



# Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

## Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)

### Draft Board Meeting Summary

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Virtual Meeting following Governor Inslee’s Stay at Home Order

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Decisions		
The KRCC Board approved:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/5/2020 KRCC Board Meeting Summary</li> <li>Kitsap Countywide Project Funding Awards</li> </ul>		
Actions	Who?	Status
Upload the 5/5/2020 KRCC Board meeting summary to the KRCC website.	KRCC staff	Complete

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wolfe welcomed participants (see attachment A for KRCC Board members in attendance and Attachment B for members of the public in attendance).

## 2. CHAIR’S COMMENTS

Chair Wolfe shared that he is proud and impressed with the coordination and responsiveness of Kitsap jurisdictions and communities during challenging times. He noted that the Board of County Commissioners will honor the memory of Tex Lewis at their upcoming meeting.

## 3. CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of the 5/5/2020 KRCC Board meeting summary.** Councilmember Stern moved to approve the 5/5/20 Board meeting summary. Director Clauson seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

### **Review of the 5/19/2020 Executive Committee Meeting Summary.**

No comments or questions about the Executive Committee meeting summary were provided.

## 4. FULL DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Update on preliminary planning of Annual Legislative Reception.** Every November, KRCC holds a Legislative Reception. The Executive Committee is seeking to move forward with an in-person reception with a creative format as needed to accommodate social distancing measures. Commissioner Strakeljahn noted it was important to have some sort of reception ahead of the next legislative session. Councilmember Stern asked if there was interest in KRCC putting together a list of legislative priorities. Councilmember Ashby responded that because the next Board meeting is not until September, the coordination would need to be done offline and therefore identifying legislative priorities may be more effective by jurisdictions individually.

## 5. KRCC COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Land Use Items:

**Draft 6/16/20 PlanPOL Meeting Agenda.** At the meeting, PlanPOL will have a big picture policy discussion on an approach to new VISION 2050 policies. KRCC staff are reaching out to brief PlanPOL members ahead of the next meeting.



**Review RFP to hire the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) Consultant.** KRCC is seeking a technical planning consultant to support the Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies updates. Financing the cost of the consultant will come from the funds originally intended for the annual Board retreat and other meeting cancellations due to COVID-19, carry forward funds from 2019, and the 2021 KRCC budget. The RFP will be released on June 3 with a contract cap of \$60,000. If Board members have recommendations for where to distribute the RFP, please send them to KRCC staff.

### Transportation Items:

**Update on development of Gorst Coalition.** Commissioner Strakeljahn acknowledged that jurisdictions and agencies have been working to improve the Gorst corridor over the years and that he is in communication with Congressman Kilmer about potentially obtaining federal funds for Gorst improvements. The Port of Bremerton is acting as the convener of a coalition and is planning to send letters of invitation to stakeholders. He reported that the goal of the coalition is to address the infrastructure issues at Gorst by working with local, state, and federal agencies and legislators.

**Update on Kitsap's awards from the Regional Competition for federal transportation funding.** Kitsap Transit was awarded \$2.25 million for their Southworth Terminal Redevelopment Project. The two projects submitted by Kitsap County and Port of Bremerton in both the Regional and Countywide competition did not receive an award at the Regional level.

**Review Kitsap 2023-2023 Countywide Project Funding Recommendation.** 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 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 scaled 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 is a summary of Board members' discussion:

- Commissioner Gelder acknowledged that the competition and project selection process was a significant level of effort from TranSTAC members, which was followed by an involved discussion at TransPOL. He noted that Kitsap County's SR 104 Realignment project scored the best of all projects submitted into the Countywide Competition but that the request of that project was so high even at its most scaled down phase, that it would have compromised the ability of other projects to receive funding. He acknowledged that there is not enough funding available to meet the growing needs of the Kitsap community and that he will continue to advocate for funding for the SR 104 Realignment.
  - Mayor Erickson and Commissioner Strakeljahn recognized the importance of the corridor.



