Transportation Operators Committee Meeting Summary

Date: February 26, 2020
Location: PSRC Central Meeting 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 December 4, 2019 meeting was approved.

Discussion item: Report on PSRC Committee and Board Activities
Committee members reported on various topics at the February Transportation Policy Board meeting. The “At Work” reports for the Transportation Policy Board Meetings are available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/tpb-meetings

Committee members reported on the Regional Staff Committee meeting in February. Presentations and meeting summaries are available on the PSRC website: https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings

Discussion item: PSRC’s 2020 Project Selection Update
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided a brief update on the 2020 Project Selection Process. She reviewed the schedule for the process and noted key upcoming deadlines.

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: Regional Transportation Plan Update

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an overview on the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan update and reviewed the 2020 Regional Transportation Planning Process and the draft plan schedule for the next two years. He explained the variety of upcoming work that will be done for the plan as part of the planning process and noted the key elements associated with all parts of the plan: Climate, Equity, Safety and Finance. He mentioned that in the next six months the preparatory plan work will include working with the Transportation Policy Board for feedback on key focus areas, public outreach on the plan update and initiating the environmental review (SEPA scoping).

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here.

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

Discussion item: Transit Agency Data for Regional Transportation Plan Update

Gil reviewed transit topics for inclusion in the plan update, including future transit network adjustments (2030 and 2040) and transit service thresholds, with a focus on information and data needed earlier in the process. The committee discussed development of 2030 and 2040 transit networks that reflect changes to transit agency plans. Gil said the 2030 network will be new but based on past TOC comment, this could be a refinement to the 2025 network previously developed. He said that the 2040 network will just reflect any updates or changes to plans from network developed in 2017 for the current RTP. Gil said PSRC is requesting this work be completed by September 2020, and that he would follow up with the committee for contact information of transit agency staff who should be working with PSRC staff on transit network updates. He noted that once the networks updates are complete, PSRC will share the regional networks developed with the agencies.

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

Discussion item: FTA Transit Safety Plan and Targets

Gary Simonson, PSRC, introduced the topic of transit safety performance measures and targets and how to incorporate transit agency targets into regional targets to meet federal deadlines. The committee discussed work needed to develop agency transit safety plans and targets as well as the work that follows creating regional transit safety performance targets. It was decided that PSRC will work with each agency’s appropriate contact who is working on safety plans and performance targets to prepare for the regional target setting effort between TOC meetings. Gary said once he receives all the contact information, he would follow up with them for the next steps.

The presentation is available on the PSRC website here.

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at (206) 971-3276
Discussion item: Passenger-Only Ferry (POF) Study Update

Gil provided an update on the status of the POF Study which examines capacity on existing routes and terminals as well as potential new routes and terminals for POF throughout the 12-county Puget Sound Region. The committee discussed POF both as a form of public transit, but also the need to have good public transit connections to and from POF terminals and the importance of public transit agencies involved in the development of this study. Gil said PSRC is looking for stakeholders who can inform this study, providing information on potential routes and terminals, as well as the land-based transit connections to and from those terminals. He noted he would follow up with the committee for the contact information of transit agency staff who should be involved as stakeholders in this study.

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/our-work/puget-sound-passenger-only-ferry-study-underway

For questions or additional information, contact Gil Cerise at (206) 971-3053

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

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

- Melinda Adams, Everett Transit
- Sabina Araya, Community Transit
- Katie Chalmers, King County Metro
- Don Chartock, WSDOT
- Ed Coviello, Kitsap Transit
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro
- Justin Resnick, WA State Ferries
- Benjamin Smith, City of Seattle
- Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit
- Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit

Information: 2020 Planned Meeting Topics

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
Members and Alternates Present
Peter Heffernan, King County Metro and Chair; Melinda Adams, Everett Transit; Sabina Araya, Community Transit; Katie Chalmers, King County Metro; Don Chartock, WSDOT; *Ed Coviello, Kitsap Transit; Marianna Hanefeld, Special Needs Transportation Committee Chair and SNOTRAC, Justin Resnick, WA State Ferries; Mike Schmieder, Everett Transit; Benjamin Smith, City of Seattle; Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit; Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present
Gil Cerise, PSRC; Sarah Gutschow, PSRC; *Craig Helmann, PSRC; Kimberly Pearson, PSRC, Gary Simonson, PSRC; Ahren Stroming; Puget Sound Partnership; Kalon Thomas, PSRC

*via remote participation