



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Operators Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Location: PSRC Conference Room, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00)

2. Action item: Approval of Meeting Summary – June 26, 2018*(10:05)

3. Action item: King County Metro Obligation Date Extension Request* (10:10)

King County Metro is requesting an obligation date extension for their “Route 48 South Electrification” project from June 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

4. Discussion item: Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities (10:15)

Committee members report out on transit-related committees and boards since the last TOC meeting.

The “At Work” report for the July Transportation Policy Board meeting is available on the PSRC website: <https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings>

The meeting summary for the June Regional Staff Committee meeting is available on the PSRC website: <https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>

5. Discussion item: 2019 Transit Integration Report (10:20)

PSRC staff will share a brief update on the development of the 2019 Transit Integration Report and schedule for completion.

6. Discussion: Transit Agency Long Range Plan Update Cycles* (10:30)

PSRC will review the schedule of the VISION 2050 and the next RTP in relation to county/city comprehensive plan updates. We will seek feedback from transit agencies on their long range plan update cycles and their initial thinking on the update to a 2050 planning horizon and associated transit investments.

7. Discussion item: Transit-related Memoranda of Agreement held by PSRC, including Regional Reduced Fare Permit and Americans with Disabilities Act Paratransit Eligibility (11:00)

As a follow-up to the discussion at the last meeting, PSRC requested feedback from transit agencies to better understand their agencies' needs associated with the two memoranda of agreement. We have not received any information to date, so the goal of this month's discussion is to identify next steps to resolve this topic and come to resolution on the future of both agreements.

8. Roundtable: Highlights from Transit Agency and Ferry Operators in the Region (11:20)

9. Next Meeting: October 23, 2019

10. Adjourn (11:30)

*Supporting materials attached

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Location: PSRC Board Room, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

Welcome and Introductions

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

Approval of Meeting Summary

The summary for the May 22, 2019 meeting was approved.

Discussion item: Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities

Committee members reported that the June Transportation Policy Board included proposed policy changes for future PSRC's annual delivery targets and an action for supplemental funding to meet the 2019 target, which the board recommended to go to the Executive Board. The board also heard about the I-5 System Partnership from WSDOT. The "At Work" report for the Transportation Policy Meeting is available on the PSRC website: <https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings>

Committee members discussed the June RSC meeting and its continued focus on VISION 2050, including upcoming outreach, the draft plan status and the public review process. The presentations and meeting summary are available on the PSRC website: <https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>

Action: FFY 2019 Annual FTA Adjustments

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an overview of the 2019 Annual FTA Adjustments, which included the projects recommended for funding from the current adopted contingency list and noted the Regional FTA Caucus had taken action on its recommendation to the TOC via vote by email as not all of the project revisions proposed by each agency were ready by the May Caucus meeting.

The TOC approved the FFY 2019 Annual FTA Adjustments to be presented to Transportation Policy Board at its next meeting on July 11, 2019.

Discussion item: Preparing to Extend Transit Planning to 2050/Thresholds for High Capacity Transit

Gil Cerise and Kelly McGourty, PSRC, continued discussions with transit agencies on defining potential threshold for high capacity transit as part of planning for post-VISION 2050 work. They reviewed from the last meeting the identification of potential HCT corridors as part of the update of the Regional Transportation Plan. Further study on these corridors would include looking at existing conditions along key transportation corridors with additional 10 years of growth and what needs and gaps might arise. Other study would include assessing the system performance and potential next steps. Gil noted this could help jurisdictions and transit agencies with information for updating long-range plans.

The committee discussed the different ideas on how to look and identify the various corridors to assist in the needs and gaps assessment.

Discussion Item: 2019 Transit Integration Report Initiation

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed an outline of the 2019 Transit Integration Report and how the report is set up prior to writing the stories for the report. He said that they are looking for feedback from the committee for the upcoming July 11, 2019 TPB Transit Caucus meeting.

Maggie Moore, PSRC, asked the committee if any of the topics for the stories in the report should be removed or added. The TOC reviewed and discussed the outline and suggested other stories that could be added. Gil said this feedback would be given to the TPB Transit Caucus and Maggie noted she will be coordinating with individual TOC members for more information.

