



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

May 28, 2020 Meeting | 3:15-4:45 PM | Remote Meeting

v. 6-3-20

Decisions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TransPOL recommended the 2023-2024 Kitsap Countywide Projects to the KRCC Board. 		
Actions	Who	Status
Distribute to TransPOL the evaluation scores of the Regional Competition projects and award information.	KRCC staff	Complete

A. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF DRAFT MARCH 19, 2020 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. Commissioner Strakeljahn made a motion to approve the March 19 meeting summary. Commissioner McClure seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

B. PSRC TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATES

Report out on the latest PSRC Transportation Policy Board meeting: Mayor Erickson reported that many of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Board meetings have been cancelled due to COVID-19 public health concerns. The annual General Assembly will be held on June 25.

C. REGIONAL AND COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION COMPETITION

Overview of the Regional and Countywide Transportation Competitions: KRCC is responsible for coordinating the Countywide Competition and recommending projects for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds to the PSRC Transportation Policy Board, which is then approved by the PSRC Executive Board. There were \$9.57 million available for Kitsap’s Countywide Competition, which must be split equally among 2022 and 2023, with funds required to be distributed as follows:

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

Kitsap jurisdictions collectively submitted 16 projects to the Countywide Competition. The Regional Competition, which is administered through PSRC had \$19.68 million in funds for projects submitted from across the Puget Sound Region.

Review outcomes of the Regional Competition. Kitsap Transit’s Southworth Terminal Redevelopment Project received \$2.25 million in funding in the Regional Competition. It was not submitted into the Countywide Competition. The two Kitsap projects that were submitted into both the Countywide and Regional Competitions (Port of Bremerton’s Airport Industrial Way and Kitsap County’s SR 104 Realignment) did not receive awards in the Regional Competition. Bainbridge Island also submitted a project into the Regional Competition (and not the Countywide Competition) but was not awarded funding. TransPOL requested that the evaluation scores of the Regional Competition projects and award information be provided in the follow up.

Review Kitsap 2023-2024 Countywide Projects and recommendation from TransTAC. Mishu Pham-Whipple, KRCC Transportation Program Lead, congratulated project sponsors for completing the intensive application and project selection process both for the Regional and Countywide Competitions. She provided an overview of the Countywide Project Award and Contingency List Recommendation from TransTAC.

- The Countywide Competition was competitive in that the total request was more than three times the amount of funding available.
- The six projects that were on the recommended award list were:
 - Kitsap Transit's SR 16 Park & Ride (\$1,700,000 Award)
 - Poulsbo's Noll Corridor North Segment (\$1,070,000 Award)
 - Kitsap County's STO – Port Gamble Trail (\$1,992,162 Award)
 - Kitsap County's Fairgrounds Road Complete Streets (\$2,300,000 Award)
 - Bremerton's 6th Street Preservation – Phase 3 (\$1,772,838 Award)
 - Bainbridge Island's Winslow to Eagledale Bicycle Improvements (735,000 Award)
- Two of the projects (Kitsap County's STO – Port Gamble Trail and Poulsbo's Noll Corridor) were phased and split between the award and contingency list.
- The award list is balanced by year within about \$150,000.
- The Contingency List is prioritized and ordered by the ranking of evaluations except for the Port of Bremerton's Airport Industrial Way project, which was moved to the top of the Contingency list.

Below are the questions and discussion brought forward by TransPOL and TransTAC members:

- Commissioner Gelder asked why the SR 104 Realignment Phase 1, which scored the highest of all projects was on the contingency list.
 - Several TransTAC members responded that:
 - It became clear that the SR 104 Phases would not move forward given their large request amounts relative to the funding available.
 - The request for the Phase 1 project was more than what was available for a single year and would have meant none of the other projects could be funded that year.
 - The SR 104 Phases were as scaled down as possible so it would not be possible to partially fund those phases.
 - Commissioner McClure noted that Kingston has been negatively impacted by congestion for decades and understood that the SR 104 Realignment was a priority project.
 - Councilmember Ashby if the County could reallocate the \$4.3 million they were awarded to SR104 Phases.
 - David Forte, Kitsap County responded that doing so would not be feasible since each of the SR 104 phases would need the request all at once due to the requirements related to utilizing toll credits. Doing so would also conflict with the need to meet the rural set aside requirement.
 - Commissioner McClure asked if hypothetically, there were a way to come up with additional funds for the SR 104 project, could KRCC reconsider which projects were awarded and on the contingency list.
 - Mayor Erickson responded that it would be unlikely to make significant changes to the award and contingency list since any adjustments would need to be made before approval by the KRCC Board on June 2.
 - Mayor Wheeler expressed that he did not support major changes to the slate of recommended projects.

