



# Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

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## KRCC Board Meeting Summary

Approved 6-7-2022

Date: **May 3, 2022**  
Time: 10:15 am – 12:15 pm  
Remote meeting via Zoom

Decisions		
The KRCC Board approved:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 1, 2022 KRCC Board Meeting Summary</li> <li>2021 Annexation Report</li> <li>Update to the Call for Projects for the Countywide Transportation Competition</li> </ul>		
Actions	Who?	Status
Double check whether annual Annexation Report is an Appendix to CPPs	KRCC Staff	Complete
Update the Call for Transportation Projects and post on KRCC website	KRCC Staff	Complete
Conduct air quality scoring for Transportation Competition projects	KRCC Staff	Complete
Look into shifting the 5/19 Executive Committee meeting earlier to allow members to attend the transit center groundbreaking ceremony.	KRCC Staff	Complete

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

KRCC Chair/Kitsap County Commissioner Rob Gelder welcomed the Executive Board to the virtual meeting. The Chair welcomed new KRCC Board member Bremerton Council Member Denise Frey.

### 2. Chair’s Comments

The Chair noted that this meeting had a full agenda with many presentations including from WA Department of Commerce and Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TransTAC) Committee members.

KRCC meetings are planned to remain virtual through June, including the brief KRCC Board meeting on June 28. KRCC is developing plans to begin hybrid meetings in September, though plans may continue to adapt depending on how local guidance and public health circumstances evolve.

### 3. Presentation

- [Presentation on HB 1220 by Department of Commerce](#)

Laura Hodgson from Department of Commerce (Commerce) presented on guidance Commerce is developing to assist jurisdictions in meeting requirements of House Bill 1220. Jurisdictions will need to address state-projected housing needs to plan for and accommodate housing affordable to all economic segments as part of their comprehensive plan revision process. [Presentation slides](#) and a [video recording](#) of the meeting are available on the KRCC website, [kitsapregionalcouncil.org](http://kitsapregionalcouncil.org).

The Presenter, Laura Hodgson, and Commerce Housing Team Lead, Anne Fritzel, responded to members questions after the presentation.

Q: Will the available funding be used to support jurisdictions' work with the County to do demographic research to determine local needs and/or to derive data and develop plans?

A: Commerce will develop projected housing needs numbers taking county-specific information into account. "Periodic update funds" can be used to help county and jurisdictions understand their housing needs and weigh in on how the needs will be allocated. For jurisdictions with populations over 10,000, some data is available through an online "housing toolkit" offered on the website of the Washington Center for Real Estate Research. Local planners will also be pulling data from US Census.

Q: Is Department of Commerce's expectation that jurisdictions will work together to create countywide level plans that take into account AMI specifications and demographics, and that plans will specify what housing types will be built and where?

A: Jurisdictions will have to analyze what zoning is on the ground and what is undeveloped or underdeveloped to determine existing capacity and what can be built there, including the number and types of units. This summer, Commerce will be developing a land capacity guidance to help communities walk through that process and those calculations.

Q: How does that correlate with population allocations and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) designations of High Capacity Transit cities, Core Cities, etc.? Will calculating housing allocations conflict with that, and if it does, which requirement prevails?

A: The tool will allow jurisdictions to input their population allocations and will build on that data. Jurisdictions will not need to redo that work. Housing allocations build upon current requirements to take population allocations provided by the Office of Financial Management, allocate that population among communities, and calculate how existing land capacity translates to numbers of housing units to see if there is enough capacity for anticipated growth. The new requirement adds a layer to existing processes to take into account income band to address affordability.

The presenters encouraged members to reach out to Commerce with further questions. Contact information was included in the slides and in the meeting packet.

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

- [Approve the February 1 Board meeting summary](#)

Council Member Stern moved to approve the February 1 Board meeting summary. Director Clausen seconded. The Summary was approved as drafted without objection.

- [Review the January, February, and March Executive Committee meeting summaries](#)

The Chair referred members to the meeting summaries included in their reference packet.

## 5. Full Discussion/Action Items

- Approve the Draft 2021 Annual Annexation Report

One of the duties of KRCC is to document any annexations that occur within its jurisdictions each year. LUTAC and PlanPOL committees have reviewed this report.

Mayor Erickson moved to approve the 2021 Annual Annexation report. Council Member Garrido seconded the motion. The report was approved as drafted without objection.

- Approve the Update to the Call for Transportation Projects regarding the contingency list

This amendment would allow the funding requests on the contingency list to exceed 30-50% of the available funding. This proposal was approved by TransPOL at their March 17 meeting and is intended to align the written document with agreed upon and prior practice, which has not placed a cap on contingency project amounts.

Mayor Erickson moved that the update to the Call for Transportation Projects be approved. Mayor Putaansuu seconded the motion. The update was approved without objection.

- Review presentations on Countywide and Regional Competition projects

Countywide and Regional Competition projects were presented by a staff member from each proposing jurisdiction, who then answered Board members' questions following each presentation. Slides are available in the May 3 Board meeting [Agenda Packet](#) and full presentations may be viewed in the meeting's [video recording](#). Both files can be accessed via [KRCC's website](#). Questions about the projects are summarized below.

