Transportation Operators Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 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 – November 28, 2018*

3. Discussion item: Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities (10:05)
   Committee members report out on transit-related committees and boards since the last TOC meeting.

4. Discussion item: PSRC Transit Agency Outreach and Next Steps (TOC Membership/Operating Procedures Update)* (10:10)
   PSRC will share preliminary results of the agency’s transit agency outreach and potential updates to TOC membership/operating procedures. PSRC will outline remaining transit outreach meetings, and process and schedule for filling the TOC chair/vice-chair vacancies.

5. Discussion item: Access to Transit Roundtable (10:35)
   Transit agencies share the latest on various access to transit efforts, including pedestrian, bicycle, parking, and other modes of transit access.

6. Discussion item: Nomination and Voting on Transit Agency Alternates for the BPAC (11:05)
   PSRC will accept nominations for alternates for the local transit positions on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Sound Transit, King County Metro, and Community Transit are represented with membership positions already. There are two vacant alternate positions on BPAC. If the committee makes nominations at the February meeting, a vote-by-email will be arranged to take place afterward.

   PSRC requires transit agencies to share their data on their 2019 agency TAM performance targets along with associated inventory information that will allow PSRC to develop regional TAM performance targets in compliance with federal regulations. PSRC staff will share the data needed and a proposed schedule for developing the 2019 regional targets.
8. **Discussion item: April 8, 2019 Peer Network Event -- Transit Integration in Munich, Germany (11:15)**

Gil Cerise will provide information on an upcoming peer networking event featuring professionals from Munich region in Germany with expertise in integrating transit schedules, connections, trip-planning, fares and fare collection among multiple transit operators in a single region. PSRC is seeking to create an invitation email list that includes appropriate staff from the transit agencies within the region.

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

10. **Information Item*\**

    VISION 2050 Draft SEIS Open Houses

11. **Next Meeting: April 24, 2019: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.**

12. **Adjourn (11:30)**

    *Supporting materials attached

**Other Formats:**

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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.
Transit Integration

Prepare an annual transit integration report in response to board direction. Report also satisfies transit integration report requirements in state law.

• Feedback obtained in last report presentation;
• Work with transit agencies and other PSRC transit-related committees (SNCT & TDM, in particular) to develop stories
• Check-ins with Transit Executives (potentially need new way to do this)
• Annual convening of TPB Transit Caucus for this and presentation to TPB
• Prepare report in time for December deadline to meet WSDOT requirements

Timeframe:

• TOC involvement begins Q2 2019 – ends Q4 2019 (October). Presentation to TPB in November.
• Annual activity – also expect to do this in 2020.

Regional Integrated Transit Network Implementation

Work with transit agencies on implementing the RTP and their long range/system plans. Track and monitor implementation/stages of projects and corresponding coordination opportunities. Focus on implementation of regional integrated transit network and access to transit stations.

• Participate in Agency long range plan updates through interagency stakeholder groups
  o None identified for 2019, at this time.
• Participate in ST light rail corridor extensions (at least in the alternative development, up through environmental) through interagency stakeholder groups
  o 2019: ST Tacoma Dome Link Extension
  o 2019: ST Ballard-to-West Seattle Corridor (add: ask to be added to IAG)
• On an as-needed basis, evaluate requests for agency involvement in special transit agency corridor planning/implementation efforts and participate when a regional interest is identified.
  o 2019: PSRC involvement in PT SR-7/Pacific Ave BRT for pedestrian data pilot (e.g., location of planned stations for pedestrian data pilot)

Timeframe: Ongoing, variety of efforts
Transit Service/Network

Responding to VISION 2050 and preparing for the next Regional Transportation Plan Update, PSRC will:

- Review environmental analysis of 2050 growth alternatives for transit opportunities;
- Funding being pursued for update to the Passenger Only Ferries (POF) Study;
- Assess transit service typology in the context of VISION update.
  - What service types should regional planning focus on?
  - How do we communicate the mobility and other benefits associated with various types of transit service in a large and diverse region?
  - Focus on defining bus rapid transit (BRT). What features distinguish BRT from express bus, frequent bus, etc.?

