



**Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)
Draft Transportation Policy Committee (TransPOL) Meeting Summary**

March 19, 2020 Meeting | 3:15-4:45 PM | Remote Meeting
v. 3/24/20

Decisions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No decisions were made by TransPOL. 		
Actions	Who	Status
Follow up with Kitsap County, Port Orchard, Port of Bremerton, Port of Kingston, Kitsap Transit, Bremerton, Poulsbo and Naval Base Kitsap to develop a preliminary Gorst Coalition stakeholder list by April 7.	KRCC staff	Complete
Gather resources on the South Sound Military Community Partners to reference in future discussions regarding the proposed Gorst Coalition.	KRCC staff	Complete

A. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF DRAFT OCTOBER 17, 2019 MEETING SUMMARY

Sophie Glass, KRCC Program Lead, welcomed participants to the virtual meeting (see Attachment A for a list of TransPOL members and observers). Sophie thanked everyone for participating remotely as KRCC shifts to remote meetings in response to the COVID-19 public health concerns. She requested that any public comments be sent to her via email. She reviewed the topics of the last KRCC TransPOL meeting, which were generally preparations for the 2020 transportation funding competitions.

B. PSRC TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATES

Report out on the latest PSRC Transportation Policy Board meeting: Mayor Erickson reported that many of the PSRC Board meetings have been cancelled due to COVID-19 public health concerns.

C. REGIONAL AND COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION COMPETITION

Overview of the Regional and Countywide Transportation Competitions: Sophie shared that \$19.68 million of STP funds are available via the Regional Competition. Of the Kitsap jurisdictions, Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County, Kitsap Transit and the Port of Bremerton are submitting projects to the Regional Competition. In the Kitsap Countywide Competition, \$9.57 million are available.

Within the \$9.57 million available:

- \$7.17 million is in the General Fund (Capacity, Safety, Environmental Retrofit Projects)
- \$1.37 million is available for Preservation Projects
- \$1.03 is available Non-Motorized Projects; and
- \$340,000 must be spent to rural projects, known as the Rural Minimum

Kitsap jurisdictions are collectively submitting 16 projects to the Countywide Competition. Sophie noted key dates for the Regional and Countywide Competitions:

Countywide Competition:

- Countywide Applications due May 8
- Countywide Project Selection Workshop on May 27

- KRCC TranPOL meeting May 28 to review project recommendations
- KRCC Board approves projects on June 2

Regional Competition:

- Regional Applications due April 8
- Presentations at PSRC RPEC 4/23-24
- RPEC Project Selection Workshop 5/21-22

Receive Countywide Project presentations from Kitsap Project Sponsors:

[City of Bainbridge Island](#)

- Winslow to Eagledale Bicycle Improvements
 - Request: \$1,000,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: Mayor Erickson asked whether Bainbridge Island’s building moratorium was still in place. Mayor Schneider responded that the building moratorium has been reduced but some restrictions are still in place in the core as the city finishes work on inclusionary zoning.
- Blakely to Lynwood
 - Request: \$1,250,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: N/A
- Rolling Bay Bicycle & Ped Improvements
 - Request: \$1,500,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: Mayor Erickson asked about how much traffic the area experiences. Chris Wierzbicki, Bainbridge Island Public Works Director, responded that the area has 3,000-5,000 vehicles a day. Commissioner McClure asked whether the project was eligible for non-motorized funds. Chris responded that the project would ask for funding from the general and non-motorized funds. Councilmember Ashby asked what the obligation year for the project would be. Chris responded that the project would be obligated in 2023, with construction in 2024.

[City of Bremerton](#)

- Kitsap Way - Northlake Way to SR3
 - Request: \$600,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: N/A
- 6th Street Preservation - Phase 3 Naval Ave to Warren Ave
 - Request: \$1,900,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: N/A

[Kitsap County](#)

- SR 104 Realignment - Kingston Phase 1 and Phase 2
 - Request: \$7,551,570

- Comments and Clarifications: Mayor Erickson asked why the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) was not providing more financial support for the project given that WSDOT owns the highway. Commissioner Gelder responded that WSDOT has supported the project by funding the local match for preliminary engineering phase and awarding toll tax credits toward the project. He added that the project was the top priority project from the complete streets study conducted in 2016 and that community members have expressed the importance of this project.
- Sound to Olympic (STO) Trail - Port Gamble Trail A, B, & D
 - Request: \$2,660,162
 - Comments and Clarifications: N/A
- Fairgrounds Road Complete Streets
 - Request: \$2,600,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: N/A
- North STO Trail Planning Study
 - Request: \$350,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: N/A
- County Paver Bundle
 - Request: \$1,001,873
 - Comments and Clarifications: N/A

[Kitsap Transit](#)

