Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

Peter Heffernan – King County Metro; Darin Stavish – Pierce Transit; Don Chartock – WSDOT; Benjamin Smith – City of Seattle; Marianna Hanefeld – SNOTRAC & Chair of SNTC; Alex Krieg – Sound Transit

Via Phone: June DeVoll – Community Transit; John Bernhard – WSDOT - WA State Ferries; Sabina Popa – Everett Transit; Nick Lascina – Pierce County Ferries

Other Guests and Alternates (for all or part of the meeting):
No other guests and alternates

**PSRC Staff:** Gil Cerise, Kelly McGourty, Ben Bakkenta, Pavithra Parthasarathi, Craig Helmann, Sarah Gutschow, Kimberly Scrivner, Maggie Moore, Monica Adkins

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**Welcome and Introductions, Public Comment, and Announcements**

In the absence of a Chair or Vice-chair, Gil Cerise facilitated the meeting. Gil Cerise, PSRC, 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 Tsimerman.

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**Approval of Meeting Summary**

The meeting summary from February 21, 2018 was approved as presented.

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**Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities**

**Transportation Operator Committee Vice-Chair (Gil Cerise, PSRC)**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, announced that Jana Demas, King County Metro, will no longer be the TOC vice-chair and that Peter Heffernan, King County Metro, will be the new member for King County Metro (instead of alternate). Peter explained that Jana has taken another role in Metro and that she transitioned out a week ago. Gil said he will talk with Trinity Parker, the Chair, about the vacant vice-chair position, and address that issue at the next meeting.

**March 8 & April 12 Transportation Policy Board (Gil Cerise, PSRC)**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reported that in March, PSRC brought up the various public comments received for the Regional Transportation Plan and how PSRC plans on addressing them. In April, the TPB recommended adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan to the Executive Board. Gil also noted the TPB recommended the implementation of the streamlined Special Needs Transportation Grant process for approval of the Executive Board. June DeVoll, Community Transit, noted that the TPB had a discussion regarding transit parking and transit integration as well.

**March 15 & April 19 Regional Staff Committee (Committee members)**

Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, said that there were updates from VISION 2050 project, including a summary of public comments received during scoping. He said there were various questions about the comments. Peter
Heffernan, King County Metro, mentioned that the draft report of the VISION 2050 scoping effort will go to GMPB’s next meeting. He also said that the Centers Framework was adopted by Executive Board, so PSRC is going through the process of implementing the new framework through criteria for center designation. He noted there was an amendment to change language related to transit and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers. Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, noted there was also presentation on housing, and Gil mentioned that there is an upcoming Peer Networking Series on May 17th, that will address housing issues.

Craig Helmann, PSRC, noted PSRC presents its regional household travel survey for the upcoming May meeting, and said the data is now on the PSRC website.

**March 12 & April 9 Transit Executives (Committee members)**

Alex Krieg, noted that in March there was a briefing on the transit parking topic. Sound Transit and King County Metro reviewed public outreach results of the current programs.

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**Action: FTA Funding Redistribution Request: King County Metro (Sarah Gutschow, PSRC)**

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, reviewed the King County Metro (KCM) request for a redistribution of $2,834,283 in Seattle-Tacoma-Everett (STE) UZA FFY 2018 funds from their “500K Substation Breaker Replacement” and “Atlantic Base Maintenance Building HVAC Replacement” projects to the “Colman Dock Passenger Only Ferry Float Replacement” project. KCM also requested to redistribute $1,000,000 in STE UZA FFY 2019 Earned Share FTA 5337 HIFG from “Atlantic Base Maintenance Building HVAC Replacement” to “500K Substation Breaker Replacement,” and add a total of $2,834,283 from KCM’s currently unprogrammed STE UZA FFY 2020 Earned Share FTA 5337 HIFG funds to both projects.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend the redistribution request to the Transportation Policy Board and it was unanimously approved.

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**Discussion/Information: Refinements to PSRC Transit-related Work Program for 2018-2019 Biennium (Gil Cerise, PSRC)**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, presented an overview including past accomplishments, ongoing activity, and upcoming emphasis topics for PSRC’s transit-related work program. He reminded the committee that the current biennium ends on June 30, 2019 and that these work programs are developed well in advance of the beginning of the biennium. For example, PSRC will come to the TOC in the summer of 2018 to develop the work program for the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 work program.

