



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)
Transportation Technical Committee (TransTAC) Meeting Summary
January 18th, 2024, Meeting | 1:30 – 3:00 PM | Virtual Meeting

Actions	Entity Responsible	Status
Post approved meeting summary on website	KRCC Staff	In progress
Reformat the KRCC Call for Projects so that the criteria is an appendix	KRCC Staff	Complete
Check that the KRCC Countywide Competition application aligns with PSRC's air quality model.	KRCC Staff	Complete
PSRC will respond with more guidance on whether the KRCC criteria needs to specifically mention the safe systems approach.	PSRC	In progress
Discuss how to integrate the policy direction from PSRC regarding safety into KRCC's Countywide Competition	TransTAC members Diane Lenius, David Forte, Shane Weber	In Progress- due January 31 st to report at the February 8 th meeting

A. Welcome and Old Business

Sophie Glass, Program Director of KRCC, began the meeting. See Attachment A for list of participants. TransTAC members approved their November 2023 meeting summary. Members reviewed the 2024 meeting calendar and identified in-person meeting locations. Kitsap County volunteered to host the March 14th meeting,¹ Bremerton volunteered to host the April 4th meeting, and Kitsap Transit volunteered to host May 9th meeting.

B. 2024 Transportation Competitions

Doug Cox, PSRC, presented the updated Policy Framework for PSRC's federal funds with a focus on the categories of safety, climate, and equity.

- **Safety:** The Transportation Policy Board agreed to update the safety criterion and language to align with the Safe System Approach and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proven safety countermeasures. The Transportation Policy Board agreed to require each agency to have or commit to developing a safety plan based on a Safe System Approach to be eligible to compete for PSRC funding. This is a broad commitment that will not be part of the scoring criteria. The Transportation Policy Board agreed on a hybrid scoring approach (2a) to take some points away from the centers criteria and double the points for safety in the application.
- **Climate:** The proposed changes regarding preventing any increases in road capacity did not go forward.
- **Equity:** The Transportation Policy Board agreed to incorporate Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) recommendations, specifically improving the current equity criterion and point values and embedding equity throughout the entire application.

¹ Following the meeting it was determined that the March 14 meeting would be fully virtual.

Additionally, PSRC shared that the project readiness and financial plan section will no longer be scored but will still be required to compete for funds. Moreover, no updates were made on setting a threshold score to receive funding nor did the Transportation Policy Board approve setting limits to capacity projects. Lastly, the Transportation Policy Board restricted the ability to apply for more than one phase (e.g. Preliminary Engineering + an additional phase)

TransTAC members reviewed the draft 2024 Call for Projects for the KRCC Countywide Competition for federal transportation funds and discussed how to implement guidance from PSRC, specifically regarding the relative weights of competition criteria. Historically, TransTAC members have used a high, medium, low scoring system. TransTAC members value their current scoring system that meets countywide needs and are reluctant to change to a numerical scoring system.

Social Equity

Regarding social racial equity, TransTAC members support embedding equity throughout the application to align with PSRC and have outreach and displacement as a stand-alone category with specific questions that mirror PSRC's application. TransTAC members decided to wait until PSRC finalizes their criteria before making changes to the countywide equity section.

Safety

TransTAC members expressed concerns with the Transportation Policy Board choosing the Safe System Approach without consulting the local jurisdictions. The Port of Bremerton and Kitsap Transit already have their own safety plan which they believe has worked well thus far. PSRC responded that the Safe System Approach was selected per guidance from the federal government. TransTAC members decided to change the language in the Call for Projects to "if applicable, how it addresses issues in your safety plan or related approaches". PSRC will respond to KRCC with more guidance on whether the KRCC criteria needs to specifically mention the Safe Systems Approach.

The 2024 Project Selection Policy Framework increased emphasis on safety via increasing points does not translate easily to KRCC's Countywide Competition given KRCC uses a high-medium-low evaluation process. TransTAC members noted that KRCC already puts a high premium on safety as a key priority. Three TransTAC members, Shane, Diane, and David volunteered discuss how to integrate the policy direction from PSRC regarding safety into KRCC's Countywide Competition .

Air Quality

Regarding air quality benefits and emission reductions, TransTAC members supported leaving it as is. Additionally, TransTAC members supported aligning it with the PSRC criteria. KRCC staff will check that the KRCC Countywide Competition application asks questions that are tied to PSRC's air quality scoring model.

Countywide Competition Criteria

TransTAC members decided to move the Call for Projects criteria section to the appendix, keeping it open for discussion and open to change based on feedback from PSRC and the KRCC Board.

Application

TransTAC members reviewed the draft 2024 Countywide Competition Application and compared it the Regional Application. Sophie highlighted inconsistencies between the two applications for TransTAC members to make decisions on. See Attachment B for TransTAC's feedback.

A. Adjourn

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

Attachment A: TranSTAC Meeting Participants

Member Name	Member Affiliation (alphabetical)
Chris Wierzbicki	Bainbridge Island
Shane Weber	Bremerton
Gunnar Fridriksson	Bremerton
Ned Lever	Bremerton
David Forte	Kitsap County
Joe Rutan	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Arne Bakker	Port of Bremerton
Mike Rorem	Port Gamble S'Klallam
Chris Hammer	Port Orchard
Doug Cox	PSRC
Josh Ranes	Poulsbo
Diane Lenius	Poulsbo
Sophie Glass	KRCC