



**Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)
Draft Transportation Policy Committee (TransPOL) Meeting Summary**

April 18, 2019 Meeting | 1:30-3:00 PM | Kitsap Transit, Bremerton
v. 7/7/19

Decisions		
TransPOL approved the draft September 20, 2018 TransPOL meeting summary as final.		
Actions	Who	Status
Follow up on the outcomes of the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Competition at the July TransPOL meeting.	KRCC staff/TransPOL	Ongoing

A. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 MEETING SUMMARY

Betsy Daniels, KRCC Program Director, welcomed participants to the meeting (see Attachment A for a list of TransPOL members and observers). TransPOL approved the draft 9/20/2018 meeting summary as final. Betsy noted that most items in the KRCC Transportation Program Work Plan are related to the Countywide and Regional transportation funding competitions.

B. RURAL TOWN CENTERS AND CORRIDORS (RTCC) COMPETITION

TransPOL reviewed the projects being submitted to the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Competition by Kitsap jurisdictions. There is \$5 million in available funds for this competition, which is an increase from previous years. The \$5 million must be balanced by year, meaning that \$2.5 million will be available in 2021 and another \$2.5 million will be available in 2022. Although there is more money for this funding cycle, project sponsors are likely to ask for more money. Because Kitsap jurisdictions did not receive any funding from the previous cycle of this competition, it is likely that Kitsap projects will be strongly considered for funding. The only Kitsap jurisdictions eligible for this funding competition are Kitsap County and the City of Poulsbo. Results of the competition are not expected until June 2019. Below are highlights of the three submitted projects:

- **City of Poulsbo Complete Streets Plan:**
 - This project supports the Poulsbo town center by establishing a list of priority improvements and incorporating a public involvement plan.
 - A major goal of the project is to improve safety for pedestrians and bicycles while ensuring good vehicle traffic flow.
 - The project has flexibility in terms of the timing of implementation.
 - Potential improvements would include mid-block crosswalks, off set intersections, roundabouts, wider sidewalks, and transit coordination.
 - The City of Poulsbo is eligible for the Rural Town Centers and Corridors competition, as the City is a freestanding city or town that is located outside the region's contiguous urban growth area (UGA).
- **Kitsap County Alaska Avenue**
 - The project is located on an approximately 1.3 mile stretch that connects to downtown Manchester along Alaska Avenue.
 - Improvements include a shoulder widening for pedestrians and bicycles on one side of the road, as well as a painted separator.

- The same improvements have been made on Beach Drive, promoting a contiguous design.
- The project is currently at 30% design.
- **Kitsap County SR 104 Realignment-Kingston**
 - The project is a continuation of a previous federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant to do preliminary engineering in which the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) estimated the cost of this phase.
 - Due to a historic hotel on the corner of Washington and 1st, the need for obtaining a right of way adds to the cost.
 - The project would be ready to implement at any time.
 - Because the project had already received funding for preliminary engineering, it has already been “federalized” or already begun to be invested in by federal dollars.

C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

TransPOL shared the following updates regarding the WA State Legislature:

- Commissioner Gelder shared that there likely won't be a new transportation package but that a transportation budget will be passed, containing some remnants of the transportation package proposed by Senator Hobbs.
- Commissioner Gelder responded to Betsy's comment on the issue of culvert removal by noting that the County has made huge investments in culvert removal since the 90s but that there is not a sufficient funding stream to address the need.

D. CORRIDOR UPDATES

- **SR 305:** Jurisdictions provided comments on program packages, shifting the group's focus to have SR 305 itself as a focus of study, as opposed to the arterials feeding into it. Jurisdictions are still looking for a package they can champion to convert into proposed legislation. One more Technical Advisory Committee and one more Executive Committee meeting are expected. KRCC TransPOL members will be invited to future meetings.
- **SR 16/Gorst:** There will be one more stakeholder meeting and one more Executive Committee meeting. The WSDOT survey yielded approximately 1,000 responses from Kitsap. WSDOT will analyze how the responses align with the Corridor Sketch Initiative work.
- **SR 104:** The County has obligated the contingency funds that it received. Discussions between the Port of Kingston, WSDOT, Kitsap County, and Kitsap Transit are taking place for the potential development of a holding lot. The Port of Kingston has expressed interest in leading the development of the Memorandum of Understanding between the parties.

E. PSRC TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATES

Mayor Erickson confirmed that she will take on the role of Chair of the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board and select the City of Kent Mayor Dana Ralph to be Vice Chair.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

The next TransPOL meeting is on July 18.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

Attachment A: Meeting Attendees

NAME	JURISDICTION (ALPHABETICAL)
TRANSPOL MEMBERS:	
Councilmember Matthew Tirman	City of Bainbridge Island
Mayor Greg Wheeler	City of Bremerton
Councilmember Bek Ashby	City of Port Orchard
Mayor Becky Erickson	City of Poulsbo
Councilmember Gary Nystul	City of Poulsbo
Commissioner Robert Gelder	Kitsap County
Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn	Port of Bremerton
Councilmember Luther “Jay” Mills	Suquamish Tribe
OBSERVERS:	
Andrea Archer-Parsons	City of Bremerton
Michael Bateman	City of Poulsbo
David Forte	Kitsap County
Dennis Engel	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
STAFF:	
Betsy Daniels	KRCC Program Director
Mishu Pham-Whipple	KRCC Coordination Lead