



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)
DRAFT Transportation Policy Committee (TransPOL) Meeting Summary
November 19, 2020 Meeting | 3:15-4:45 PM | Remote Meeting
v. 12-22-20

Decisions		
• No decisions were made by TransPOL.		
Actions	Who	Status
Upload the 8/20/20 meeting summary to the KRCC website.	KRCC staff	Complete
Send recommended Project Selection Task Force discussion topics to Kelly McGourty.	TransPOL members	Ongoing
Update the 2021 TransPOL meeting plan.	KRCC staff	Ongoing

A. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF DRAFT AUGUST 20, 2020 MEETING SUMMARY

Sophie Glass, KRCC Program Director, welcomed participants to the virtual meeting (see Attachment A for a list of TransPOL members and observers). TransPOL approved the August 20 meeting summary with no edits. KRCC staff will post the summary to the KRCC website.

B. GENERAL PSRC UPDATES

Regional Transportation Plan update.

Kelly McGourty, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), provided a briefing on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update process, convening of the Project Selection Taskforce, and potential project selection criteria updates. She noted work to update the Regional Transportation Plan by 2022 is underway. The plan, updated every 4 years, outlines the objectives and actions for the Puget Sound Region to meet its mobility needs. The current RTP from 2018 developed a new Integrated Regional Transit Network. The 2022 RTP builds on the previous plan, plans for growth out to 2050, and improves data analysis to support local planning. The Plan, based on VISION 2050, is a transit-focused strategy with the following key policy areas: Access to Transit, Forward Thinking, Local Agency Needs, Safety, Equity, and Climate.

TransPOL had the following questions and comments:

- Commissioner McClure: Does the bicycle analysis of the plan update include coordination with the Cascade Bicycle Club?
 - Kelly: Yes, they are involved and sit on the PSRC's Transportation Policy Board and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
- Mayor Erickson: What is the Regional Transportation Plan's (RTP) definition of equity? She requested a map with demographic data of people of color in Puget Sound communities overlaid with relative wealth data of the Puget Sound Region. She emphasized the importance of funding equity.
 - Kelly shared that PSRC uses an equity lens by evaluating metrics related to race, income age, English proficiency, and ability. PSRC will also convene a Community Advisory Group to recommend how equity is integrated into the RTP.

Project Selection Task Force and Project Selection Criteria updates.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared the Project Selection Task Force will convene in February 2021 to prepare for the next FHWA funding cycle. The Task Force reviews key policy issues and administrative procedures for PSRC's project selection process, which distributes approximately \$260 million per year in federal funds. Members are volunteers from PSRC's four Boards. In the past the time commitment for the group has been four meetings but given feedback received after the last funding cycle, the Task Force will meet

earlier in the process and have more meetings. She flagged two potential discussion topics that may make their way to the Project Selection Task Force for consideration: (1) making the Regional Competition exclusively for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and (2) eliminating the cap on the number of applications each countywide group can submit to the Regional Competition.

Councilmember Ashby and Mayor Erickson, long-time participants on the Task Force, emphasized the importance of Kitsap participating on the Task Force and retaining the Kitsap Set Aside. They shared the expectation of a robust discussion related to equity in the next year. The call for projects for the next funding cycle is anticipated to be released in February 2022. Kelly asked TransPOL members send recommended Task Force discussion topics to her.

Regional Passenger Only Ferry Study.

Lastly, Kelly shared the Regional Passenger Only Ferry Study is wrapping up and to expect a notification about the final report in mid-December. She confirmed PSRC and the Suquamish Tribe are in communication about one of the studied ferry routes.

C. COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES (CPPs) UPDATE BRIEFING

Sophie provided an overview of the Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) update process. KRCC is responsible for updating the CPPs by the end of 2021. TransTAC and TransPOL are involved in the process because the CPPs have components related to transportation. One component is that Countywide Centers are tied to the funding received through the Countywide Competition. The second is the Transportation Element (Element H), which includes policy language related to countywide transportation.