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- Commissioner McClure acknowledged the intense desire in Kingston for the congestion issue to be solved and reaffirmed her commitment to continue to seek funding and ways to move forward.
- Councilmember Ashby noted that Kitsap’s growth and transportation needs have outpaced the funding Kitsap currently has access to, which is a challenge they will need to work to address.
- Councilmember Ashby requested that staff display a chart of historical awards by jurisdiction in the Countywide Competition from 2009 onwards. Awards through Countywide contingency funding was included in the data.
  - Mayor Erickson noted that the City of Poulsbo previously received a significant award through contingency funding for a project that was “shovel ready,” or ready to begin construction immediately.
  - Commissioner Gelder noted that Kitsap County has added many lane miles as a direct result of funding through the Countywide Competition.

**Approve of the Kitsap Countywide Project Funding Recommendation.** Commissioner McClure moved to approve the Kitsap Countywide Project Funding Recommendation. Mayor Erickson seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

### 6. PSRC BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Executive Board.** Mayor Erickson reported that PSRC Board and Committees are generally quiet with many meeting cancellations. The annual General Assembly will be held virtually this year at 9am on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Medina shared that the Bainbridge City Council has appointed Mayor Schneider as an alternate for Kitsap Other Cities on the PSRC Executive Board. Councilmember Daug's moved to approve Mayor Schneider’s appointment as an alternative for Kitsap Other Cities on the PSRC Executive Board. Commissioner Garrido seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

**Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB).** No recent meetings due to COVID-19.

**Transportation Policy Board (TPB).** No recent meetings due to COVID-19 but Mayor Erickson reported that the Board will likely begin discussions on developing an “emergency” policy to address funding requests that are brought forward out of the typical process.

**Economic Development District Board (EDD).** Commissioner Strakeljahn, the incoming Chair for the Board, shared that the date of the next meeting is to be announced. The Board will have access to a webinar that will provide an overview of the CARES act and how regions can submit proposal to access funding.

### 7. CORRIDOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SR16.** No updates.

**SR 305.** Mayor Erickson shared that the city selected a bidder for the Johnson Road roundabout and is planning for construction to begin in about 6 weeks.

**SR 104.** Commissioners Gelder and McClure shared they are planning to convene a stakeholder meeting to continue to address the corridor issues.



**SR 303.** Councilmember Daugs shared the Committee wrapped up one of the online open houses and has a meeting next Friday. Mayor Wheeler emphasized that the project is

### 8. KRCC MEMBER ROUND ROBIN

Board members provided the following updates related to land use and other topics of interest:

- **Bainbridge Island:** Mayor Schneider shared that the City is resuming its sustainable transportation planning efforts.
- **Bremerton:** Mayor Wheeler shared that the City is continuing to ensure alignment with the Governor's orders and is processing a record amount of land use permits. The Quincy Square project design is expected to be complete this summer while the Marina Square project is also progressing.
- **Kitsap County:** Commissioner Gelder expressed appreciation for those supporting the County's response to COVID-19 and that the County is expecting a \$10 million loss in revenue for the 2021 budget due to COVID-19. Commissioner Garrido shared that the County's Department of Emergency Management has released a Pathways to Recovery booklet and that the Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Recovery Board recently created a Land Use Subcommittee.
- **Kitsap Transit:** Director Clauson shared that at the completion of the last legislative session, a budget proviso to test camera enforcement of HOV land violators was successfully included. He hopes to have companies conduct testing to for potential implementation of the technology. Kitsap Transit was also successful in receiving funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Program to purchase 5 battery electric busses. Additionally, Kitsap Transit will be requiring masks on transit services and provide free ones as needed to provide safe transportation for their community. Jurisdictions can purchase reusable branded masks for the agency as well.
- **Naval Base Kitsap (NBK):** Lynn Wall shared that one funding opportunity through the Office of Economic Adjustment will close on June 26 while another one related to supporting defense manufacturing communities has just opened. She offered to support jurisdictions in assembling proposals that are in line with the funding opportunities. She added that Gorst related projects don't meet the criteria for the two current opportunities but that the NBK is working with Representative Kilmer's office to potentially include Gorst in future infrastructure budgets.
- **Port of Bremerton:** Commissioner Strakeljahn was appreciative of the City of Bremerton's expeditious approval of permits for the Port to move forward with projects. The Port is in the middle of budget reviews to promote fiscal responsibility. The Commissioner also shared that the Bremerton Airport was recently utilized by Boeing 737 planes.
- **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe:** No updates.
- **Port of Kingston:** Commissioner Heacock shared that the Washington Boulevard project was paved which Kitsap Transit will be using for bus service.
- **Port Orchard:** Mayor Putaansuu shared that there were peaceful demonstrations at Port Orchard City Hall and that the City is discussing the best approach to access CARES funding, primarily by facilitating small business grants. The City is also processing record high land use permits and has a Community Center project underway.
- **Poulsbo:** Mayor Erickson shared that the City Council will be reviewing COVID-19-related risk mitigation plans including expanding business footprints into the street. The City is also conducting a housing survey as part of their Comprehensive Plan Update and reevaluating the ratio of commercial to residential units in the city. She also shared that a construction project on Finn Hill in partnership with Kitsap County is underway, the Poulsbo business recovery website is available to support local businesses, and that a Black Lives Matter