- SR 16 Park & Ride
 - Request: \$2,200,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: Commissioner McClure asked whether Kitsap Transit would pursue funds in the Countywide Competition in the future should the project experience a funding gap. Steffanie Lillie, Kitsap Transit Planning and Capital Program Director, responded that Kitsap Transit would use other funding sources to address any funding gaps.
- Port Orchard Transit Center
 - Request: \$600,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: Commissioner Gelder asked about the purpose of the warehouse at the transit center. Steffanie responded that the warehouse would be a multilevel facility with a transit center on the ground floor and storage and offices on the upper floors, all to support the operations of the fast ferries and foot ferries.
- Gateway Center
 - Request: \$3,500,000

- Comments and Clarifications: Mayor Erickson asked why the project was not being submitted to the Federal Transit Administration Transportation Competition. Stefanie responded that a project of this size would not be competitive in that competition.

Port of Bremerton

- Airport Industrial Way Phase 2-2
 - Request: \$2,942,656
 - Comments and Clarifications: Mayor Erickson asked whether the Port charges impact fees. Commissioner Strakeljahn responded that the Port collected impact fees from Amazon, which are applied as the match for the project.

City of Poulsbo

- Noll Corridor - North Segment
 - Request: \$2,350,000
 - Comments and Clarifications: N/A

D. ADDRESS NAVAL BASE KITSAP'S PROPOSAL FOR A TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE

Review transportation concerns in the Gorst area and recommendations from the SR 16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge to SR 3 Congestion Study: Lynn Wall, Naval Base Kitsap, reviewed the importance of Gorst, which is the peninsula's only corridor that facilitates the movement of freight and emergency supplies should an emergency occur. Although there have been conversations and studies on Gorst in the past, the Navy is suggesting that jurisdictions move toward forming an action-oriented coalition that the Navy could provide education and expertise to. TransPOL members agreed that the sustainability of Gorst is a regional issue that requires some sort of coalition to address concerns.

Discuss options for forming a coalition to address concerns: In terms of who would be the convening body, some TransPOL members felt that an approach resembling the West Sound Alliance (WSA) model, where jurisdictions and their lobbyists collaborate, would be constructive. Some TransPOL members felt that the coalition would need a more prominent host or champion, such as the Port of Bremerton or the City of Bremerton, to lead the effort. Councilmember Ashby noted that part of the KRCC dues that members pay goes towards staffing WSA meetings, which could be used to support the coalition. Dennis Engel, WSDOT Olympic Region Multimodal Planning, noted that South Sound Military Community Partners is a group that may be a good model to look to. KRCC staff will gather resources on the South Sound Military Community Partners to reference in future discussions.

In terms of who would be part of the coalition, TransPOL brainstormed the following preliminary list:

- City of Bremerton
- City of Poulsbo
- City of Port Orchard
- Port of Bremerton
- Port of Kingston
- Kitsap County

- Kitsap Transit
- Mason County
- Chambers of Commerce (KEDA + others)
- Lobbyists
- Kitsap County Sheriff
- Suquamish Tribe
- Port Gamble S'klallam Tribe
- WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Ecology
- 35th Legislative District
- 26th Legislative District
- 23rd Legislative District
- US Reps and Senators

As a follow up item, a subgroup of TransPOL members expressed interest in refining this stakeholder list and discussing next steps. KRCC staff will follow up with Kitsap County, Port Orchard, Port of Bremerton, Port of Kingston, Kitsap Transit, Bremerton, Poulsbo and Naval Base Kitsap to develop a stakeholder list by April 7 so Lynn Wall can share this list with Rep. Kilmer during an April 8 meeting.

E. CORRIDOR UPDATES

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

The next TransPOL meeting will be on May 28, 2020.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sophie requested that all public comments be sent via email.

H. ADJOURN

Attachment A: Meeting Attendees

NAME	JURISDICTION (ALPHABETICAL)
TRANSPOL MEMBERS:	
Mayor Schneider	City of Bainbridge
Councilmember Ashby	City of Port Orchard
Mayor Erickson	City of Poulsbo
Commissioner Gelder	Kitsap County
Director Clauson	Kitsap Transit
Lynn Wall	Naval Base Kitsap
Commissioner Strakeljahn	Port of Bremerton
Commissioner McClure	Port of Kingston
OBSERVERS:	
Chris Wierzbicki	City of Bainbridge Island
Shane Weber	City of Bremerton
Mark Dorsey	City of Port Orchard
Joshua Ranes	City of Poulsbo
David Forte	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Fred Salisbury	Port of Bremerton
Commissioner Laura Gronnvoll	Port of Kingston
Dennis Engel	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
STAFF:	
Sophie Glass	KRCC Program Lead
Mishu Pham-Whipple	KRCC Transportation Program Lead