Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: May 22, 2019
Location: PSRC Board Room, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

Welcome and Introductions
In the absence of a Chair or Vice-chair, Gil Cerise facilitated the meeting. Gil 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 April 24, 2019 meeting was approved, with one amendment.

Discussion item: Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities
Committee members reported that the May Transportation Policy Board included a report-out on WSDOT’s Consolidated Grant program that funds special needs transportation projects. The board also heard about an upcoming Passenger Only Ferry Study that PSRC has received funding to begin work on, and a report on the ongoing implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan. 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 May RSC meeting and its continued focus on VISION 2050, including the results of the Public Comments received for the Draft SEIS. The presentations and meeting summary are available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings

Discussion Item: Chair and Vice Chair Nominations (10:10)
Gil Cerise, PSRC, discussed procedures and opened nominations for upcoming elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. He said PSRC will send an email call for nominations after the committee meeting. Nominations will be closed by May 31, 2019 for a future vote-by-email.
Action Item: Update to TOC Operating Procedures

Gil Cerise and Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the updates to the TOC Operating Procedures. Based upon transit agency feedback, there are no changes to the membership structure for the committee. The committee discussed some clarifications and then unanimously approved the Operating Procedures with the updates agreed on. The updated TOC Operating Procedures can be found on the TOC webpage at the PSRC website. https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/toc2019-operatingprocedures.pdf

Discussion Item: 2019 Transit Integration Report Initiation

Gil Cerise and Maggie Moore, PSRC, reviewed feedback from TPB Transit Caucus on the 2019 Transit Integration Report with the committee and an updated timeline for report development. The committee discussed topics for inclusion in the 2019 Report. Maggie said she will be coordinating with the jurisdictions to begin to build the framework for the draft report.

Discussion: FTA Project Tracking and Progress Reports Update

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an update on the on-going project tracking of FTA-funded projects, including information from PSRC’s March 2019 Progress Reports for FTA-funded projects.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here: https://www.psrc.org/toc-meetings

Discussion: Passenger Only Ferries Study

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided a background briefing on the PSRC-led Passenger Only Ferries Study included in the state budget. He said the study will provide POF route assessments and analysis for future capacity needs. Gil said the funds will become available starting July 1st, and he will have more updates to the committee once the formal outreach process begins.

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

Ray Deardorf, WA State Ferries, reported the progress of the agency long-range plan which has been delivered to legislature. The legislature provided funding for one new vessel and also funding to convert an existing large vessel that serves the Seattle-Bainbridge with hybrid-electric technology. He also noted they are engaged in public meetings partly to set the stage for fare change in the fall and to pilot use of ORCA Lift and Good to Go on the ferries.
Melissa Cauley, Community Transit, reported that SWIFT Green line ridership continues to grow, and that Community Transit passed an ORCA Lift program to go into effect July 1st.

Ed Coviello, Kitsap Transit, reported they have new diesel-electric hybrid foot ferry for the Bremerton - Port Orchard route and should be in service next couple of months. He said that Kitsap Transit will be adding a 3rd Fast Ferry in July for the Bremerton-Seattle route to help expand frequency of service. He noted on June 16th they will be going to 30-minute headways between Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island ferry terminals and then in September increasing the headways on the 303 Corridor between Silverdale and Bremerton, to 20-25 minutes.

Alex Krieg, Sound Transit, reported that the Sound Transit Board of Directors will be meeting in May to select sites to study for the Link south operations and maintenance facility. He noted the board is also selecting a design build contractor for the Federal Way Link extension and that the board will be starting phase two of the West Seattle/Ballard link extensions project. Alex also gave a brief update on Sound Transit's System Access Fund and said 53 applications have been received and that he will be sending out more information.

Information: TOC Membership as of May 16, 2019

The membership list provided in the agenda packet showed the TOC membership as of the latest written notification from each transit agency department head or transit agency executive. An updated membership list was provided for memberships received by the TOC meeting date.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Members and Alternates Present

Melissa Cauley, Community Transit and Regional FTA Caucus Chair; Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit; *Ray Deardorf, WA State Ferries; Celeste Gilman, WSDOT; Peter Heffernan, King County Metro; Alex Krieg Sound Transit, *Nick Lacsina, Pierce County Ferries; Benjamin Smith, Seattle DOT; Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Monica Adkins, PSRC; Gil Cerise, PSRC; Kelly McGourty, PSRC; Maggie Moore, PSRC; Sarah Gutschow, PSRC; *Debi Ross, Pierce County Ferries; *Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue

*via remote participation