

Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Draft TAC Meeting Summary

Meeting Location:

Kitsap Transit, Bremerton Washington

August 8, 2019

Attendees

Technical Advisory Committee Member

Steve Gray, Clallam County
Jim Fetzer, Clallam Transit System
Annette Nesse, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Wendy Clark-Getzin, Jefferson County
Melissa Mohr, Kitsap County
Dave Smith, Mason County
Jonathan Boehme, Port Angeles
Dennis Engel, WSDOT Olympic Region

On the phone

Jayne Brook, Jefferson Transit
Tammi Rubert, Jefferson Transit

Staff/Guests

Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit
John Clauson, Kitsap Transit
Thera Black, Awarded Lead Agency Consultant for Kitsap Transit
Cliff Hall, WSDOT

Welcome & Introductions

TAC Chair Wendy Clark-Getzin opened the meeting and initiated self-introductions around the table.

John Clauson introduced Thera Black of 3P Transportation Services. She is the new PRTPO Coordinator who will facilitate much of the PRTPO work duties. Thera brings extensive knowledge of Washington's Regional Planning processes, funding programming, and experience in transportation and land use planning. She was with the firm SCJ Alliance prior and with Thurston County Regional Planning.

DISCUSSION: Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Edward Coviello introduced the proposed locations for RTP public outreach in each of the four counties. The locations proposed are the Port Angeles Main Library, the Port Townsend Library, Kitsap Transit's offices and the Timberland Library in Shelton. The TAC agreed that those locations will suit the needs of the local communities. Mr. Coviello noted that they all have transit access as well.

Mr. Coviello handed out informational flyers from the last edition of the RTP as examples of outreach materials to be posted around the PRTPO Region. This generated much discussion of outreach methods including radio pieces, posters, webpages, and engaging local advocacy groups.

Cliff Hall noted that WSDOT is willing to wave the December 31, 2019 deadline for the RTP if needed to improve upon the document.

Further topics touched on the new PRTPO logo and its value in promoting the PRTPO. The TAC recommended and the staff agreed to update the outreach materials in preparation for the outreach comment period scheduled begin on September 3, 2019.

The TAC advanced the idea of extending the public comment period beyond the required 30 days to a 45-day comment period to be aligned with future Board and TAC meetings. Thus, the comment period will be recommended to the Executive Board as a 45-day period ending on October 18, 2019.

DISCUSSION: Criteria for Regionally Significant Projects in the R-TIP

The TAC reviewed ideas brought forth by PRTPO staff addressing a method for identifying projects that are regionally significant. The TAC expressed ideas about how to approach the definition of a regionally significant project. There was agreement that projects which involve multiple member jurisdictions should be considered regionally significant.

The TAC directed staff to continue this topic at its October 10th meeting.

DISCUSSION: R-TIP Update

Mr. Coviello presented an update on the upcoming RTIP public comment period. He noted that there are 184 projects in the draft 2020 RTIP. Many of which are WSDOT projects. He thanked the member agencies for submitting projects by the July 1, 2019 deadline. It was asked if the deadline will move back to August in 2020. Mr. Coviello explained that it should move back to August in 2020 and that the early deadline for 2019 was a reflection of the transition process from WSDOT Olympic Region to Kitsap transit as the Lead Agency role.

The TAC chair noted that the RTIP process could use refinement to better align with local TIPs and CIP efforts. The chair briefed PRTPO staff about the Western Federal Lands program and

its value in the PRTPO Region. The PRTPO staff will conduct research into the program to learn more about its relationship to the RTIP process.

The TAC asked WSDOT Olympic Region to brief the PRTPO Executive Board about their projects in the 2020 RTIP. The WSDOT staff agreed to brief the Board in September.

The RTIP will be presented and recommended for approval to the Executive Board at its September 20, 2019 meeting.

Announcements

TAC Vice Chair Nominees

We are looking for a slate of nominees for the TAC Vice Chair position. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, please let us know. Elections will be held at the October 10th TAC meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.