



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TranSTAC) Meeting Summary
June 13, 2019 / Kitsap Transit, Bremerton
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Decisions and Actions

Decisions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a Kitsap jurisdiction is approached by a private bike share company, TranSTAC will convene to discuss a coordinated approach to implementation of bike share. Table discussion on alternative bike share models. Table discussion on e-bike traffic law coordination. 	
Actions	Person Responsible
1. Follow up with the County and Poulsbo regarding a Regional Pavement Contract.	Chris Dimmit, Bremerton
2. Track bike share news in Seattle and beyond.	KRCC staff and TranSTAC
3. Follow up with jurisdictions as needed to compile the desired information related to their traffic modeling projects.	David Forte, Kitsap County
4. Distribute the RTCC schedule to TranSTAC.	KRCC staff

A. Welcome & Old Business

Mishu Pham-Whipple, facilitator of the KRCC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TranSTAC), led a round of introductions (see Attachment A for a list of participants).

- Review the 2019 KRCC meeting calendar: TranSTAC reviewed updates to the 2019 KRCC meeting calendar regarding the cancelled July 2 Board meeting and the postponed Board Retreat.
- March 14, 2019 TranSTAC meeting summary: Mishu noted that the summary was posted on the KRCC website following its distribution to the committee.

B. Maintenance Coordination: Regional Pavement Contract

Chris Dimmitt, City of Bremerton, shared that the City is seeking potential partners to enter into a regional pavement contract with Mason County that would allow partners to take advantage of economies of scale for chip seal pavement maintenance. Diane Lenius, City of Poulsbo, and David Forte, Kitsap County, expressed interest in the partnership, as many of their projects tend to be too small to yield cost effective prices for road maintenance. Mark Dorsey, City of Port Orchard, noted that the City has an Interlocal Agreement with the County that would support partnering on chip seal projects if the County entered the partnership. However, Barry Loveless, City of Bainbridge Island, noted that Bainbridge's distance from Mason County may make a partnership unrealistic. Chris will follow up with contacts at the County and Poulsbo to discuss the details of a partnership.

C. Operations Coordination: Bike Share and E-Bikes

TranSTAC discussed the challenges related to private bike share programs, which include vandalism of bicycles, theft and use by homeless populations, topography for riders, poor bicycle infrastructure, and improperly placed bicycles and related safety concerns. Although bike share programs may be desirable in certain areas of Kitsap, such as downtown Poulsbo, it

is unlikely that Kitsap jurisdictions will be approached by private bike share companies in the near future. TransTAC agreed that when a jurisdiction is approached by a private bike share company, they will convene to discuss a coordinated approach to implementing bike share. KRCC staff and TransTAC members should track bike share news in Seattle and beyond. TransTAC did not want to explore alternative, bottom-up approaches to bike share programs, as they have not heard a strong desire from their communities to do so.

TransTAC also discussed the issue of inconsistent local traffic laws associated with e-bikes. Although there are state-wide e-bike traffic laws for each of the three classes of e-bikes, some jurisdictions have more specific traffic laws, which may lead to confusion for bicyclists coming across inconsistent traffic laws across jurisdictions. TransTAC noted that it can be difficult to enforce traffic laws on bicyclists because of the low amount of bike infrastructure in Kitsap. The lack of bike infrastructure and mixed modes of traffic also result in safety. Even with potential issues related to enforcement and safety, TransTAC recommended tabling the discussion around coordinating on e-bike traffic laws since they are unclear on the what the specific issues are at this time. They also pointed to the rapid pace of e-bike and traffic technology development as a reason to hold off on further coordination on e-bike traffic laws.

D. Information Sharing: Traffic Modeling Projects

Members exchanged information regarding their use of consultants and modeling programs. David Forte shared that the County will be evaluating their current traffic model in the fall of this year. Diane Lenius noted that Poulsbo will be updating their model when they update their transportation plan. Mark Dorsey shared that Port Orchard will need to update their traffic model once the Tremont project is complete.

