Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: April 22, 2020
Location: Online Meeting Only: BlueJeans Remote Meeting

Welcome and Introductions
Gil Cerise PSRC, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Representatives from the transit agencies were confirmed as being present.

Approval of Meeting Summary
The summary for the February 26, 2020 meeting was approved.

Discussion item: PSRC’s 2020 Project Selection Update
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided a brief update on the 2020 Project Selection process and noted that the current deadlines in the process have not been changed.

More information is available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/fhwa-and-fta-regional-funding

For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822

Discussion item: COVID-19 Impacts on Transit Agencies
Gil explained that PSRC is attempting to collate this information into a regional summary of regional impacts and asked the transit agencies to share impacts of the COVID-19 emergency on their operations, capital programs, and finances to-date. Representatives listed below from each transit agency provided information or a contact within their agency that would have additional knowledge.

- Melinda Adams, Everett Transit
- Sabina Araya, Community Transit
- Don Chartock, WSDOT
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro
- Celeste Gilman, WSDOT
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit
- Alexandra Mather, Pierce Transit
- Randy Rogers, Pierce County Ferries
- Benjamin Smith, City of Seattle
- Darrin Stavish, Pierce Transit

Gil produced a summary of the COVID-19 related impacts provided at this meeting and shared that information with TOC members and alternates via email in early May. Additional changes were noted in response to that email, as this is an evolving situation.

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

Discussion item: Update on PSRC Planning-Related Topics

PSRC staff provided updates on other PSRC planning-related topics, including:

Regional Transportation Plan

Gil mentioned that PSRC was looking to assess transit agencies’ timeframes for engaging in work needed for the update of the RTP, including development/update of 2030 and 2040 transit service networks and access to transit discussion. He noted there continues to be more quantification of data, including, TDM, special needs transportation, and sidewalk network information, among other information.

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

Regional Transit Safety Targets

Gary Simonson, PSRC, provided an update on progress toward development of regional transit safety targets in compliance with FTA requirements. He summarized the initial remote call held on April 13 with the various agencies that included reviewing the spreadsheet that the agencies filled out which showed where they are in the plan development and target-setting process for rail, fixed route buses and non-fixed route buses. He said that this information and other aspects of the target development was discussed such as data sources, methodologies used, and target timelines to ascertain if agencies preferred to roll up their targets together or use each target separately.

Gary said the next steps would be to do a comparison of each agency’s targets and then see which approach to set targets would work best. This would be discussed at the next meeting to be held sometime in May or June.

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at (206) 971-3276

Passenger-Only Ferry (POF) Study Progress

Gil shared updates on the POF Study, which included a review of the April 15 webinar PSRC held to introduce people to the Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry Study and
seek stakeholders who want to continue informing the study. He noted a detailed FAQ based on the questions asked during the webinar will be available soon.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here.

More information on the Puget Sound POF Study is available on the PSRC website here: https://www.psrc.org/passenger-ferry-study

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Information: Summary of February 21, 2020 Toolbox Peer Networking on Access to Transit

A summary of the February 21 Toolbox was provided.

Information: 2020 Planned Meeting Topics

An updated 2020 Planned Meeting Topics document was provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

*Members and Alternates Present

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro and Chair; Alex Krieg, Sound Transit and Vice-Chair; Melinda Adams, Everett Transit; Sabina Araya, Community Transit; Don Chartock, WSDOT; Celeste Gilman, WSDOT; Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit; Randy Rogers, Pierce County Ferries; Benjamin Smith, City of Seattle; Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit

*PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Monica Adkins, PSRC; Curtis Ailes, City of Seattle; Gil Cerise, PSRC; Sarah Gutschow, PSRC; Craig Helmann, PSRC; Brock Howell, Everett Station District Alliance; Kathryn Johnson, PSRC; Alexandra Mather, Pierce Transit; Kelly McGourty, PSRC; Maggie Moore, PSRC; Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC; Gary Simonson, PSRC; Kalon Thomas, PSRC; Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue

*All attendees were present via remote participation