

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Transportation Committee Structure

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“The Growth Management Act requires that transportation planning be coordinated among local and state jurisdictions. The Growth Management Act further requires that transportation planning be coordinated with the land use elements of local comprehensive plans. Coordination of land use and transportation plans will allow Kitsap County and the Kitsap Cities to meet three inter-related transportation goals:

- Serve Designated Centers to reduce sprawl, conserve land and make more efficient use of infrastructure,
- Preserve the natural environment, including water and air quality,
- Provide a balanced system for the efficient, safe movement of people, goods and services among Designated Centers within Kitsap County and the larger Puget Sound region.”–

EXCERPTED FROM KITSAP COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES

The Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council fulfills a wide-ranging role in the area of regional transportation policy to enable Kitsap jurisdictions to develop such a balanced countywide transportation system:

- Facilitates the countywide transportation policy discussion to define the transportation issues that are of countywide significance;
- Develops regional policy positions;
- Makes unified policy recommendations to regional, state, and federal agencies;
- Promotes those positions to regional, state, and federal transportation partners, including Washington State transportation agencies and the State Legislature;
- Develops regional transportation policies (Countywide Planning Policies) for adoption by its member jurisdictions;
- Serves as the Countywide (Sub-regional) Board in the allocation of some federal transportation grant funds.

To achieve these goals, the Council supports two standing committees: the Transportation Policy Committee and the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, described below. The Ferry Advisory Committees are also standing committees, advisory to both the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council and Washington State Ferries.

In addition, ad hoc committees are convened within the overall umbrella of the Transportation Policy Committee to address specific issues that may affect Kitsap's transportation policy options. Membership is as necessary for the committee purpose

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With housekeeping revisions 12/15/04



Transportation Policy Committee (TransPOL)

Function:

- Provide recommendations for regional transportation policy for endorsement by the full Council Board, in the areas of:
 - Countywide transportation system priorities
 - Countywide transportation legislative priorities
 - Project funding priorities, particularly with respect to federal grants
 - Countywide Transportation Planning Policies
 - Policy implications of regional service issues, e.g. which ferry route gets late night service; input to development of WSDOT's 20 year project list
- Address the integrated transportation system throughout Kitsap County and its links to the larger Puget Sound region, including:
 - Highways and freight mobility
 - Transit
 - Rail
 - Marine transportation
 - Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
 - Air

Membership: Policy-level representatives from:

- Council jurisdictions (Elected officials)
- Port of Bremerton (Executive Director)
- Council (Executive Director)
- Kitsap representatives to PSRC Transportation KRCC Board and the PRTPO
- Four Kitsap Ferry Advisory Committees (Chairs)
- Kitsap Transit (Executive Director)
- EDC (Executive Director)

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TransTAC):

Function:

- Provide technical recommendations and policy alternatives to Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council TransPOL and the Council Board, in the areas of:
 - Countywide transportation system needs assessment
 - Project funding priorities, particularly with respect to federal grants
 - Transportation infrastructure and level of service standards
 - Countywide Transportation Planning Policies
- Multi-jurisdictional project coordination, including identifying opportunities for more effective use of public dollars
- Multi-jurisdictional forum for interaction with regional and sub-regional transportation partners, *i.e.* Puget Sound Regional Council; Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization; WSDOT; WSF.



Membership: Senior transportation planning staff from:

- The Council & its member jurisdictions
- Kitsap Transit
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- WSDOT
- WSDOT Olympic Region
- Washington State Ferries

Kitsap Ferry Advisory Committees (FAC's)

The FAC's serve a unique, statutorily-supported role in regards to WSF customer service. FAC members serve on a variety of State and regional committees, advising WSDOT on broad and specific transportation policy issues. The FAC members for each Kitsap ferry route bring significant knowledge and experience to Kitsap's transportation discussion. (See attached chart for FAC organizational structure.)

Function:

- Serve in advisory capacity to WSF on terminal issues.
- Through membership in the Council's TransPOL, are advisory to the Board on regional policy issues. *
- Through membership in the Council's TransPOL, identify unresolved service issues for Board action. *
- Serve as a sponsoring forum for community input.

Membership:

- Appointed by Kitsap County Commissioners with input from Cities within the route's travel shed.
- Balanced composition within each FAC including commuter, commercial sector impacted by ferry service in the terminal community, and occasional users.
- Each FAC to have 5 members, serving 4 year terms.*
- FAC chairs to serve annually by committee consensus.

* *WSF has agreed to implement this deviation from the statutory description of the FAC membership on a short-term basis (i.e. 1-2 years), prior to amending the relevant statutes in 2002 or 2003.*

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