



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TransTAC) Meeting Summary
December 12, 2019 / Kitsap Transit, Bremerton
v. 12/13/19

Decisions and Actions

Decisions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No decisions were made at TransTAC 	
Actions	Person Responsible
Distribute the contingency list for the 2021-2022 funding cycle in the meeting follow up.	KRCC staff
Determine representation on PSRC Committees and TransTAC.	TransTAC members
Update the Competition Calendar and redistribute to TransTAC.	KRCC staff

A. Welcome & Old Business

Mishu Pham-Whipple, the 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).

- October 10, 2019 TransTAC meeting summary: The meeting summary of the ad-hoc call will be posted to the KRCC website after the December 12 TransTAC meeting.

B. Regional Project Evaluation Committee and other Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Updates

- RPEC and other Boards/Committees updates: David Forte, Kitsap County, reported on the potential for approximately \$11 million in contingency funding. The process and timeframe will be clearer in early 2020 but project sponsors should evaluate which projects would be ready to move forward in the meantime. KRCC staff will distribute the contingency list for the 2021-2022 funding cycle in the meeting follow up. Shane Weber, City of Bremerton, reported that a proposed policy to not allow Right of Way phases to be combined with another phase met strong opposition and was rescinded. TransTAC also discussed the clarification made by PSRC regarding the scoring system based on categories and a bulleted list of criteria within each category. Each bullet is weighted the same and each must be met in order to get full points. RPEC asked for the scoring described in the application to be clarified. The point structure may be a topic for further discussion in the future but would likely not happen in time to change the structure for the upcoming funding cycle.
- Discuss 2020 Kitsap Appointments on RPEC: PSRC Committee appointments will need to be confirmed in early 2020. Members should be prepared to confirm appointments for PSRC Committees at the January 9 TransTAC meeting.
 - Mark Dorsey and Diane Lenius are switching between their primary and alternate roles on RPEC.
 - Shane Weber will follow up regarding Bremerton's RPEC representation.
 - Chris Wierzbicki will be the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Other Cities primary and Diane Lenius will be the alternate.
- Updates from PSRC:
 - 2020 Project Selection Update.

- The Project Selection Task Force has been meeting monthly from September-December 2019.
- The funding estimate will be a moderate increase from 2018 amounts
- Most elements of the Policy Framework are being recommended to remain the same.
- The Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program changed from a flat \$5 million to 10% of the Regional funds available to be consistent with other percentage-based set asides.
- The draft competition calendar was shared with RPEC at their December 6 meeting (see schedule below).

Draft Schedule

Call for Projects	February 3
Workshops	February 10-14

FHWA Regional Process

Regional FHWA Eligibility Screening Forms Due	March 2
Regional FHWA Applications Due to PSRC	April 13
Sponsor presentations	April 23-24
RPEC Recommendation meetings	May 21-22

FHWA Countywide Processes

Countywide Screening Forms Due	No later than April 17
Countywide Applications Due	TBD
Countywide Funding Recommendations to PSRC	No later than June 23

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Project Delivery Summit on December 4. The webinar recording, slides, and Q&A will be posted to the website once finalized.
- Limited Call for Projects Updates. Applications are due December 30, 2019. Refinements to new projects, or projects requesting to be moved from the Unprogrammed list to the Constrained list, should only submit if work on the project is expected to begin prior to 2022.
- STIP is opening up for amendments in January. TIP applications for PSRC's January amendment are due Friday, December 13.
- Nonmotorized facility data collection. For members that still need to submit bike/ped facilities data to PSRC by the end of December, please send data to Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org. GIS data is preferred but other forms are accepted.

C. Draft List of Regional Projects for Next Funding Cycle

- Review DRAFT KRCC Regional and Countywide Competition Calendar:
 - Countywide Competition Materials. TransTAC asked for clarification on the content of the Countywide Competition materials. The "Call for Projects" that TransTAC develops consists of language outlining the rules and process of the competition, as well as scoring criteria. There was some concern that the PSRC Call for Projects released on February 3 happens before KRCC has finalized the Countywide Competition materials. However, the February 3 Call for Projects is PSRC signaling to begin the competition process. It *does not* mean that KRCC's Countywide Competition Materials must be completed and approved by the Board by February 3. As such, the Competition Materials can be developed and approved from February-April.

- Countywide Project Selection Workshop.
 - TransTAC confirmed the Countywide Project Selection Workshop should be held after the Regional projects are selected. The Regional projects are recommended at the May 21-22 PSRC RPEC Project Selection Workshop but not confirmed by a vote until the PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting on July 9. There was a concern that Regional project recommendations would not be formally approved until the TPB meeting. However, **since the Countywide project recommendation is due to PSRC by June 23**, TransTAC cannot wait until the July 9 TPB meeting to make a selection. As such, **TransTAC's Project Selection Workshop will need to reference the Regional recommendation and be sometime between May 22, and June 23. The natural day would be June 11**, which follows the cadence of TransTAC meetings being the second Thursday of a month.
 - Should the KRCC Board prefer to approve Countywide projects, rather than delegate this to TransPOL at their June 18 meeting, the Project Selection Workshop would need to be held in late May (after the PSRC Project Selection Workshop), so the Board could approve the recommendation at their June 2 meeting.
- KRCC staff will update the calendar and redistribute to TransTAC for review.
- Discuss potential Regional Competition projects and opportunities for coordination: Kitsap Transit, City of Poulsbo, and Kitsap County shared they intend to submit Regional projects. Kitsap Transit offered to support jurisdictions by providing data upon request.

