



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TransTAC)

DRAFT Meeting Summary

July 9, 2020 | 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Remote: Zoom Meeting

Actions	Person Responsible
Distribute the draft 2021 Transportation Work Program and draft TransTAC Work Plan for TransTAC's review and feedback. Note the proposed new time of TransTAC meetings in 2021 from 1-3pm.	KRCC Staff
Invite Kelly McGourty, PSRC to September 10 TransTAC meeting to debrief Regional Competition.	KRCC Staff

A. Welcome and Administration

Mishu Pham-Whipple, 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). Mishu introduced Vivian Ericson as the new Coordination Lead for KRCC and notified the team that Vivian will be involved on in communications related to Board meetings.

B. Regional Project Evaluation Committee and other PSRC Updates

The last RPEC meeting took place on June 26. Topics at the last RPEC meeting included discussions on the project selection process, project delivery, and a Regional Transportation Plan Update. TransTAC members on RPEC reported that RPEC and PSRC TransPOL are considering extending the timeline of the Regional Competition by starting the competition earlier in the year. Mishu reported that Ryan Thompto, PSRC, has taken a position in Chicago. Updates from PSRC will be postponed to the next meeting.

C. Regional and Countywide Competition Debrief

Mishu facilitated a debrief of the Regional and Countywide competitions. TransTAC provided the following comments regarding lessons learned in the 2020 Regional Competition:

- There was general agreement with TransPOL's commentary that projects score well when they can demonstrate Partnerships and can demonstrate congestion alleviation by serving a large population.
- Air quality scoring is a huge determinant to Kitsap projects since the scale of Kitsap projects are not as large as other Regional projects being submitted.
- The Kingston project demonstrated partnerships but still didn't score well since WSDOT can't definitively state that their funding is secure, which is a detriment by PSRC's standards.
- Projects will only do well in the Regional Competition if it is a major project for the whole Puget Sound region.
 - To have WSDOT be a more competitive application partner, PSRC and WSDOT will need to coordinate on how to better identify financial readiness, perhaps implementing a different type of approval system with the legislature.
- TransTAC should invest in coordination conversations prior to the application process.
- TransTAC should consider an internal KRCC application screening process in order to identify Regional projects earlier and have presentations to TransPOL sooner.
- Regional presentations within KRCC should be conducted first and separately from Countywide presentations so that discussion on Regional projects can happen sooner.
- RPEC members should work with the PSRC Project Selection Task Force on the issues of:

- “proportionality” of projects, noting that although Kitsap projects are small, the proportionality of their benefits are in line with larger projects.
- A comprehensive cost/benefit ratio scoring criteria (with flexibility for expensive projects with special circumstances).

TransTAC recommended inviting Kelly McGourty, PSRC, to the September TransTAC meeting to have a group debrief of the Regional Competition. TransTAC provided the following comments regarding lessons learned in the 2020 Countywide Competition:

- Utilizing the “pair wise” evaluation methodology discussed in TransPOL’s debrief would be challenging for this competition. It works better with a smaller number of projects.
- Make sure that the criteria in the Call for Projects is in line with how the projects are compared against each other in reality.
- Clarify and/or reformat the description of each criteria and what constitutes high/medium/low scoring to provide consistency yet leave room for flexibility.
- Consider limiting the number of applications each jurisdiction can submit. There are implications on the time required of TransTAC to evaluate the projects and the ratio of available funding versus requests.
- Consider having a discussion on a contingency list prior to the Project Selection Workshop.
- Have a more formal process to address/defend project scores.
- Consider request limits given the requirement to balance funding by year. Have the application deadline sooner so TransTAC can review the preliminary scores in advance of the Project Selection Workshop.

D. Corridor Updates

TransTAC members provided the following corridor updates

- SR 305: Diane Lenius noted that there is an urgency to move the SR 305 project forward and obligate WSDOT funds before any funding that was allocated becomes unavailable.
- SR 16/Gorst: David Forte shared that the Gorst Corridor Committee is in the process of defining the project area and scope. has received comments from WSDOT on a draft. The Port of Bremerton is moving forward on the development of a Gorst Coalition and coordinating with Representative Kilmer’s office.
- SR 104: David shared that a meeting is being set-up to discuss the Lindvog Holding Study and receive a report from a consultant.
- SR 303: Shane Weber shared that there is an online open house for the 303 Corridor Project. The public outreach effort to date has been successful in engaging Bremerton residents. After comments are collected, efforts will shift to phasing and implementation.

E. Solutions and Support

TransTAC members raised no items for discussion.

F. Announcements and Next Steps

TransTAC members shared the following announcements:

- Steffani Lillie shared that the online open house for the SR 16 Park and Ride Alternatives Analysis is live until July 22nd.
- Andrzej Kasiniak will be leaving his position as Director of Engineering at the City of Poulsbo after many years with the City. He thanked the group for the time they have had together and shared that he plans to be active within the Poulsbo community.

The two remaining TransTAC meetings in 2020 are on Thursday, September 10 and Thursday, November 12. Mishu will send out a proposed 2021 Transportation Program in advance of the September 10 meeting

for TransTAC review, as well as an outline for the 2021 TransTAC Work Plan. She will also invite Kelly McGourty, PSRC, to the September 10 meeting.

The next TransPOL meeting will be Thursday, August 20.

G. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Attachment A: TransTAC Meeting Participants

Member Name	Member Affiliation (alphabetical)
Chris Wierzbicki	Bainbridge Island
Shane Weber	Bremerton
David Forte	Kitsap County
Andrew Nelson	Kitsap County
Jeff Shea	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Fred Salisbury	Port of Bremerton
Diane Lenius	Poulsbo
Andrzej Kasiniak	Poulsbo
Mishu Pham-Whipple	KRCC
Vivian Ericson	KRCC