Discussion item: Transit-related Memoranda of Agreement held by PSRC, including Regional Reduced Fare Permit and Americans with Disabilities Act Paratransit Eligibility

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided background and an update on the two memoranda of agreement that the agency holds for transit agencies. He explained that the MOA addressing the RRFP has had a task force of agency staff meeting yearly over the last several years and noted that the scope of work for the RRFP is outside of PSRC's geographic and work program boundaries. He said for the second MOA, relating to regional ADA Paratransit eligibility, that there were no meetings involving PSRC staff that he was aware of. The committee discussed these agreements and the situation. Gil said he would send out the RRFP Task Force Roster and asked the committee if they could reach out to pertinent staff within their organizations for feedback on the two MOA's to help understand what the agencies' needs are for these agreements and then

submit that feedback to him. He noted that this would help PSRC assist in finding an alternate path for this program going forward.

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

Due to time constraints, this item was omitted.

Information Item

October 4, 2019 Regional TOD Event Save the Date Flyer.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Members and Alternates Present

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro and Chair; Alex Krieg Sound Transit and Vice-Chair; *Sabina Araya, Everett Transit; Roland Behee, Community Transit; Jason Beloso, WSDOT; Melissa Cauley, Regional FTA Caucus Chair; Ray Deardorf, WA State Ferries; *Marianna Hanefeld, Special Needs Transportation Committee Chair and SNOTRAC; *Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit; Benjamin Smith, Seattle DOT; *Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Monica Adkins, PSRC; Gil Cerise, PSRC; Sarah Gutschow, PSRC Kelly McGourty, PSRC; Maggie Moore, PSRC

**via remote participation*

King County Metro Obligation Date Extension Request

Request: King County Metro (KCM) requests an obligation date extension from June 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019 for \$1,159,089 in 2017 5307 competitive funds in its SEA-199 (Route 48 South Electrification) project.

SEA-199 Federal Funding

Fund Source	Appropriation Year	Amount	Estimated Obligation Date	Status
CMAQ	2018	\$3,286,610	12/31/19	Unobligated
5307 Competitive	2017	\$1,010,966	9/30/17	Submitted for obligation. Grant is currently shown in TrAMS as "In-Progress".
5307 Competitive	2017	\$1,159,089	6/1/18	Not yet submitted for obligation

Project Scope: The scope of the SEA-199 project is to close the gaps in the electrification of Metro’s Route 48 by installing trolley poles, wires, switches, and electrical connections on 23rd Avenue East between South Jackson Street and Rainier Avenue South in Seattle. Installation of these improvements will complete a larger effort by the City of Seattle and KCM to fully electrify the route to allow for trolley bus service between the University District and the Mount Baker Transit Center.

Discussion: The Route 48 project was part of an overall corridor reconstruction project lead by the City of Seattle. The City was awarded funds to construct trolley system, bus stop, and bus stop access improvements on 23rd Ave. S. and Rainier Ave. between E. John St. and the Mt Baker Link Light Rail Station. The City decided to fund the improvements north of Jackson Street with local funds. During the winter of 2018, the City and KCM held a series of discussions regarding the project elements, PSRC funding, and the feasibility of using federal funds. The two agencies subsequently agreed to pursue the transfer of lead agency for the grants. After KCM and the City consulted with both FTA and PSRC, the City submitted a request to change lead agency status on April 18, 2019, which was then approved.