Although TransTAC previously agreed that conducting an inventory of the current traffic modeling projects in Kitsap would be helpful to inform a conversation around potential joint modeling opportunities in the future, TransTAC members felt that the information on jurisdictions' modeling projects was most beneficial to the County since they share a boundary with all of the jurisdictions. As such, David will follow up with jurisdictions as needed to compile the desired information related to their traffic modeling projects.

E. Regional Project Evaluation Committee and other PSRC updates

Mark Dorsey shared that Port Orchard was awarded \$1.3 million requested from PSRC to fund the Tremont project shortfall. PSRC's TransPOL committee voted 12-4 in favor of awarding the funding. PSRC's TransPOL determined that awarding funding was an exception to PSRC policy in funding shortfalls, and that this would not set a precedent. A hardship policy is likely to be established at PSRC in the Fall to address situations like Port Orchard's. Diane noted that she was impressed with the jurisdictions' understanding of the financial challenges that small jurisdictions face. Contrary to Mayor Putaansuu's proposal presented to the KRCC Board regarding Port Orchard withholding competition in the next two Countywide Competitions, Port Orchard is eligible to compete for that funding.

David shared that the County and City of Poulsbo will present their Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) projects to the RTCC Project Advisory Committee on June 19. The Transportation Policy Board will develop a recommendation in July and provide their

recommendation to the PSRC Executive Board in September. KRCC staff will distribute the RTCC schedule to TransTAC following the meeting.

Mitch Koch, PSRC, shared a thank you to TransTAC on behalf of Jean Kim at PSRC for providing bicycle and pedestrian data. The data is being used to develop consistency assessments for the region and will help with future efforts related to the Active Transportation Work Plan.

F. Corridor Updates

TransTAC provided the following updates regarding corridor committees:

- SR 305: Barry and Diane shared that the project is \$20 million over budget because the original project did not include the Suquamish roundabout, preliminary engineering, or right of way considerations. The Suquamish roundabout is under negotiation but will make a big difference in mobility on the corridor once complete.
- SR 16/Gorst: No updates.
- SR 104: David shared that the Port of Kingston is finalizing the contract for the feasibility study for the ferry holding area.
- TransTAC also coordinated on speakers for the tour associated with the Transportation Commission Meeting on June 18.

G. Solutions and Support

No updates.

H. Announcements and Next Steps

The following announcements were made by TransTAC members and guests:

- Chris shared that WSDOT awarded Bremerton \$1.5 million for the Warren Avenue bridge pedestrian path widening.
- Mark shared that:
 - The Bay Street Pedestrian Pathway ribbon cutting is on June 14. The pathway includes ADA beach access.
 - Tremont will be closed June 24-26 for paving. He expects a ribbon cutting on Tremont to occur in early August.
 - The Public Works Board has funding available for the first time in years and encouraged members to apply.
 - Port Orchard's water shortage is not city-wide but has caused the city to place a moratorium on new construction in the McCormick Woods area.
- Diane shared that:
 - The City is looking for bids on work for Bend Hill Road.
 - The City also recently implemented a new software to manage public works administration that is affordable and user friendly.
- The next TransPOL meeting will be on Thursday, July 18. Agenda items include recruitment of Project Selection Taskforce members, a potential PSRC data inventory, and a potential update on the passenger-only ferry study conducted by PSRC.
- The next TransTAC meeting will be on Thursday, September 12. Agenda items include a report out on ADA Transition Plans and preliminary planning for the next funding cycle.

Attachment A: TransTAC Meeting Participants

Member Name	Member Affiliation (alphabetical)
Barry Loveless	Bainbridge Island
Chris Dimmitt	Bremerton
David Forte	Kitsap County
Fred Salisbury	Port of Bremerton
Mark Dorsey	Port Orchard
Mike Pleasants	Port Orchard
Diane Lenius	Poulsbo
Dennis Engel	WSDOT
Mishu Pham-Whipple	KRCC Staff
Mitch Koch	Puget Sound Regional Council