- Commissioner Gelder and Commissioner McClure will follow up offline about communicating the award results with the affected community.
- Commissioner Strakeljahn added that historically, projects on the contingency list receive funding.
- Commissioner Gelder encouraged TransPOL to consider developing evaluation criteria and awarding funding based on geographic and historical equity as well as a definition of countywide significance.
- Councilmember Ashby added that reevaluating the transportation funding criteria and process will need to be incorporated into the 2021 KRCC TransPOL Work Plan and take place once the new criteria in VISION 2050 is approved. She also noted that KRCC will need to explore how to obtain consistent and sustainable transportation funding at a state level since the need for transportation funding by jurisdictions is much greater than what is currently available through PSRC.

Recommend Kitsap 2023-2024 Countywide Projects to KRCC Board. Mayor Erickson made a motion to recommend the 2023-2024 Kitsap Countywide Projects to the KRCC Board. Councilmember Ashby seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

D. REGIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) INVENTORY PRESENTATION

Presentation by Gary Simonson and Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) are technologies and communication systems that improve traffic flow and enhance the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the transportation system.

[To view the presentation slides, click here.](#)

Questions and discussion following the presentation are summarized below:

- Mayor Erickson asked if it was accurate that the City of Bellevue gained a whole lane width of capacity due to the implementation of ITS technologies.
 - Gary Simonson, PSRC, responded that he hasn't seen data to confirm that claim but that he has heard anecdotes of improved traffic flow in Bellevue.
 - Pavithra Parthasarathi added that PSRC and jurisdictions are trying to get more data on traffic before and after ITS is implemented to evaluate improvements and that Bellevue has conducted detailed analysis of their own.
- Commissioner McClure shared that the Lindvog Ferry holding lot project has a significant ITS component and that the Washington State Ferries staff member on the project is very proficient in ITS.

E. CORRIDOR UPDATES

- **SR 305.** Mayor Erickson reported that the City of Poulsbo received a good response for bids for construction of the roundabout project. Allowing flexible start times likely helped receive several bids.
- **SR 16/Gorst.** Commissioner Strakeljahn reported that he had a call with Representative Kilmer's office regarding the Gorst Coalition and is working with Kitsap County to complete a Gorst handout. Commissioner Gary Anderson will serve on the Gorst Coalition's Executive Committee.
- **SR 104.** Commissioner McClure reported that the committee has not met recently but learned from a preliminary briefing that the holding lot portion of the project will move ahead with a large cost associated with stormwater mitigation facilities.
- **SR 307.** Mayor Erickson reported that the formation of this committee will be a priority in the fall.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

Mayor Wheeler reported that the City of Bremerton will be conducting virtual public meetings for the SR 303 corridor study. The City will need to evaluate whether the level of public engagement is sufficient before the final proposal is brought before Council for adoption.

The next TransPOL meeting will be on June 18, 2020.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Willott, resident, Vice President of Kitsap Trails Association, and part of the leadership of the Regional Trail Coalition which works on connecting regional trails in central Puget Sound, reported that regional trail use is up 200% due since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. He emphasized the value of having active transportation options to promote resiliency.

Roger Gay, South Kitsap resident, noted that it has been interesting to follow the transportation competition process and is looking forward to seeing the projects beginning to take shape in 2023.

H. ADJOURN

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 Gelder	Kitsap County
Director Clauson	Kitsap Transit
Lynn Wall	Naval Base Kitsap
Commissioner Strakeljahn	Port of Bremerton
Commissioner Anderson	Port of Bremerton
Commissioner McClure	Port of Kingston
Commissioner Grovnoll	Port of Kingston
OBSERVERS:	
Chris Wierzbicki	City of Bainbridge Island
Shane Weber	City of Bremerton
Ned Lever	City of Bremerton
Mark Dorsey	City of Port Orchard
Diane Lenius	City of Poulsbo
Jeff Shea	Kitsap County
David Forte	Kitsap County
Andrew Nelson	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Fred Salisbury	Port of Bremerton
Commissioner Grovnoll	Port of Kingston
Don Willott	Resident
Roger Gay	Resident
Dennis Engel	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
PRESENTERS:	
Gary Simonson	Puget Sound Regional Council
Pavithra Parthasarathi	Puget Sound Regional Council
STAFF:	
Sophie Glass	KRCC Program Lead
Mishu Pham-Whipple	KRCC Transportation Program Lead