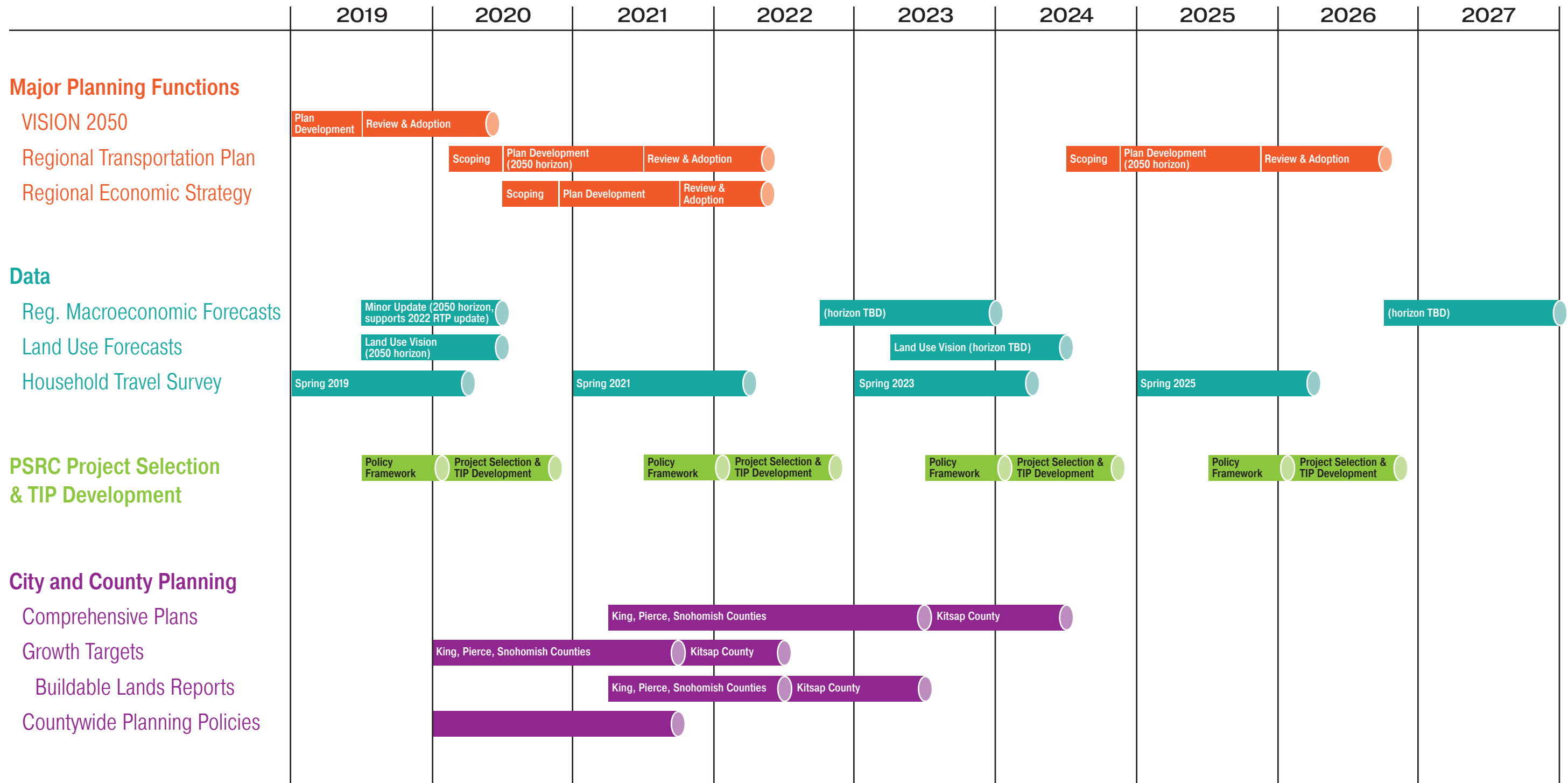
The SEA-199 project contains \$1,159,089 in 2017 5307 competitive funds that have an estimated obligation date of June 1, 2018. These funds have not yet been submitted for obligation, so are now past the end of their one-year grace period as of June 1, 2019. The project also contains \$1,010,966 in 2017 5307 competitive funds which were already submitted for obligation and \$3,286,610 in unobligated 2018 CMAQ funds, which also had a submission deadline of June 1, 2019. PSRC has already granted the City’s extension request for the CMAQ funding obligation, with a new deadline of December 31, 2019.

Because the remaining 2017 5307 funds are for the construction phase of the project, NEPA documentation must be completed and a determination made by FTA prior to obligation. KCM initiated NEPA discussions with FTA and developed preliminary environmental information in April 2019 to inform those discussions. FTA provided a preliminary indication that the project should qualify as a

Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE). KCM is working on compiling the necessary information for NEPA submission to FTA in late August 2019. FTA has stated that their goal is to supply Metro with a NEPA determination by November 15, 2019.

If the obligation date extension request is approved, KCM will submit funding applications to the FTA for both the 5307 and CMAQ funding prior to the December 31st deadline, with a goal of preparing the applications no later than November 15, 2019. KCM will add FTA's NEPA approval information to the applications as soon as it is available. KCM therefore requests an obligation date extension until December 31, 2019 for the unsubmitted \$1,159,089 in 2017 5307 competitive funds.

Integrated Planning Timeline, 2019-2027



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