



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

The Kitsap Peninsula is the home of sovereign Indian nations, namely the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes.

KRCC Board Meeting Summary

v. 3-5-2024

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Hybrid meeting with in-person participation at Norm Dicks Government Center Chambers and remote participation via Zoom

Decisions		
The KRCC Board approved:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 12/5 Board meeting summary Vouchers 2024-01 - 2024-04 Approve 2024 Kitsap Countywide Competition Call for Projects 		
Actions	Who?	Status
KRCC Staff to look back at historic (10 years) funding allocations from the Kitsap Countywide Competition.	KRCC Staff	In Progress
Email final updates to KRCC and PSRC Rosters to Zak Ott by Feb. 16 2024	KRCC Board	In Progress

1. Welcome and Introductions

KRCC Chair/Bainbridge Island Mayor Joe Deets welcomed the Executive Board to the hybrid meeting and gave a Tribal land acknowledgement.

2. Chair’s Comments

- The Chairman noted that this was the first KRCC Board meeting of the year, and the first meeting with himself as the KRCC Chair, and Commissioner Strakeljahn as the KRCC Vice Chair. He took a moment to recognize the new Board members/alternates and gave the KRCC staff an opportunity to introduce themselves to the Board.

3. Consent Agenda

- Approve the December 05 Board meeting summary and expense vouchers 2024-01 to 2024-04
Commissioner Strakeljahn moved to approve the December 05 Board meeting summary and expense voucher 2024-01 to 2024-04. Commissioner Garrido seconded. The summary and expense vouchers were approved as drafted without objection.

4. Presentation

- The Legacy of Structural Racism from Dr. Charles Patton, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)
Dr. Charles Patton, Program Manager, Equity Policy and Initiative, presented on PSRC’s Regional Equity Strategy. With the Puget Sound’s growing diverse population, PSRC has focused on a regional equity strategy that includes a suite of resources co-created with the Equity Advisory Committee. These resources include focus areas on community engagement, capacity building, best practices, data and research. This strategy will provide guidance to help PSRC members and staff work towards

the region's equity goals. The presentation slides are available on the [KRCC website](#) along with other meeting materials and a link to the [video recording](#) of the meeting.

Comment from Board Member: This is a remarkable tool. This toolkit is excellent. Thank you, Dr. Patton, for this presentation.

Comment from Board Member: Wanted to note that there was a recent article in the Kitsap Sun about housing discrimination particularly in North Kitsap County and Bainbridge Island. Have you investigated the restrictive zoning that took place in the past here in Kitsap?

Response: Yes, we have looked at communities of color not having access to this region of the Puget Sound area and will continue researching in this area.

- Presentation on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program from Sara Hetrick, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA)

Sara Hetrick, Air Resource Specialist, presented the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). She gave an overview of the CPRG Phase 1 and Phase 2 program overview. The CPRG is part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the CPRG program is just one of the tools the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is implementing to reduce climate and air pollution. Phase 1 (Non-Competitive Planning Grants) is to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies, and Phase 2 (Competitive Implementation Grants) will be putting the plans into action. The agency is serving as the lead organization for the CPRG Phase 1 planning grant. The presentation slides are available on the [KRCC website](#) along with other meeting materials and a link to the [video recording](#) of the meeting.

Comment/Question from Board Members: Would we be able to compete or coordinate as a county or as a region? I do not know how small counties will be able to pull things together in a short time. Is the PSCAA making a proposal for the metropolitan region?

Response: We are not. We are not serving as a lead entity for the phase 2 application grants.

PSRC is considering being a lead applicant on behalf of the region and specifically they want to focus on a regional transportation electrification proposal.

Comment/Question from Board Members: Thank you very much for this presentation. Do you know if we will have other opportunities for this grant?

Response: This is a one-time funding opportunity according to the EPA. There will be other grant opportunities from the IRA. Once we get through Phase 2 of the grant, we will continue to look for additional funding and resources.

5. Full Discussion/Action Items

- Announcement of the KRCC Executive Committee

Per the KRCC Bylaws, Mayor Deets announced the 2024 Executive Committee consisting of Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler, Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson, Port Orchard Mayor Rob Putaansuu, Port of Bremerton Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, and Kitsap County Commissioner Katie Walters.

