

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) Transportation Technical Committee (TransTAC) Meeting Summary February 8th, 2024, Meeting | 1:30 – 3:00 PM | Virtual Meeting

Actions	Entity Responsible	Status
Post the approved 1.18 meeting summary on the KRCC website	KRCC Staff	Complete
Update the meeting plan with the 5/28 and 5/30 project selection workshop	KRCC Staff	Complete
KRCC staff take a first attempt at integrating PSRC guidance into the Countywide Criteria and Application	KRCC Staff	Complete
TransTAC members vote on updated Criteria and Application	TransTAC Members	Complete
Update the Transportation Meeting Plan with regional presentations on March 14 th and countywide presentations on April 4 th	KRCC Staff	Complete
Send out revised meeting schedule to TransTAC members	KRCC Staff	Complete
Follow up with PSRC Staff on PSRC guidance for the Kitsap countywide application	KRCC Staff	Complete
Forward TransPOL meeting email invites to TransTAC members	KRCC Staff	Complete
Recommend adding a March 21 meeting for TransPOL	KRCC Staff	Complete

A. Welcome and Old Business

Sophie Glass, Program Director of KRCC, began the meeting. See Attachment A for a list of participants. TransTAC members approved their January 18, 2024 meeting summary. Members reviewed the 2024 meeting calendar and selected May 28 for the TransTAC Project Selection Workshop and May 30 for the follow-up TransPOL meeting. TransTAC members agreed to cancel the May 9 TransTAC meeting and update the Countywide Application due date to May 10.

B. 2024 Transportation Competitions

Sophie Glass announced that the KRCC Board approved the Call for Projects with a majority vote with the selection criteria as an appendix. This marks the beginning of the competition.

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, shared that PSRC is considering TransTAC's proposal regarding criteria weighting and will soon release guidance on equity and safety for the Countywide Competition.

Sophie Glass reviewed the recommendation from the TransTAC subcommittee regarding the application criteria. TransTAC members made the following recommendations consistent with PSRC guidance:

- Increase the default weighting of safety from 14% to 17%.
- Move the "Funding Feasibility, Requirements, and Opportunities" criteria to a requirement.
- Update the language of the Safety questions to reflect the Safe System Approach and FHWA's Proven Safety Countermeasures.
- Request a commitment to a safety plan/policy.
- Integrate equity questions with the other criteria, rather than in a separate standalone section.
- Restrict funding requests to one phase only.
- Keep KRCC's "high, medium, low" evaluation method since this approach is systematic and appropriate for the smaller scale of Kitsap's countywide competition as compared to King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties.

TransTAC members discussed the Countywide Competition Application and Criteria located in the appendix of the Call for Projects. KRCC staff will take a first attempt at integrating PSRC guidance into the countywide application. TransTAC members will have until February 23rd to vote on the updated application.¹ TransTAC members updated the TransTAC meeting agendas for March 14th to include regional presentations and April 4th to include countywide presentations.

C. PSRC Updates

PSRC shared that dollar amounts for the competition will be announced within the next few days.

D. Cross-Jurisdictional Transportation Issues

TransTAC members shared a high-level review of their anticipated project applications. On the regional level, Kitsap County is submitting the Ridgetop project, and the City of Bremerton might partner with the Port of Bremerton to submit the Airport Way project. Poulsbo is not submitting any projects but is wondering if any projects on the 305 Corridor may be eligible.

On the countywide level, Poulsbo is considering submitting 3rd Avenue and 8th Avenue. The City of Bremerton is submitting an active transportation improvement project on 6th Avenue and a design and preservation project on 11th Street. Kitsap Transit is submitting a design project on 104 and a joint park and ride and hydrogen facility. Bainbridge Island is submitting a design phase non-motorized project for Lynwood Center Road. Kitsap County is submitting projects for Lund Corridor, Central Kitsap, Central Valley, and Ridgetop.

E. Corridor Updates

TransTAC members commented on heavier-than-usual traffic in the Gorst Corridor. The US Navy responded that recent virtual private network (VPN) issues have made it harder for people to work from home resulting in more people commuting to Navy offices to access files.

F. Announcements and Next Steps

Kitsap Transit announced that the state is requiring that everyone create a four-year plan that Kitsap will implement. Kitsap will reach out to the US Navy and Naval Base Kitsap individually for a site-specific plan due to their employer size. Naval Base Kitsap recommended TransTAC members

¹ Following the meeting the voting deadline was updated to February 27th.

consider Defense Community Infrastructure Grants. TransTAC members recommended that elected officials add a March meeting.

Below are the upcoming meeting dates:

- The next TransTAC meeting is March 14th. The length of the meeting is extended to accommodate a PSRC mini workshop.
- The next TransPOL meeting is February 15th.

G. 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	
Allison Satter	Naval Base Kitsap	
Arne Bakker	Port of Bremerton	
Chris Hammer	Port Orchard	
Josh Ranes	Poulsbo	
Diane Lenius	Poulsbo	
Ana Whalen	US Navy	
Yvette Luifau	WSDOT	
Sophie Glass	KRCC	
Jennifer Barnes	PSRC	
Emilie Pilchowski	KRCC	