



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)
Transportation Policy Committee (TransPOL) Meeting Summary
 November 18, 2021 Meeting | 3:00 – 4:30 PM | Remote Meeting
 v. 11-18-21

Decisions		
<i>No decisions were made during this meeting.</i>		
Actions	Who	Status
Upload 9/14/21 meeting summary to the KRCC website.	KRCC staff	Complete
Review safety and equity criteria to incorporate into 2022 Call for Projects	TransTAC	Pending
Record videos of project presentations	TransTAC	Pending

A. WELCOME AND OLD BUSINESS

Sophie Glass, KRCC Staff Lead, welcomed participants to the KRCC Transportation Policy Committee (TransPOL) virtual meeting (see Attachment A for a list of TransPOL members and observers). The September 14, 2021 TransPOL meeting summary was approved without abstention or opposition. Sophie reviewed the agenda, topics of discussion, and purpose of the meeting.

B. UPDATES ON 2022 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION COMPETITION PROCESS

TransPOL members shared updates from Transportation Policy Board meetings and expressed appreciation for the robust conversations. Discussions included equity, safety, and multimodal criteria. The set-asides will remain in place for the 2022 Competition. The PSRC Project Selection Task Force completed their work and it will be ready for review in December.

At the recommendation of TransPOL, TransTAC members will discuss how to incorporate the updated safety and equity criteria into the 2022 Countywide Call for Projects at their December 9 meeting. TransPOL will review these recommendations in the new year.

In their October 14 meeting, TransTAC discussed potential updates to the Countywide Competition, and came to agreement on two of the policies. TransTAC is looking to TransPOL for guidance on limiting the number of applications per jurisdiction. Sophie reviewed the three outcomes of the discussion:

Recommendation re: developing a more specific criteria scale. TransTAC agreed that the current criteria scale of high, medium, and low could work for the 2022 Competition and recommended that projects be discussed in more detail leading up to the competition.

Councilmember Ashby suggested that jurisdictions record a short video presentation for TransTAC members to review on their own time prior to the Project Selection workshop. **TransPOL approved this recommendation.**

Recommendation re: limiting the number of applications. TransTAC sought TransPOL guidance on the two options: (1) Maintain the status quo of no limit on the number of applications, or (2) limit the number of Countywide Competition applications to three or four, with no limits on the contingency list.

TransPOL members shared the following comments:

- Support for limiting the number of applications.
- Suggestion that jurisdictions rank projects if submitting more than one.

- Concerns around limiting the number of applications for Kitsap County and their large service area.
- Questions about the amount requested in each application and/or size of the project.
- Discussions around balancing service for current versus future Kitsap residents, as well as urban versus rural populations.

TransPOL moved to limit the number of applications in the Countywide Competition to four per each jurisdiction, with no limits on the contingency list.

Recommendation re: Placing a cap on the amount requested in each application. TransTAC agreed to formalize limiting the amount of funding requested in a single application to half the allocated funds.

TransPOL members shared the following comments:

- Adjusting the cap to accommodate the required multimodal, preservation, and rural projects and dividing the net amount in half.
- Clarification on the difference between the STP funds and potential infrastructure bill funding.

TransPOL moved to place a cap on the amount requested per project to half the allocated funds.

Sophie reviewed the draft calendar for the 2022 Regional and Countywide Competitions and shared that KRCC staff is aware that Regional Competition decisions should occur before the Countywide Competition.

C. DRAFT 2022 TRANSPORTATION WORK PLAN

Sophie reviewed the Draft 2022 Transportation Workplan and shared that for the first half of the year, meetings are assumed to be virtual. KRCC staff can discuss this format with TransPOL as the year progresses.

D. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AS NEEDED

Sophie asked TransPOL members to encourage their legislators and councils to attend the 2022 KRCC Legislative Reception.

Councilmember Ashby shared the theme of the reception, which is how Kitsap County can collaborate on transportation and land use issues. Legislators like solutions or specific asks, and she invited TransPOL to attend the reception with questions or comments that are important to their jurisdictions or entities.

Mayor Erickson commented on the incoming infrastructure package and the importance of dedicating funds towards mega projects, including Gorst. Councilmember Ashby shared that legislators are not anticipating a transportation package in this legislative session because of the short session, but a legislative group focused on freight is compiling a priority list.

Director Clauson added that TransPOL needs to continue to monitor legislative changes, including the selected Chair of Transportation in the Senate, the state level discussions around the transportation package, and the division of funds.

E. TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD AND OTHER PSRC UPDATES

Jennifer Barnes shared an update on the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Competition timeline. Applications are due in mid-December for each of the countywide forums. Applications are also open for preservation funds. PSRC is working towards a release date for the draft of the Regional Transportation Plan.

F. CORRIDOR UPDATES

Andrew Nelson of Kitsap County shared an update on the Kingston Holding Lane Automated Traffic Management System, which the County is pursuing with the Port of Kingston.

There were no new updates for the Gorst Coalition. The City of Poulsbo is paving Johnson Road for the SR 305 project, and the Suquamish Tribe shared an update on outreach for the Totten Roundabout.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

Mayor Wheeler provided an update on WSF plans to restore ferry runs. The Bremerton run will be restored last based on a fixed criteria list. He emphasized the need to invest in Kitsap County infrastructure, including the Gorst interchange. Commissioner Strakeljahn agreed, and reiterated the need to communicate with legislators to ensure Kitsap County needs are met and interests are prioritized.

The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

Attachment A: Meeting Attendees

NAME	JURISDICTION
TRANSPOL MEMBERS:	
Councilmember Schneider	City of Bainbridge
Mayor Wheeler	City of Bremerton
Commissioner Gelder (<i>not present</i>)	Kitsap County
Director Clauson	Kitsap Transit
Councilmember Ashby	City of Port Orchard
Councilmember Rosapepe	City of Port Orchard
Mayor Erickson	City of Poulsbo
Commissioner Strakeljahn	Port of Bremerton
Allison Satter	Naval Base Kitsap
Commissioner McClure	Port of Kingston
Leonard Forsman	Suquamish Tribe
Dennis Engel	WSDOT

OBSERVERS:	
David Forte	Kitsap County
Gary Idleburg	Department of Commerce
Ned Lever	City of Bremerton
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Josh Ranes	City of Poulsbo
Joe Rutan	Kitsap County Public Works
Fred Salisbury	Port of Bremerton
Shane Weber	City of Bremerton
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