- Approve the draft 2024 Kitsap Countywide Competition Call for Projects

The Board reviewed a summary provided by staff of the edits and updates recommended by members of the TransTAC and TransPOL to the Call for Projects for the Countywide Transportation Competition. The summary of the draft of the Call for Projects with tracked changes was included in the meeting's [agenda packet](#).

KRCC staff walked through some of the highlights of the Call for Projects including capacity safety and environmental retrofit projects that focus on road projects. Additionally, there's preservation money,

which goes specifically to maintaining the roads. The third is non-motorized projects, which is intended for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Staff highlighted that the PSRC's policy framework is based on support for centers and the corridors that serve them. The Countywide Competition criteria was moved to an appendix since KRCC staff is still awaiting guidance from the Puget Sound Regional Council. The KRCC Board will review the updated criteria at their next meeting in March.

The Board discussed the Call for Projects regarding the maximum number of applications for Kitsap County and the jurisdictions. The staff explained that Kitsap County gets a total of 6 eligible applications and all the cities get 4. These numbers were allocated following discussions with TransTAC, TransPOL and the KRCC Board during the last Countywide Competition. Some Board members emphasized that there is a difference between the number of applicants and the number of awards. The KRCC Staff will provide data regarding the past 10 years of Countywide and Regional Competition awards

Commissioner Strakeljahn made a motion to approve the 2024 Call for Projects as drafted. Mayor Erickson seconded the motion. The 2024 Kitsap Countywide Competition Call for Projects was approved as drafted with Commissioner Rolfes and Commissioner Walters voting no.

- Discuss new appointments to KRCC Boards (roster)

The Board discussed new appointments to the KRCC Boards for the 2024 cycle. It was noted to email any updates to the roster to Zak Ott by February 16, 2024. The Board noted the following updates to the roster:

- Mayor Deets noted the new addition from the Bainbridge Island City Council, Councilmember Kristen Hytopoulos has joined the Board, and Councilmember Clarence Moriwaki will be the alternate on the Land Use Planning Policy Committee (PlanPol).

- Discuss new appointments to PSRC Boards (roster)

The Board discussed new appointments to the PSRC Boards and Committees for the 2024 cycle. It was noted to email any updates to Zak Ott by February 16, 2024, The Board noted the following updates to the roster.

- Mayor Deets noted that he will no longer be the alternate on the Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB), which will now be held by Councilmember Ashley Mathews.
- Mayor Deets also noted that the Bainbridge Island City Council plans to review the "Other Cities" rotating alternate position for Policy Boards that is currently held by Councilmember Brenda Fantroy-Johnson.
- Director Clauson noted that the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners appointed Bremerton Councilmember Ann Mockler to the alternate position on the PSRC Transportation Policy Board. He also noted that as he is no longer an elected official, there will have to be a new alternate to the "Other Cities" position on the PSRC Transportation Policy Board.

- Update on postponed homelessness and housing workshop

The Board received an update on the postponed homelessness and housing workshop. Before having this workshop, the KRCC Executive Committee decided they would like to hear the case ruling that will be decided in the U.S Supreme Court on the issue of homelessness encampments, and therefore decided to postpone the workshop.

- Review Letter of Invitation to PGST Chairwoman

The Board reviewed the letter of invitation to PGST Chairwoman. It was noted that the letter was approved by the Executive Committee and signed by the Chair and Vice Chair. The letter has been sent to the Chairwoman, and Mayor Deets plans to have a phone conversation with the Chairwoman soon.

6. KRCC Committee Reports

Land Use

- No land use updates.

Transportation

- Other 2024 Federal Highway Administration Funding (FHA) Competition updates

The KRCC staff noted that they would be happy to meet with anyone one on one to further explain the countywide or regional competitions to those who are new to KRCC.

7. PSRC Board and Committee Reports

- PSRC Executive Board

The Executive Board passed two important items at their last meeting including Federal Transit Authority (FTA) funding and the Call for Projects for the Regional Competition. Additionally, a meeting to talk about solutions to the Washington State Ferries system including counties from outside the PSRC like Whatcom County and the San Juan County will be happening soon.

