter Heffernan – King County & Vice-Chair of Regional FTA Caucus; Melissa Cauley, Community Transit & Chair of Regional FTA Caucus; Ray Deardorf – WSDOT-Washington State Ferries; Don Chartock – WSDOT Public Transportation; Jacqueline Mann - Puget Sound Educational Service District & Chair of SNTC

Via Phone: Barb Hunter – Pierce Transit; George Baxter – Everett Transit

Other Guests and Alternates (for all or part of the meeting):

Ed Coviello – Kitsap Transit

PSRC Staff: Gil Cerise, Kelly McGourty, Mary Pat Lawlor, Alex Krieg, Monica Adkins

Welcome and Introductions, Public Comment, and Announcements

Trinity Parker, Chair, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Self-introductions were provided around the room and on the phone.

Public Comments

Public comment was provided by Alex Tsimmerman.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The meeting summaries from October 25, 2017 was approved as presented.

Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities (*Trinity Parker, Chair and Jana Demas, Vice-Chair*)

- **Transit Integration Report (Nov. 9, 2017 TPB and Next Steps)**
Alex Krieg, PSRC, spoke about presenting the Transit Integration Report at the TPB meeting, and noted there were no issues, and that the report was to be submitted to WSDOT next. Trinity Parker, Chair, mentioned that a general idea was raised at the TPB that it would be good to have more articulation/details about future vision for public transportation in the region.
- **Regional Transportation Plan (Nov. 9, 2017 TPB and upcoming milestones)**
Trinity Parker, Chair, said the Draft Regional Transportation Plan was reviewed at the TPB meeting and noted that the Draft plan was to be released on December 14 for public comment. She mentioned that the Project Selection Task Force was almost through all of issues that they have been working through and there was some direction given, which she said Kelly McGourty could provide more details on.
- **Regional Access to Remix (Update from Nov. 13 Transit Exec meeting)**
Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an overview of what happened at the Transit Exec meeting, where there was presentation on Remix. He said there was an interest among executives in a multi-agency contract option to lower costs in order to continue Remix access in the region. There was also an interest in seeing if WSDOT could take on providing this tool. If the State option were chosen, a multi-agency approach may be needed as a stop-gap solution for retaining access to the software until the state contract is in place. He noted that they were looking at transitioning this from PSRC to another entity, and the committee asked Don Chartock,

WSDOT, if his agency were to provide a state option for providing transit sketch planning access, how this would be done, what timeframe could Remix or a tool like Remix be provided, and what he might need to present to WSDOT. The committee discussed how WSDOT providing the tool would work well for all transit agencies, and provided Don with some ideas for him to present to WSDOT management.

Information/Discussion: Project Selection Task Force Update *(Kelly McGourty, PSRC)*

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, summarized the discussions to date on the key issues for the 2018 project selection process, and reported on the third meeting of the Project Selection Task Force. She said the Task Force has been working through various issues and had discussions regarding the preservation set-asides; minimum floor and additional consideration of purchased service; and not allowing transit to compete for highway funds. She noted the Task Force recommended retaining the minimum floor set-aside, capped at the 2015 levels with the additional consideration of purchased service, and that all other issues discussed so far was decided to be addressed as it was in 2016. She said that at the next meeting, which will be the last meeting, the Task Force will cover the remaining criteria for further discussion: incorporation of equity, addressing safety issues and the goals of Target Zero and making sure transit projects are integrated with the local system. The Task Force's work will likely conclude in December after which the Policy Framework for Project Selection will go to the Transportation Policy Board in January for approval, and then PSRC will launch the call for projects sometime in February. She said that for the January TOC meeting, she provide an update on the Policy Framework for Project Selection.

Information/Discussion: Regional Staff Committee Membership Update and Transit Representation *(Mary Pat Lawlor, PSRC)*

Mary Pat Lawlor, PSRC provided a brief overview and background to the memo in the agenda packet from Josh Brown, PSRC, regarding Regional Staff Committee membership changes that will take affect starting January 2018. Transit agency membership on Regional Staff Committee has changed to include a Sound Transit seat, and one local transit seat per county. At least one of these seats must be held by a TOC member in order to retain continuity between activies of the TOC and the Regional Staff Committee. She noted that the current appointments remain the same until any representative changes TOC may decide on are submitted in writing.

Information: Washington State Ferries 2040 Long Range Plan Update *(Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries)*

Ray Deardorf, Washington State Ferries presented background information and usage data Washington State Ferries 2040 Long Range Plan and an update on expansion of the program in the future. The presentation can be found at the [TOC Website](#)

Discussion: Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update and Special Needs Transportation Funding Competition *(Gil Cerise & Jean Kim, PSRC)*

Gil reviewed the Draft Coordinated Plan and overview of the options on how the SNTC funding program is being conducted in partnership between PSRC and WSDOT. With regards to the Draft Coordinanted Plan, PSRC's work has been informed by the SNTC, county and local mobility coalitions and also a targeted outreach to seniors and people with disabilities. In terms of next steps, the Draft Coordinated Plan will be released for public comment on December 14, as part of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan.

Jean Kim, PSRC, reviewed the updated outline of the Draft Coordinated Plan, and reviewed the details of chapters that have been updated and also the growth of special needs population, highlighting the growing population projected for seniors 85 years and older. She then went over the top five mobility needs and gaps that have been identified and how these have been incorporated into the Draft Plan's prioritized strategies to improve mobility service options.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, summarized the special needs transportation funding competition (known as the Coordinated Grant) to award FTA Section 5310 funding dollars and mentioned that PSRC and WSDOT are proposing to take a different path, where PSRC will step back from administering the grant process while WSDOT takes the lead. This should provide some simplicity to the process for the applicants for these funds.

2018 TOC Meetings

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the TOC 2018 Meeting Calendar that was provided in the agenda packet and asked for the Committee's feedback on whether PSRC should send meeting invitations. The Committee agreed that meeting invitations from PSRC are a valuable way of identifying upcoming meetings for members.

Next meeting:

January 24, 2018: 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.