



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)
Transportation Policy Committee (TransPOL) Meeting Summary
March 16, 2023 Meeting | 3:00 – 4:30 PM | Remote Meeting

Decisions		
No decisions were made at this meeting.		
Actions	Who	Status
Upload October 20, 2022 summary to the KRCC website.	KRCC staff	Complete
Update 2023 KRCC Workplan with language about the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) rebalancing process.	KRCC Staff	Complete
Update 2023 KRCC Workplan to show all TransPOL meetings as virtual with an option to provide public comment in-person.	KRCC Staff	Complete

A. WELCOME AND OLD BUSINESS

Sophie Glass, KRCC Program Lead, welcomed participants to the KRCC Transportation Policy Committee (TransPOL) virtual meeting (see Attachment A for a list of TransPOL members and observers). The October 20, 2022 TransPOL meeting summary was approved without abstention or opposition. Sophie reviewed the agenda, topics of discussion, and purpose of the meeting.

B. CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

TransPOL members reviewed areas of interest TransTAC identified at their February meeting, including information and resources regarding jurisdiction updates to Comprehensive Plans and building codes, updates to policies and criteria for the Countywide Competition, interjurisdictional projects for the 2024 competition, monitoring the regional safety plan for differences in data between the region and Kitsap, PSRC Safety and Equity definitions, the WSDOT Highways for Complete Streets requirement, and opportunities for funding as a result of rebalancing.

Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit, shared an update on the PSRC Project Delivery Working Group. There is an emergency funding measure to increase funding in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to ensure funds are not returned to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

TransPOL also received an update on the rebalancing process underway at PSRC. Regional projects requesting extensions create gaps in funding that need to be filled. TransTAC convened a special meeting in early March to identify any projects from the contingency list from the 2022 competition that could move forward for funding. The Project Delivery Working Group is also exploring the option of going back to prior contingency lists for projects that are ready for delivery.

TransPOL members discussed the proposed areas of interest. TransPOL supported the goal to identify interjurisdictional projects for future competitions to fill additional metrics. The City of Bremerton shared plans to partner with the Port of Bremerton for improvements on Airport Way, and Poulsbo is interested in partnering with Kitsap County on improvements projects.

TransPOL members also agreed that understanding safety and equity definitions will lead to additional conversations about project selection.

C. TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD AND PSRC UPDATES

TransPOL members shared updates on the Transportation Policy Board and other PSRC updates. The bill to protect public works trust fund dollars did not advance in the legislative session. Bills 1050 and 5726 (apprenticeship utilization and prevailing wage) are still alive but may face challenges.

Recent updates from PSRC included recommendations on the earned share for transit, which advanced to the Executive Board for approval. PSRC also developed a report to distribute transit dollars to vulnerable and underserved populations.

D. CORRIDOR UPDATES

- SR 104: A workgroup meeting may be scheduled.
- SR 307: No updates at this time.
- SR 305: A groundbreaking for the roundabout is scheduled for May 6. WDFW is bifurcating the fish passage work along the corridor.
- Gorst Coalition: Funding for Gorst and the Belfair freight corridor may be pushed off by a few years. Commissioner Strakeljahn testified in March.

Other updates:

- Several corridors are looking into speed enforcement cameras to reduce accidents and make the corridors safer and slower.
- Kitsap County's automated traffic management system will be complete at the end of 2024. They are requesting continued funding for uniform personnel to do the tally system.
- The City of Bremerton is working with Naval Base Kitsap, the federal delegation, and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard to set up communication systems early for projects.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

The City of Bremerton shared appreciation for the Kitsap County Department of Human Services. The City of Bremerton also shared a reminder to register for the upcoming summit on electric vehicles hosted in partnership with Kitsap Transit and Puget Sound Energy.

The Port of Bremerton will be hosting a ribbon cutting for the new diner in April.

The next TransPOL meeting will be on March 16, 2023.

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

Attachment A: Meeting Attendees

NAME	JURISDICTION
TRANSPOL MEMBERS:	
Councilmember Schneider	City of Bainbridge
Mayor Wheeler	City of Bremerton
Councilmember Frey	City of Bremerton
Commissioner Garrido	Kitsap County
Commissioner Gelder	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit

Mayor Putaansuu	City of Port Orchard
Mayor Erickson	City of Poulsbo
Allison Satter	Naval Base Kitsap
George Mazur	WSDOT
OBSERVERS:	
Arne Bakker	Port of Bremerton
Brian Pearson	Naval Base Kitsap
Chris Hammer	City of Port Orchard
David Forte	Kitsap County
Fred Salisbury	Port of Bremerton
Joe Rutan	Kitsap County
Josh Ranes	City of Poulsbo
Ned Lever	City of Bremerton
Nicole Leaptrot Figueras	Naval Base Kitsap
Shane Weber	City of Bremerton
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Claire Wendle	KRCC Staff
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