D. WSDOT Presentation on Grant Cycles

- Presentation from Bryan Dias, Olympic Region Local Programs Engineer: Bryan presented on three funding opportunities with WSDOT: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSOP), Safe Routes to School (SRTS), and Pedestrian and the Bicycle Safety Program. However, SRTS and Pedestrian/Bicycle Program are on hold due to Initiative 976.
- Discussion on impacts of Initiative 976:
 - Outlook and impacts. Due to the passing of the initiative, albeit held up in the State Superior Court, no new phases of the project are being funded, likely not until the state governor and legislature develop a solution in Spring 2020. TransTAC asked how the state is going to deal with Countywide funds that are at risk due to the mixed fund nature of projects. Bryan responded that there is not a clear signal from the state policy level on the degree of priority for Countywide projects and other mixed fund projects. The group clarified that projects that were able to obligate funding before the initiative passed are not at risk while other projects, regardless of how close they were to obligating funds, are on hold. Poulsbo's SR 305 project phases, besides the design phase underway, are on hold. The group acknowledged the statewide financial impacts of the initiative, as well as the impacts on productivity in terms of the economy, employment, and construction of infrastructure. Kitsap County noted that the car tab was the easiest funding source, as others such as sales taxes, fuel taxes, etc. require voter approval.
 - Available funding. Dennis Engel, WSDOT, confirmed fish barrier removal, safety, and preservation projects are not affected because those classifications of projects are prioritized. The Governor has also released funding to transit agencies for ADA needs. Shane shared that the City of Bremerton staff attended a Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC) event that discussed alternative funding sources available to jurisdictions.
 - Litigation. King County, City of Seattle, Sound Transit, and several other agencies are challenging the initiative. TransTAC acknowledged that government agencies

could not have taken action to prevent the passing of the initiative due to campaigning laws.

E. Operations Coordination: ADA Transition Plans

- Report out on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans and discuss best practices, approaches, and milestones: Shane shared the approach the City of Bremerton took to develop their ADA Transition Plan:
 - Assessment. Interns helped conduct an inventory of ADA facilities over three seasons. A consultant was later brought in to assess roadway conditions. The assessments were then uploaded to GIS so that the City could see where and what deficiencies exist.
 - Early implementation. 2,900 curb ramps were evaluated in the City. To address priority ramps that were not ADA compliant, the City initially hired a private company. The company's work was not satisfactory, so the City hired new street work crew members to fix curb ramps and obstructed sidewalks.
 - Further implementation. Once a plan is developed, jurisdictions have to consider how to fund the implementation of the plan. The needs outlined in the plans are much greater than the resources available, but jurisdictions may want to consider at least having an annual line item for ADA improvement projects. ADA Transition Plans and funding to implement those plans demonstrate a community's commitment to addressing barriers to accessibility and can reduce the risk of litigation for not being in compliance with ADA standards.

F. Corridor Updates

- Corridor Committees are also affected by Initiative 976, limiting their productivity.
- SR 16/Gorst: Lynn Wall, Naval Base Kitsap, shared the Captain is sending a letter to the Governor regarding utilizing state resources to address the needs of the corridor. The Navy is working with the legislature on a proposal for the corridor as well.
- SR 104: The Committee met on December 11 and heard an update on the Lindvog feasibility study.
- SR 303: The Committee is looking into the concern raised about roundabouts on the corridor potentially limiting Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The corridor is a priority for Kitsap Transit's high capacity transit services that have a certain level of frequency and span of service.

G. Solutions and Support

TransTAC was able to address current challenges through Initiative 976 and ADA Transition Plan discussions.

H. Announcements and Next Steps

- The next TransTAC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020.
- The next TransPOL meeting is tentatively on Thursday, February 20, 2020. This meeting may be rescheduled due to a time conflict with a Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) Board meeting.
- Review the 2020 TransTAC roster. Chris Munter of Bainbridge Island will be an alternate on TransTAC.

Attachment A: TransTAC Meeting Participants

Member Name	Member Affiliation (alphabetical)
Chris Wierzbicki	Bainbridge Island
Shane Weber	Bremerton
David Forte	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Lynn Wall	Naval Base Kitsap
Mark Dorsey	Port Orchard
Diane Lenius	Poulsbo
Andrzej Kasiniak	Poulsbo
Dennis Engel	WSDOT
Bryan Dias	WSDOT
Mishu Pham-Whipple	KRCC Staff
Mitch Koch	Puget Sound Regional Council