Gil noted that an overarching theme of work program topics from the remainder of the biennium is that they are associated with the VISION 2050 project and implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan. You can find Gil’s presentation on the website here: https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/toc201804-pres-transitrerelatedworkprogram.pdf

The committee discussed the work and requested that PSRC incorporate some key check-in dates with the TOC on the work program topics being addressed.

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**Discussion/Information: Transit-Related Performance Measures – Pavithra Parthasarathi & Craig Helmann, PSRC**

Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC, and Craig Helmann, PSRC, presented an overview of the 2017 Annual Transit Ridership data found in the National Transit Database (NTD) and discussed transit data for use in federally-required (MAP-21) interstate and arterial Person-Miles Performance Measures. Craig and Pavithra’s presentation can be found here: https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/toc201804-pres-transitrerelatedperfmeasures.pdf

Transit agencies were interested in exploring whether or not they can provide data to help PSRC with the interstate and arterial Person-Miles Performance Measures.

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**Information: SR-7/Pacific Avenue High Capacity Transit Corridor Study (Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit)**

Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, presented information about his agency’s SR-7/Pacific Avenue High Capacity Transit (HCT) Corridor Study and explained what the Corridor Study process is and the key components of the
study and how these components help determine the best mode of travel for the corridor. He said that the corridor study is at a stage where some key decisions have been made which are the mode of travel, bus rapid transit (BRT) being the best choice, and Alternatives Analysis (curbside design and median design). Darin explained more about what makes a system a BRT and reviewed the requirements needed. Darin’s presentation can be found here: https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/toc201804-pres-sr7pacificavehighcapacitytransitcorridorstudy.pdf

Discussion/Information: 2018 Transit Integration Report (Maggie Moore & Gil Cerise, PSRC)

Gil Cerise, PSRC, introduced the topic of the 2018 Transit Integration Report to the committee. The draft schedule for the 2018 edition was included in the agenda packet for today’s meeting. Maggie Moore, PSRC, reviewed plans for the production, organization and schedule of the report. She reviewed some of the features and how the report would be organized in a similar way to the 2017 report and said the report would focus once more on the benefits of integration, such as saving transit agencies money and improving the customer experience. Don Chartock, WSDOT, confirmed that the report still satisfies the transit coordination grant reporting requirement outlined in RCW. Maggie said that at the next TOC meeting in May, there would be time to have a work session to brainstorm and identify topics for the 2018 report. PSRC is also planning on reaching out to some other transportation committees for ideas.

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

Sabina Popa, Everett Transit, reported that her agency has completed their long-range plan outreach and were presenting to their city council in May and hoping for adoption in June. She also mentioned that Everett Transit was going through some internal changes and that she will be the primary member attending future TOC meetings.

June DeVoll, Community Transit, mentioned that Community Transit received a FTA Small Starts grant for the increasing frequency on Swift Blue line in September and starting up the Green line next spring.

John Bernhard, WSF, mentioned that WSF has started its long range planning process and is also working on their asset management plan which they expect to have done in a few months.

Marianna Hanefeld, SNTC Chair and SNOTRC mentioned that SNTC is prepping for the upcoming Consolidated Grant cycle starting in July.

Alex Krieg, Sound Transit, said that the Sound Transit board meeting on April 26th is scheduled to adopt the agency’s TOD policy to comply with statutory language that authorized ST3. He noted this is a significant milestone and kicks off procedures and guidelines for turning the policy into practice.

Don Chartock, WSDOT, reported that the State Safety and Security Oversight certification request is in to FTA, and said this should give plenty of time for any back and forth with FTA before the final due date of April 2019. He also mentioned that WSDOT made the decision to not procure Remix at the state level for various reasons, one of which was that at the last GM meeting, it was noted that the majority of the agencies were planning to buy Remix on their own.

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro, mentioned that the reorganization of Metro is still going on. He mentioned that Metro Connects implementation is ongoing and that Metro is doing outreach with cities to make sure any partnerships between Metro and cities are consistent and understandable.

Next meeting:
May 23, 2018: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (extended timeframe)

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