Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: August 28, 2019
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 June 26, 2019 meeting was approved.

Action item: King County Metro Obligation Date Extension Request
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an overview of the King County Metro request for an obligation date extension for their “Route 48 South Electrification” project from June 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

The TOC approved the King County Metro obligation date extension request for recommendation from the Transportation Policy Board at its next meeting on September 11, 2019.

For more information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822

Discussion item: Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities
Committee members reported on various topics at the July Transportation Policy Board which included a presentation on the FFY 2019 Annual FTA Adjustments. There were no board or committee meetings in August. At the September TPB, it was noted that the Board will recommend projects to receive $5 million in funding for the Rural Town Centers and Corridors program. The “At Work” reports for the Transportation Policy Board Meetings are available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings

There was no July or August RSC meeting. The September meeting will focus on VISION 2050. Presentations and meeting summaries are available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings

Discussion item: 2019 Transit Integration Report
Maggie Moore, PSRC, shared a brief update on the development of the 2019 Transit Integration Report and schedule for completion. She reviewed that the first half of the report would focus on the collective vision for transit in the region and what is happening in the next five years; and the second half would be stories with an emphasis on what
problems the stories are addressing, and what would need to go to legislation. She indicated that next steps will include working with all the agencies to have a draft at the end of September for the TOC to review. She noted after the TOC reviews the draft, PSRC will review and then the TPB Transit Caucus will be informed of the progress at the October board meeting, with a presentation given to the TPB in November. The committee discussed the review process and asked if the timeline could be emailed to them.

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at (206) 971-3053

Discussion: Transit Agency Long Range Plan Update Cycles

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the schedule of VISION 2050 and the next RTP in relation to county/city comprehensive plan updates. He asked for 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.

The committee provided their agencies’ long-range plan updates, timelines and information on what the focus is or will be on the plans. The committee discussed transit investments with relation to the 2050 planning.

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

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reminded the committee from the last meeting of the request for feedback to better understand their agencies’ needs associated with the two memoranda of agreement (MOA) in order to help identify next steps and come to a resolution on the future of both agreements. He reminded the committee of the background of the two memoranda of agreement that PSRC “holds” for transit agencies and asked the committee if anyone had received any feedback from their colleagues that may be knowledgeable about them. He then introduced Kimberly Pearson, PSRC, who provided information she researched regarding the ADA MOA, which answered questions from the committee on the necessity of this MOA. The committee discussed the information received on the document and concluded, based upon feedback they received from staff familiar with the agreement, that the document has been superseded by other, more current documents and the requirements in the MOA were no longer needed or used. Pete Heffernan, Chair, indicated that next steps would include writing a short summary explaining how this MOA is no longer useful, and is superseded by other, newer documents that have current ADA requirements.

The committee then discussed the MOA for the Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) and the various aspects to having PSRC “hold” this MOA, which included that the agencies’ expectations for maintaining this MOA include a lot of operational knowledge, development of brochures and other public-facing documents that PSRC does not typically perform. Although, it was noted that impartiality is very important in these discussions, and PSRC provides this. Some members noted that the Washington State
Department of Transportation (WSDOT) might be a more appropriate place for this MOA, particularly given the latest WSDOT Public Transportation Plan, and that a conversation with WSDOT was needed to clarify certain questions that came up during the discussion. Gil, Celeste Gilman, and Don Chartock, WSDOT, would meet with the appropriate WSDOT staff and then follow up with other possible options. Another option raised would be for King County Metro to take on more of the document production and maintenance of edits to the MOA, while asking PSRC to have the more limited role of hosting task force meetings and providing impartial facilitation for the meetings.

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

During the Roundtable, the committee received updates and announcements from the following attendees:

- Ray Deardorf, WA State Ferries
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Ben Smith, City of Seattle
- Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit
- Sabina Araya, Everett Transit
- Roland, Behee, Community Transit
- Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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**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; Don Chartock, WSDOT; Ray Deardorf, WA State Ferries; Marianna Hanefeld, Special Needs Transportation Committee Chair and SNOTRAC; *Celeste Gilman, WSDOT; *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; Kimberly Pearson, PSRC

*via remote participation*