November 28, 2018

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table
Don Chartock – WSDOT; Benjamin Smith – City of Seattle, Melissa Cauley – Community Transit and Regional FTA Caucus Chair; Sabina Popa – Everett Transit; Alex Krieg – Sound Transit; Marianna Hanefeld – SNOTRAC and Special Needs Transportation Committee Chair

Via Phone: Steffani Lillie – Kitsap Transit; Ray Deardorf – Washington State Ferries; John Bernhard – Washington State Ferries; Peter Stackpole – Pierce Transit; Nick Lacsina – Pierce County Ferries

Other Guests and Alternates (for all or part of the meeting):
Lacey Jane Wolfe – City of Bellevue

PSRC Staff: Gil Cerise, Sarah Gutschow, Kelly McGourty

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
There were no public comments.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The meeting summary from October 24, 2018 was approved as presented.

Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities

November Transportation Policy Board – (Gil Cerise, PSRC & Committee Members)

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reported that the TPB recommended approval for the regional priority rankings for 2019-2021 WSDOT Consolidated Grant projects to the Executive Board at its November 8, 2018 meeting. The Executive Board will make its final decision on the recommended regional priority rankings at the December 6, 2018 meeting.

The “At Work” report for the Transportation Policy Meeting is available on the PSRC website:

https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings

November Regional Staff Committee – (Committee members)

The committee reported that the Regional Staff Committee has been focused on the VISION 2050 work going on which includes developing regional growth strategy alternatives, including housing and a focus on TOD.

The presentations are available on the PSRC website:

https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings

Transit Executives meetings – (Committee members)
There was no report on the Transit Executives meeting.

**Action item: King County Metro Redistribution Request – (Sarah Gutschow, PSRC)**

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, explained that the Regional FTA Caucus recommended approval of the redistribution request, and reviewed the details of the attachment for the redistribution request provided in the agenda packet.

The TOC recommended approval for the redistribution request to the Transportation Policy Board at its next meeting on December 13, 2018.

**Discussion: PSRC Transit-related Committees (Gil Cerise & Kelly McGourty, PSRC)**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, summarized the handout provided at the meeting that incorporated all of PSRC’s transit-related committees and what the purpose, work and composition of each committee is and the committee’s relation to the other PSRC committees and Boards.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, explained that PSRC is looking at all of the committees and reviewing their goals, focus and membership, and whether there is unnecessary duplication/overlap with other committees. She said that part of this review is to make sure everyone’s time is being used efficiently, and that this meeting was to start a conversation about how PSRC accomplishes its transit-related work with the committee’s input, with recommendations at a later time.

Gil then began a review of each of the committees listed and the committee discussed various scenarios, concerns and connectivity between the TOC and the other committees and the best way that the TOC can efficiently work to help PSRC accomplish its transit-related work program. Gil included a brief review of the “legacy” and ad hoc committees listed as well, and noted that some of these committees had evolved to being a committee that does not fall under the PSRC scope, or that they are ad hoc committees developed for a specific purpose, which has been accomplished and are no longer necessary. Gil noted that PSRC is looking for a home for the Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) Task Force, in particular. But, to-date nobody is willing to convene that group, which now encompasses all or part of six regions in western Washington.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, said that the next steps for the TOC are to look at the challenges, transitions, and membership issues, and continue the conversation on if the way the committee is functioning now is working, or are there other thoughts for this committee moving forward. It was noted that it may make better use of everyone’s time to have the TOC meetings less often, but longer.

Kelly and Gil indicated that they intended to reach out to each agency to follow-up on the PSRC transit-related work program and the skills needed for TOC membership.

**Information item: Status and Next Steps for VISION 2050**

Liz Underwood-Bultman, PSRC, shared the status of the VISION 2050 work and next steps, including alternatives being studied for SEPA.

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

Melissa Cauley, Community Transit, reported that the SWIFT Green Line service is opening on March 24 and noted that the project is ahead of schedule and under budget.

Alex Krieg, Sound Transit, reported that Sound Transit has been approved for the 1.2 billion dollars from the Federal government for Lynnwood Link, and is now waiting for final congressional review.

Don Chartock, WSDOT, reported the Regional Mobility Grant proposed list comes out on Monday, December 3rd, and that one of the things he briefed the managers on is proposing to change the use of additional money from currently having to go only to projects on the contingency list, to be available for support of other locally developed projects. He said he wanted to let everyone know so they would not surprised about this when they see the list.
Benjamin Smith, SDOT, reported that the search process for a new SDOT director is still underway and should completed by the end of the year. He mentioned that there is Transit & Mobility Division Director position open at SDOT as well.

Marianna Hanefeld, SNOTRAC and SNTC Chair, mentioned the WSDOT Consolidated Grant process is going well, and that the WSDOT Community Liaisons have been very responsive which has made the process a positive one.

Sabina Popa, Everett Transit, provided brochures that provided new information on upcoming fare changes and route changes that are associated with the opening of the Seaway Transit Center.

Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit, reported that the Kingston Fast Ferry is now operating and has had a very positive initial ridership response. She also mentioned that Kitsap Transit will be adopting the agency’s comprehensive route analysis in December, and will start implementing some of the changes promised to the public.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, announced that the TOC calendar for 2019 has been updated and that PSRC will no longer be sending out Microsoft Outlook calendar invites. He said the calendar may be changed and updated in the future based on the discussion at today’s meeting. TOC members can find the list of upcoming TOC meetings at: https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/toc201811-2019calendar_2.pdf

Next meeting:
February 27, 2019: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.