Sophie explained the CPP update process consists of two parallel tracks of CPP-related work. One being the consultant team working with LUTAC and PlanPOL to ensure the updates are in alignment with the Growth Management Act (GMA) and VISION 2050. The other work stream is KRCC providing feedback on which optional policies are still priorities for the organization. LUTAC is currently evaluating the first set of Elements (Chapters) based on consistency with VISION 2050 and with GMA. TransPOL will review the updated Transportation Element at their February meeting.

D. SUPPORTING LARGE REGIONAL PROJECTS IN KITSAP

Actionable strategies to obtain transportation funding outside of the PSRC Competitions.

Sophie opened the discussion by reminding TransPOL that at their last meeting, they reviewed research on various transportation funding mechanisms (tolling, impact fees, local sales tax, benefit district, and gas tax) and they expressed interest in continuing discussions on this topic. She asked TransPOL how they see themselves moving forward on actionable strategies for 2021. TransPOL made the following comments in response:

- Mayor Erickson emphasized the importance of jurisdictions making sure they are taking advantage of all the tools available to them, including impact fees. She would like to see an evaluation of which jurisdictions are utilizing which funding tools. One significant but unlikely solution would be to remove the concurrency and levels of service requirements for local jurisdictions.
- Councilmember Ashby noted all Kitsap jurisdictions have a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) except Poulsbo. She suggested exploring a Kitsap countywide TBD and the possibility of a sales tax. She also reminded the group that the topic of supporting large regional projects in Kitsap originated from Kitsap County's SR 104 project being too large for the Countywide Competition and too small for the Regional Competition. The Kitsap region was previously successful in obtaining funds from the Legislature through the West Sound Alliance (WSA) so Kitsap should consider using a similar approach to get the project in the next statewide transportation package. TransPOL

should be prepared and educated on which new funding mechanisms from the Legislature they could engage in.

- David Forte, Kitsap County, shared the County is in the process of conducting analyses to update its impact fees in early 2021.
- Mayor Wheeler suggested inviting experts in transportation funding to speak at future TransPOL meetings.

Sophie proposed the following 2021 meeting plan based on TransPOL's discussion:

- Meeting 1: Local Strategy
 - Conduct an inventory of current funding mechanisms used and discuss gaps
- Meeting 2: Countywide Strategy
 - Consider a Countywide Transportation Benefit District
 - Create a Countywide list of potential projects
- Meeting 3: State Strategy
 - Discuss using the West Sound Alliance approach to advocate for Kitsap in a future Washington State transportation package
- Meeting 4: Federal Strategy
 - Discuss involvement in a federal infrastructure bill

E. PSRC TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATES

Report out on the latest PSRC Transportation Policy Board meeting:

The last PSRC Transportation Policy Board meeting was on November 12 and the next meeting is on December 10. Agenda topics from the November 12 meeting included updates on the Regional Equity Strategy, Regional Transportation Plan Outreach, Specialized Transportation Services Outreach, Annual Transit Integration Report, and Project Selection Task Force Scoping.

F. CORRIDOR UPDATES

- **SR 305.** Construction on the roundabout retaining walls will happen in the next few weeks. The next Committee meeting is tentatively in January.
- **SR 16/Gorst.** The Gorst Coalition Executive Committee meets on November 20 to review the 2021 work plan and budget.
- **SR 104.** Short term actions are being identified for the working group to review within the next two months.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

The next TransPOL meeting will be on February 18, 2021.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

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Attachment A: Meeting Attendees

NAME	JURISDICTION (ALPHABETICAL)
TRANSPOL MEMBERS:	
Mayor Schneider	City of Bainbridge
Mayor Wheeler	City of Bremerton
Councilmember Ashby	City of Port Orchard
Mayor Erickson	City of Poulsbo
Commissioner McClure	Port of Kingston
Commissioner Grovnull	Port of Kingston
OBSERVERS:	
Chris Wierzbicki	Bainbridge Island
David Forte	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Fred Salisbury	Port of Bremerton
Mark Dorsey	Port Orchard
Kelly McGourty	Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)
Dennis Engel	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
STAFF:	
Sophie Glass	KRCC Program Director
Mishu Pham-Whipple	KRCC Transportation Program Lead