- Growth Management Policy Board

The Growth Management Policy Board had a presentation on the Legacy of Structural Racism by Dr. Charles Patton and that the GMPB is also having discussions on Regional Centers.

- Transportation Policy Board

The Transportation Policy Board heard an equity report and that a major part of the meeting was getting an agreement on a different scoring criterion.

- Economic Development District Board

The Economic Development District Board will be selecting a new President and Vice President Board for the next year.

8. Corridor Committee Reports

- Gorst Corridor - Mayor Wheeler reported to the Board on a visit from U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen (WA-02) to discuss the Gorst Corridor. He noted that he and some other leaders discussed with Rep. Larsen about what it is like to live on the peninsula and that Board members will get a briefing on Rep. Larsen's trip at the next Gorst Coalition meeting.
- Kitsap Transit - Director Clauson reported to the Board that Kitsap Transit had the opportunity to host the Federal Transit Administration Region 10 staff. There was a briefing on several projects in addition to some site visits and discussions about the Gorst Corridor.

9. Homelessness and Affordable Housing

- City of Bremerton - Mayor Wheeler noted that homelessness and affordable housing will be the major topic at the March KRCC Board meeting and that there will be presenters from county and city staff officials. He noted also that he has had a meeting in Olympia to pursue funding to keep the Salvation Army shelter open while a permanent solution is identified.

10. Staff Report

- KRCC Income Statement

The income statement is provided in the meeting packet. It was noted that KRCC wrapped up the budget from last year and ended with a \$30k carry forward, which allows for more flexibility this year if needed.

11. Public Comment

Maria Fergus – I am a resident of Poulsbo. I want to thank the Kitsap County Commissioners for the allocations of federal transportation funding. I see a greater need for county funding than for city funding. Second, I want to thank Dr. Patton for his presentation. Milwaukee County was the first county in the country to declare racism a public health crisis in the U.S. There has been a total of 265 similar declarations at the city level. The Kitsap County Public Health Board declared racism a public health crisis in May 2021. Many citizens have come before Boards across the state asking for similar declarations. As a council, you have the power to do the same. I hope this council takes the action to announce that structural racism that exists in our society. I ask you as a council to consider a resolution like the Kitsap County Public Health Board.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Appendix A – Board Members in Attendance

Jurisdiction	Board Member	In Attendance?
Bainbridge Island		
	Councilmember J. Deets (Chair)	present
	Councilmember K. Hytopoulos	present
Bremerton		
	Mayor G. Wheeler	present
	Council Member J. Chamberlin	present
	Council Member J. Coughlin	present
Kitsap County		
	Commissioner C. Garrido	present
	Commissioner K. Walters	Present
	Commissioner C. Rolfes	present
Kitsap Transit		
	Director J. Clauson	present
Naval Base Kitsap		
	Captain J. Hale	present
	Allison Satter (alt.)	present
	Anna Whalen (alt.)	present
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe		
	Vacant	
Port of Bremerton		
	Commissioner A. Strakeljahn	present
	Commissioner G. Anderson (alt.)	present
	Commissioner C. Bozeman (alt.)	
Port of Kingston		
	Commissioner M. McClure	
	Commissioner S. Heacock (alt.)	
Port Orchard		
	Mayor R. Putaansuu	
	Council Member M. Trenary	
	Council Member E. Worden (alt.)	present
Poulsbo		
	Mayor B. Erickson	present
	Council Member E. Stern	present
Suquamish Tribe		
	Council Chair L. Forsman	
	Council Member J. Mills (alt.)	
Other		
WSDOT	George Mazur	Present
WSF		
Dept. of Commerce		

Appendix B – Non-Board-Member Participants

Affiliation	Name
KRCC Facilitation Team	
KRCC Program Lead	Sophie Glass
KRCC Administrative Coordinator	Zak Ott
KRCC Transportation Program Lead	Emile Pilchowski
KRCC Land Use Program Lead	Pauline Mogilevsky
Presenters	
Puget Sound Regional Council	Dr. Charles Patton
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	Sara Hetrick