City of Bainbridge Island Projects – presented by Chris Wierzbicki, Public Works Director

- Project 1 – Countywide – Finch/Sportsman Club Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
- Project 2 – Countywide – Wyatt Way Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Discussion/response to questions: There is overlap between these two projects involving improvements at the intersection of Wyatt and Finch. If either is funded, improvements would be done at that intersection. If both projects are funded, there would be some cost reduction in the total amount of funding needed due to the overlap.

City of Bremerton Projects – presented by Vicki Grover, Transportation Project Manager

- Project 1 – Countywide – SR 303 Corridor Improvements, Phase 2

Discussion/response to questions: Furneys Lane is a WSDOT controlled signal. Partnership with the State, who owns and controls traffic signals along this corridor, is an essential element of this project.

- Project 2 – Countywide – 11th Street Roadway Preservation

No questions.

City of Port Orchard Projects – presented by Chris Hammer, Public Works Engineering Manager

- Project 1 – Countywide – SR 166/Bay Street Reconstruction

Discussion/response to questions: Sea level rise is a significant factor in this proposal, requiring that roads need to be elevated by 1.5 feet. The proposal funding request does not include cost of undergrounding electrical lines, which will be covered by the utilities but implemented in coordination with these proposed transportation improvements. Environmental review, which includes attention to and management of both recorded and unrecorded archeological sites in this area, will begin next year. The area around this project includes plans for mixed use elements as part of the area's master plan, including a parking structure, two residential towers, and a mixed-use development. Environmental elements of the master plan (but not this transportation proposal) involve shoreline restoration elements including stormwater elements and removal of armoring. Port Orchard and Port of Bremerton are working together to coordinate shoreline restoration plans in adjacent areas controlled by the two jurisdictions.

- Project 2 – Countywide – Old Clifton Non-Motorized Improvements

No questions.

- Project 3 – Countywide – City Wide Asphalt Overlays

No questions.

City of Poulsbo Projects – presented by Josh Ranes, Capital Projects Manager

- Project 1 – Countywide – Noll Road North Segment 3B

Discussion/response to questions: This primary link to the Noll Road corridor is currently a gravel driveway without stormwater management or pedestrian amenities.

- Project 2 – Countywide – 3rd Avenue Reconstruction

Discussion/response to questions: This street is downtown and has no pedestrian or stormwater features. New apartment buildings are being built adjacent to the site. Back in angled parking, not shown in the current drawings, will be part of the plan. Electrification (charging stations for electric vehicles) is also a desired feature in this area.

- Project 3 – Countywide – Finn Hill Overlay

No questions.

Kitsap County Projects – presented by David Forte, Transportation Planning Supervisor

- Project 1 – Regional and Countywide – Ridgetop-Mickelberry to Myhre ROW Phase 1

- Project 2 – Countywide – Ridgetop-Mickelberry to Myhre ROW Phase 2
- Project 3 – Countywide – Lund & Hoover
- Project 4 – Countywide – Preservation: Lake Flora, West Kingston
- Project 5 – Countywide – Anderson Hill Corridor Study

No questions/discussion on Kitsap County projects.

Kitsap Transit Projects – presented by Jeff Davidson, Grants and Compliance Coordinator

- Project 1 – Countywide – Johnson Road Park and Ride PE

Discussion/response to questions: Aerial photo in the slides is not recent and so does not show the roundabout currently under construction. Much paving is complete, and the roundabout half done, with anticipated completion in late summer or early fall. Parking created in this proposal would be a parking lot with all stalls on one level in the two flat parcels shown. The surrounding area in upper portion of the map is slated for upcoming development.

- Project 2 – Countywide – West Bremerton Transit Center Hydrogen Fueling Station (Bus and Public Use) and Park and Ride

Discussion/response to questions: Kitsap Transit is interested in creating infrastructure to support a hydrogen-fueled fleet. Buses in the region do not currently use hydrogen fuel cells, partly due to a lack of fueling stations.

- Air Quality Scoring for Transportation Competition Projects

Per the guidance of the KRCC Executive Committee, KRCC staff will conduct the necessary air quality scoring for all the transportation competition projects.

## 6. KRCC Committee Reports

### A. Land Use

- Status update on Employment and Population Growth Target Allocations and Updated Growth Allocations Calendar

LUTAC reached consensus on draft population and employment growth targets. PSRC is currently reviewing the draft growth targets and justification memo. The KRCC Board will review the draft growth targets during the June 7 meeting. The Board will vote on the growth targets during a new, short KRCC Board meeting on June 28.

- Response from KRCC Executive Committee to Bainbridge Island letter regarding CPPs

A response to Bainbridge Island's letter regarding CPPs was included in the reference packet for Board members' information. No action was required from the Board.

### B. Transportation

Transportation topics were covered in the Full Discussion/Action Items section earlier in this meeting.

