

# Transportation

# Operators Committee.....

# at Work

**February 28, 2018**

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## **Members and Alternates Represented at the Table**

Trinity Parker, Chair – Sound Transit; June DeVoll – Community Transit; Melissa Cauley – Community Transit and FTA Caucus Chair; Darin Stavish – Pierce Transit; Peter Heffernan – King County Metro; Don Chartock – WSDOT; Steffani Lillie – Kitsap Transit; Marianna Hanefeld – SNOTRAC & Chair of SNTC

Via Phone: Barb Hunter – Pierce Transit; John Bernhard – WSDOT - WA State Ferries; Sabina Popa – Everett Transit

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

Celeste Gilman – WSDOT; Monica Ghosh - WSDOT

**PSRC Staff:** Gil Cerise, Ben Bakkenta, Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Kelly McGourty, Monica Adkins

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## **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**

There were no public comments.

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## **Approval of Meeting Summary**

The meeting summary from January 24, 2018 was approved as presented.

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## **Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities** (*Trinity Parker, Chair*)

- Regional Staff Committee

June DeVoll, Community Transit, reported on the February 8, 2018 Regional Staff Committee meeting. Comments focused on the VISION 2050 update and public comments received for the draft Regional Transportation Plan.

- Regional FTA Caucus

Melissa Cauley, Community Transit and FTA Caucus Chair, reported the February 13, 2018 Regional FTA Caucus meeting. Sara Walton from Seattle DOT is the new Caucus Vice-Chair.

- Special Needs Transportation Committee

Marianna Hanefeld, SNOTRAC and SNTC chair, reported on the February 21, 2018 SNTC meeting, which included the action on PSRC-WSDOT responsibilities for the special needs transportation grant program.

- Transportation Policy Board

Trinity Parker, Chair, reported that the February 8, 2018 TPB meeting. She noted that the TPB recommended approval of the 2018 Project Selection criteria, and that there was an amendment introduced to add consideration of military installations (such as JBLM) to be treated similar to a Regional Growth Center as part of the 2018 Project Selection Process. She said there was a robust discussion regarding this issue and a vote was taken which did not pass. The Transportation Policy Board requested PSRC to provide a plan to move forward to address and resolve the military installation issue in the near future.

- Growth Management Policy Board

Peter Heffernan, reported that the GMPB recommended that the Centers Framework go to the PSRC Executive Board for approval. He said there were various amendments voted on, most amendments passed, but a few failed, such as a military installation amendment similar to the one at the TPB. He noted one topic of interest to transit agencies was regarding Manufacturing Industrial Centers, and how transit is treated in those areas. The conclusion was that if the MIC is in a transit district, there needs to be a plan for transit or some TDM activity or both.

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**Action: Change in PSRC-WSDOT Roles and Responsibilities for Special Needs Transportation Funding Competition for 2019-2021 Biennium** (*Gil Cerise, PSRC*)

Gil Cerise reviewed the memo and presentation slides regarding the proposal to revise and streamline the process for conducting future special needs transportation funding competitions which would give WSDOT the lead role in conducting the competition as part of its statewide Consolidated Grant competition. The large urban FTA Section 5310 funding PSRC had project selection authority for would still remain in the region, but would be awarded by WSDOT through the Consolidated Grant competition. He said that the SNTC recommended the revised process unanimously and that PSRC is now seeking the recommendation from the TOC. If recommended, it would go to the Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board for approval.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend the proposal and it was unanimously approved.

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**Information: VISION 2050 Scoping** (*Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC*)

Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC, presented brief information on the VISION 2050 project, how it is an update to VISION 2040, as the region's growth strategy and long range vision and how the scoping process works. She explained the VISION 2050 work program, what a scoping notice is for and some of the questions that are asked for input. Liz reviewed more details on the scoping process and the various ways comments and feedback could be contributed.

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**Discussion: Parking Management Update/Next Steps** (*Ben Bakkenta & Gil Cerise, PSRC*)

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an overview of the parking management topic, and explained that after reviewing the materials that were previously put together for parking management PSRC is looking for some feedback from the committee on this topic. The Parking Management Working Group that PSRC has been convening, have transit agency representatives from each agency. These staff should have touched base with TOC members on this effort and their perspectives on it. Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, noted that there are some parking management pilot projects that needed to be continued or completed by transit agency partners. The Parking Management Working Group could continue to be convened to share outcomes and lessons learned from those efforts.

The committee discussed next steps and provided input, which included comments from Celeste Gilman, WSDOT, who was invited to participate in this part of the discussion. Celeste indicated that the work that PSRC has done to-date has been valuable and she supports PSRC continuing to convene the working group. She noted the working group could continue to help with development of parking management policies so that progress on this topic in the region would not be stalled. There was general consensus that there were many benefits to continuing to convene the Parking Management Working Group, as an ad hoc subcommittee of the TOC.

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**Information/Discussion: Next Steps in Transit Asset Management** *(Gil Cerise, PSRC)*

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an update on the implementation of FTA's Transit Asset Management (TAM) rule. He noted that transit agencies are all preparing TAM plans which will include planning and investment prioritization for the time period being considered for PSRC's 2018 project selection competition. The regional TAM performance targets that were put together in 2017 needed to be reviewed and progress toward achieving them noted, or they may need to be adjusted. He said he will be assembling the ad hoc TAM Technical Committee again in March consisting of Transit Asset Management professionals from the transit agencies in the region to assist with this.

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**Roundtable: Highlights from Transit Agency and Ferry Operators in the Region**

Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, mentioned that Pierce Transit will be hosting a training provided by NTI for the TERM-Lite TAM software.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, mentioned that Mike Flood, from the WSDOT State Safety Oversight Program is working on developing a federally-compliance State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program for Washington State. The federal deadline is in April 2019, and if not submitted before this date, the penalty is that no FTA funds will come to the state. The State is working on a Washington Administrative Code (WAC) update to accomplish this.

June DeVoll, Community Transit, said that her agency will go to its board on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> with service changes for fall 2018 and spring 2019. These service changes will enhance Swift services and also include fare changes. She also mentioned that there are three major Swift projects that are in progress this year.

Peter Heffernan, King County, mentioned that King County Metro also has some fare changes in the works. He also mentioned that King County is working on concepts for new transit base capacity and location, and is also working on reorganizing their structure.

Don Chartock, WSDOT, reminded everyone that the Regional Mobility Grant letters of interest are due Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, and also introduced a new WSDOT staff member, Monica Ghosh, who will be a community liason for WSDOT in the PSRC region. She will be on the SNTC and also involved with planning projects, operations and CTR. Alan Soicher is working with capital construction grants and projects.

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**Next meeting:**

March 28, 2018: 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.