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protest is scheduled in Poulsbo this evening. She closed with “Pray for peace and work for change.”

- **Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe:** No updates.
- **Suquamish Tribe:** Chairman Forsman shared that the Tribe is reengaging with WSDOT on the SR 305 project.

### **9. STAFF REPORT**

No updates.

### **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Roger Gay, South Kitsap resident, noted that there is not nearly enough funding to meet the transportation needs and encouraged KRCC to develop a prioritized list of Kitsap roadway projects.

### **11. KRCC BOARD QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

### **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSS RENEWAL OF TRIANGLE ASSOCIATES CONTRACT**

### **13. ADJOURN**

*The meeting adjourned at 11:55pm.*



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### ATTACHMENT A – BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Jurisdiction	In Attendance?
Anderson, Gary	Port of Bremerton	
Ashby, Bek	City of Port Orchard	✓
Clauson, John	Kitsap Transit	✓
Daug, Leslie	City of Bremerton	✓
Erickson, Becky	City of Poulsbo	✓
Forsman, Leonard	Suquamish Tribe	✓
Garrido, Charlotte	Kitsap County	✓
Gelder, Robert	Kitsap County	✓
McClure, Mary	Port of Kingston	✓
Medina, Kol	Bainbridge Island	✓
Mills, Luther “Jay”	Suquamish Tribe	
Placentia, Chris	Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe	
Putansuu, Rob	City of Port Orchard	✓
Rhinehart, Richard	Naval Base Kitsap	
Rosapepe, Jay	City of Port Orchard	
Schneider, Leslie	City of Bainbridge Island	✓
Stern, Ed	City of Poulsbo	✓
Strakeljahn, Axel	Port of Bremerton	✓
Sullivan, Jeromy	Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe	
Wall, Lynn	Naval Base Kitsap	✓
Wheat, Lori	City of Bremerton	✓
Wheeler, Greg	City of Bremerton	✓
Wolfe, Ed	Kitsap County	✓



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### ATTACHMENT B – NON-MEMBER PARTICIPANTS

Name	Affiliation
<b>Non-Members</b>	
Ned Lever	City of Bremerton
Shane Weber	City of Bremerton
Kat Shaffer	Kitsap County
Andrew Nelson	Kitsap County
Darren Gurnee	Kitsap County
Eric Baker	Kitsap County
David Forte	Kitsap County
Stephanie Lillie	Kitsap Transit
Diane Lenius	City of Poulsbo
Laura Gronnvoll	Port of Kingston
Steve Heacock	Port of Kingston
Mark Gulbranson	Puget Sound Regional Council
Roger Gay	South Kitsap Taxpayer
Joe Perez	Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
<b>KRCC Facilitation Team</b>	
Sophie Glass	KRCC Program Director
Mishu Pham-Whipple	KRCC Transportation Program Lead
Kizz Prusia	KRCC Land Use Program Lead