## **7. PSRC Board and Committee Reports**

PSRC Executive Board met last week to discuss the details of a transportation plan for the 4-county area that has been in development in the PSRC Transportation Policy Board for a year. The PSRC Executive Board offered a series of amendments to strengthen language regarding equity and to address climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. These amendments were proposed by King County and had support from all four counties. All passed. The plan will go to the General Assembly on May 26. There was broad support for the plan and some concern that greenhouse gas elements that use metrics based on counting numbers of vehicles may put Kitsap at a disadvantage because Kitsap has fewer car trips than the other counties. Members agreed that more discussion of this topic was warranted before the May PSRC meeting.

## **8. Corridor Committee Reports**

The Move Ahead Washington transportation package was adopted at the end of the Legislative session. \$18.5 million will go toward a congestion mitigation solution for Kingston ferry traffic. Port Orchard noted that funding was not allocated to address the Cedric Road and Highway 16 intersection. Port Orchard has learned of technology that may manage the signals better and will be shifting strategy to seek funding for signal upgrades to address problems at that intersection in the near term. \$75 million was allocated to the Gorst Corridor to start the environmental design process.

## **9. KRCC Emergent and Countywide Issues**

Poulsbo reported receiving a visit from Department of Natural Resources staff looking at aggregate mapping to map potential for mining sand, gravel, crushed stone, and other construction materials. Kitsap County will follow up to find out more. Port Orchard expressed potential receptivity to mining sand and gravel in its industrial area as part of industrial development.

The old hospital on the East Bremerton campus will be demolished with the goal of remediating all environmental impacts to create a greenfield with potential for redevelopment of the whole Sheridan Park area into a hospital campus with pedestrian friendly community. Bremerton will be working to provide incentives through code development to create housing in all ranges being proposed by Department of Commerce.

Port of Bremerton's new diner is in place with construction moving forward and plans to open in late August or September.

Port of Bremerton, Kitsap Transit, and City of Bainbridge Island worked together with Department of Commerce to host a French delegation from a region of France known for development of green energy and shipbuilding. The delegation included the region's Vice President and an economic development director representing 200 French companies. The delegation was interested in electrification of buses, vehicle electrification infrastructure, hybrid ferries, and other greening efforts in the Kitsap region. Delegates toured the port and attended a meeting at the ferry maintenance facility at Naval Harbor and a final reception hosted by Bainbridge Island.

Kitsap Transit will be holding a groundbreaking ceremony for Silverdale Transit Center on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Governor Inslee and the federal transit administrator from Washington, DC will be there. All are invited to attend this in-person event.

## 10. Staff Report

- KRCC Income Statement

The Chair reported that eight jurisdictions paid 2022 dues in full in March, and dues payments received in January were related to 2021 dues.

## 11. Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was offered. There were no public comments.

## 12. KRCC Board Questions, Concerns, and Announcements

No one offered further questions, concerns, or announcements.

## 13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

## Appendix A – Board Members in Attendance

Jurisdiction	Board Member	In Attendance?
<b>Bainbridge Island</b>		
	Mayor J. Deets	present
	Council Member L. Schneider	
<b>Bremerton</b>		
	Mayor G. Wheeler (V. Chair)	present
	Council Member D. Frey	present
	Council Member J. Coughlin	present
<b>Kitsap County</b>		
	Commissioner R. Gelder (Chair)	present
	Commissioner C. Garrido	present
	Commissioner E. Wolfe	present
<b>Kitsap Transit</b>		
	Director J. Clauson	present
<b>Naval Base Kitsap</b>		
	Captain R. Massie	
	Allison Satter (alt.)	
<b>Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe</b>		

	Chairman J. Sullivan	
<b>Port of Bremerton</b>		
	Commissioner A. Strakeljahn	present
	Commissioner G. Anderson (alt.)	
	Commissioner C. Bozeman (alt.)	
<b>Port of Kingston</b>		
	Commissioner M. McClure	
	Commissioner S. Heacock (alt.)	
<b>Port Orchard</b>		
	Mayor R. Putaansuu	present
	Councilmember J. Rosapepe (alt.)	
	Councilmember Mark Trenary (alt.)	
<b>Poulsbo</b>		
	Mayor B. Erickson	present
	Councilmember E. Stern	present
<b>Suquamish Tribe</b>		
	Council Chair L. Forsman	present
	Councilmember J. Mills (alt.)	
<b>Other</b>		
WSDOT	JoAnn Schueler	
WSDOT	Gaius Sanoy (alt.)	
WSF		
WA Dept. of Commerce		

## Appendix B – Non-Board-Member Participants

Affiliation	Name
<b>KRCC Facilitation Team</b>	
KRCC Program Lead	Sophie Glass
KRCC Administrative Coordinator	Cheryl Klotz
KRCC Transportation Program Lead	Claire Wendle
<b>Presenters – HB 1220</b>	
WA Dept. of Commerce	Laura Hodgson
WA Dept. of Commerce	Anne Fritzel
<b>Presenters – Transportation Projects</b>	
City of Bainbridge Island	Chris Wierzbicki
City of Bremerton	Vicki Grover
City of Port Orchard	Chris Hammer
City of Poulsbo	Josh Ranes
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