



Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TransTAC)
DRAFT Meeting Summary

December 9, 2021 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Remote: Zoom Meeting

Table with 2 columns: Actions, Person Responsible. Rows include: Post the approved 10/14 TransTAC summary on the KRCC website (KRCC Staff); Volunteer for the Rural Town Centers and Corridor (RTCC) Committee and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Committee by emailing the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) (TransTAC members); Address Countywide Competition project submission cap at the January 20 TransPOL meeting (TransPOL); Incorporate PSRC safety and equity criteria into existing Countywide Competition criteria (KRCC Staff); Forward to TransTAC the email from Shane Weber re: Transportation Reauthorization Act (Sophie Glass); Email KRCC staff dates for 2022 Regional Transportation Competition (Jennifer Barnes, PSRC).

A. Welcome and Administration

Sophie Glass, facilitator of the KRCC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TransTAC), welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting’s agenda (See Attachment A for a list of participants).

TransTAC approved the October 14 TransTAC meeting summary.

B. Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC) and other PSRC Updates

Kitsap County is submitting one Rural Towns, Centers, and Corridors (RTCC) project to address overflow at the Kingston ferry terminal. No other eligible jurisdictions are submitting a project.

Jennifer Barnes shared that PSRC is looking for Kitsap representatives to review RTCC applications and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications. Volunteers would attend 2-3 meetings in January 2022 to review applications and make recommendations to the PSRC Executive Board. The RTCC has up to 12 applications, and the TAP has close to 40. PSRC staff will score the projects. Volunteers should contact PSRC by December 10.

Kitsap outreach for the Regional Transportation Plan is underway. The draft plan will be released in mid-January for public comment, which will last through the end of February. Public comments will inform the direction of the plan, which will be finalized in May.

Below are questions and comments from TransTAC members in response to PSRC updates:

- Next steps to include SR3 north of the Port of Bremerton on the rural projects list.
o This will be an effort in January-March 2022, and PSRC is working with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on this process. PSRC is asking jurisdictions to think about where freight improvements are needed.
• Refining the list of projects for the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) administered by WSDOT.

- WSDOT is creating an application template. Equitable distribution of funds across the state is an important part of the process. PSRC will distribute a summary of the process once it is complete.
- PSRC will follow up with proposed dates for the 2022 Project Selection Process.

### **C. Countywide Competition**

TransTAC members debriefed the November 18 TransPOL meeting. Commissioner Rob Gelder was not available to discuss the criteria to place a cap on the number of applications per jurisdiction in the Countywide Competition, and KRCC staff followed up with him separately. Commissioner Gelder proposed that Kitsap County should be allowed to submit a certain number of applications for rural projects and a certain number for each Urban Growth Area (UGA).

After discussing the proposal, TransTAC members maintained the majority opinion from the October 14 meeting to limit the number of applications to 3-4 per jurisdiction with no cap on the contingency list. TransTAC members proposed that TransPOL consider the following options for implementing a cap on the number of project applications:

- No action (no cap)
- Limit the number of applications to 3-4 projects per jurisdiction with no limit on the contingency list (TransTAC majority opinion)
- Kitsap County allocated additional number of applications to account for UGAs. Ex: 1 additional application per UGA.
- Kitsap Transit and Kitsap County each have 1 additional project to meet rural requirements.

TransTAC members discussed incorporating the new equity and safety criteria from PSRC into the 2022 Call for Projects. TransTAC members suggested copying the PSRC criteria into the Call for Projects for easier implementation across all levels of the competition.

### **D. Corridor Updates**

TransTAC members shared the following corridor updates:

- Construction on the Poulsbo roundabout is behind, and the opening is scheduled for June.
- The Gorst Coalition will begin meeting more frequently in 2022.
- Kitsap County shared Jeff Shea will be leaving and his seat will be filled.
- The feasibility study for the Warren Avenue bridge for SR 303 will finish in the first or second quarter of 2022 and move into design. Kitsap Transit would like to be included in the planning conversations to coordinate alignment.

### **E. Solutions and Support**

TransTAC members shared the following project updates seeking solutions or support:

- Kitsap Transit's long-range plan for bus stop optimization is about a year out and includes bulk permitting along certain corridors. TransTAC members may see questions from Kitsap Transit staff about that.
- The City of Port Orchard anticipates submitting the Clifton/Anderson roundabout for the Countywide Competition. TransTAC members shared the following in response:
  - Questions about the City's ability to partially fund the project through planning and permitting and apply for federal funds for construction.

- Questions about NEPA permitting timelines, culvert drainage,, and federal discharge water permits.
- The City of Bremerton shared information about the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) legislation and funding coming into the state and the elimination of the 10-year requirement to move into the next phase, which will help projects advance. New topics include Electric Vehicles (EV), which other TransTAC members expressed interest in. The City of Bremerton (Shane) will share an email for KRCC staff to distribute to TransTAC with more information about the Transportation Reauthorization Act.

**F. Announcements and Next Steps**

The next KRCC TransTAC meeting is on Thursday, January 13. The next KRCC TransPOL meeting is on Thursday, January 20.

**G. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.*

**Attachment A: TransTAC Meeting Participants**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Member Affiliation (alphabetical)</b>
Chris Wierzbicki	Bainbridge Island
Shane Weber	Bremerton
Ned Barnes	Bremerton
David Forte	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Fred Salisbury	Port of Bremerton
Mark Dorsey	Port Orchard
Ned Lever	Bremerton
Diane Lenius	Poulsbo
Joe Rutan	Kitsap County
Josh Ranes	City of Poulsbo
Allison Satter	Naval Base Kitsap
Dennis Engel	WSDOT
Jennifer Barnes	PSRC
Sophie Glass	KRCC
Cheryl Klotz	KRCC