Timeframe:

- Anticipate that these efforts start in mid-2019 but continue into 2020.

Transit Access

Implementation of the Transit Access and Parking Strategy in RTP.

- Complete pedestrian data collection/consistency pilot project at select transit station locations [See PSRC Bicycle/Pedestrian work program for more details].
- Complete inventory and research on pedestrian and bicycle count locations [See PSRC Bicycle/Pedestrian work program for more details].
- Look for opportunities to incorporate the PSRC Transit Access Checklist and Toolkit into efforts by other agencies.
- Parking Management:
  - Monitor implementation of parking management programs by ST and KC Metro; and implementation parking management measures associated with WSDOT.

Timeframe:

- Pedestrian data pilot and pedestrian/bike data count projects occur in early 2019
- Remaining topic are ongoing/monitoring efforts.
**Transit Performance Measures**

- **Transit Asset Management**
  - Collect agency 2019 TAM performance targets and additional data for use in regional target-setting.
  - Prepare regional 2019 TAM performance targets.
  - Review data with transit agencies and prepare for assessment of progress toward achieving targets starting in 2020.

- **Transit Safety**
  - Monitor implementation of FTA Transit Safety Rule.
  - As needed/appropriate, initiate discussion with transit agencies on data collection and reporting on Transit Safety Performance targets, etc.

- **Identify and pursue new transit performance measures, as needed**
  - Periodically update and report on other meaningful transit performance measures.

**Timeframe:**

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**Cross-over Topics**

**Funding**

- Preparation for next PSRC funding competition
- Annual FTA Adjustments
- Monitor state funding opportunities
  - Regional Mobility
  - Transit Coordination/Integration grant
  - Funding associated with State TDM Plan

**Technology**

- Transit-related topics associated with technology
  - Customer information
  - Electrification (buses, ferries, etc.)
  - Mobility as a service/on-demand
  - Others –
Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

- TDM work program
  - How to get the most efficient use out of transportation system across all programs: transit’s role/contribution.
  - Data supporting TDM programs
  - How to measure performance of TDM programs

Special Needs Transportation

- Public transit role in special needs transportation
  - Addressing high priority strategies (see Special Needs Transportation work program)
  - Preparing for the next Coordinated Plan Update

VISION 2050

Periodic reporting on VISION topics of interest to transit agencies.
- Example: Addressing equity in planning (e.g., common definition, etc.)
As the region prepares to add more people and more jobs in the coming decades — about 1.8 million more people by 2050 — VISION 2050 will provide a guide for sustaining a healthy environment, thriving communities, and a strong economy.

VISION 2050 Draft SEIS Open Houses

**We need your input!** PSRC will be seeking comments in March 2019 on the Draft Supplemental Environment Impact Statement (SEIS) for VISION 2050, the region’s long-range plan to keep the central Puget Sound region healthy and vibrant as it grows.

The SEIS reviews the environmental effects of three regional growth alternatives that distribute growth in unique patterns throughout the region.

Drop in to an open house to learn more about the alternatives and join the regional conversation:

**Tuesday, March 12 / 4-6PM / Edmonds City Hall**  
121 5th Avenue N, Edmonds, 98020

**Wednesday, March 13 / 4-6PM / South Tacoma Public Library**  
3411 S 56th Street, Tacoma, 98409

**Monday, March 18 / 4-6PM / Bothell Police Community Room**  
18410 101st Avenue NE, Bothell, 98011

**Tuesday, March 19 / 4-6PM / Bremerton City Council Chambers**  
345 6th Street, #600, Bremerton, 98377

**Thursday, March 21 / 12-2PM / PSRC Boardroom**  
1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, 98104

Can’t attend an open house in person? Participate online at [https://www.psrc.org/](https://www.psrc.org/).

For more information, please email VISION2050@psrc.org, call 206-464-7090, or visit [https://www.psrc.org/vision](https://www.psrc.org/vision).