



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transit Operators Committee

Wednesday, March 31, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Online Meeting Online

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1. Welcome and Introductions (10:30)

2. Approve Meeting Summary for February 25, 2026 (10:35)

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (10:40) – Kelly McGourty, PSRC

PSRC will provide an update on board discussions relating to the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and next steps to plan adoption on May 28th. Public comments received on the Draft RTP can be found on the [RTP Engagement Hub](#). The 'At Work' reports for the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meetings are available on the [PSRC website](#).

4. Action: Transit Agency Redistribution Requests* (10:45) – Doug Cox, PSRC

- Everett Transit
- King County Metro

5. Discussion: FTA FIFA World Cup Funds* (10:55) – Kelly McGourty, PSRC

PSRC staff will facilitate a discussion regarding the distribution of \$8.4 million of regional FTA funding to support World Cup activities. Notes from the FTA webinar held on March 11 are attached. Agencies will be asked to describe their planned enhancements to service / operations / security / etc. in support of the World Cup, to help develop a funding distribution methodology.

6. Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable (11:50)

As time permits, transit agency staff will provide updates on their work to share with regional partners.

7. Information Items:

- Summer Planning Academy 2026 – Flyer
- 2026 TOC meeting topics

8. Next Meeting: April 22, 2026

9. Adjourn (12:00)

***Supporting materials attached**

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at GCerise@psrc.org.

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MEETING SUMMARY

Transit Operators Committee
February 25, 2026
Remote Only

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Gil Cerise, PSRC took roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OR REPORTS

The summary for the January 28, 2026, meeting was approved.

ACTION ITEM: KITSAP TRANSIT REDISTRIBUTION REQUEST

Gil Cerise, PSRC, described the action requested by Kitsap Transit in detail. The committee acted to unanimously approve the requested redistribution found in the agenda packet materials.

For more information, contact Doug Cox at DCox@psrc.org.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) UPDATE

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided a brief update on development of the next Regional Transportation Plan.

[View the Presentation on PSRC's Website](#)

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at GCerise@psrc.org.

DISCUSSION ITEM: OVERVIEW OF TRANSIT-RELATED RTP DASHBOARD UPDATES

Craig Helmann, PSRC, provided a preview of transit-related RTP Dashboard updates. This update of the RTP Dashboard uses data and trends updated from the Draft RTP.

[View the Presentation on PSRC's Website](#)

For more information, contact Craig Helmann at CHelmann@psrc.org.

TRANSIT AGENCY ROUNDTABLE

- Sabina Araya, Everett Transit
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro
- Steffani Lillie, Kitsap Transit
- Monica Overby, Sound Transit
- Jason Rogers, WSF

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT *

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC STAFF, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS PRESENT *

Monica Overby, Sound Transit; Quanah Spencer, Sound Transit

PSRC: Gil Cerise, Erin Hogan, Alexa Leach, Doug Cox

***All attendees were present via remote participation**

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attendance February 25, 2026

TOC Attendance Roster (Members and Alternates represented)

Date: February 25, 2026 10:00am - 11:00am

Item 2 - Att. A

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Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
Transit Agencies		
Community Transit (1)	x	Sophie Luthin
		<i>Clint Lambert (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)	x	Sabina Araya
	x	<i>Amanda Koerber (Alt.)</i>
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan, Chair
		<i>Jacob Brett (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap Transit (1)	x	Steffani Lillie
		<i>Edward Coviello (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County Ferries (1)		VACANT
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)	x	Andrew Arnes
		<i>Tina Lee (Alt.)</i>
City of Seattle (1)		Jen Malley-Crawford
		<i>Chris Eilerman (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)		Alex Krieg, Vice Chair
		<i>Lisa Wolterink (Alt.)</i>
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)	x	Jason Rogers
		<i>Siri Olson (Alt.)</i>
WSDOT (1)	x	Cordy Crockett
		<i>Jill Nordstrom (Alt.)</i>
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit (1)		Peter Stackpole
		<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Skagit Transit (1)		Rebekah Tuno
		VACANT (Alt.)

Everett Transit Redistribution and Scope Change Request

Request: Everett Transit (ET) is submitting a request to redistribute funds from *2025-2026 Operations Base Generator* [ET-58] to *2023 Everett Station HVAC Replacement* [ET-54]. ET also requests to modify the scope of ET-58.

ET is also submitting a request to redistribute funds from *2026 Driver Training Equipment* [ET-59] to *2025-2026 Operations Base Generator* [ET-58].

Explanation: ET requests to redistribute FY2025 Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Urbanized Area (STE) 5307 Earned Share funds from ET-58 to ET-54. The scope of ET-58 will be revised to install automatic switches on the existing generator so that the generator is turned on automatically in a power failure event, instead of purchasing a replacement generator as initially planned. The existing generator is still in working order and has not accumulated enough service hours to justify replacement. The total cost of ET-58 will be reduced accordingly, with a proportionate amount of local funds also removed.

The scope of ET-54 will remain the same. The total cost will be increased to offset the actual construction costs, which have exceeded the engineer’s estimate.

ET also requests to redistribute FY2026 STE 5307 Earned Share funds from ET-59 to ET-58. These funds are no longer needed for the driver training equipment, and the project will be cancelled.

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2025	ET-58	2025-2026 Operations Base Generator	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$361,334	-\$361,334	\$0
2025	ET-54	2023 Everett Station HVAC Replacement	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$0	\$361,334	\$361,334
2026	ET-59	2026 Driver Training Equipment	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$80,000	-\$80,000	\$0
2026	ET-58	2025-2026 Operations Base Generator	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$207,232	\$80,000	\$287,232

King County Metro Redistribution Request

Request: King County Metro (KCM) is submitting a request to redistribute funds from *KCM Service Expansion Battery Electric Bus Service* [MET-218], *KCM Sound Transit Link Passenger Improvements* [MET-251], and *King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024* [MET-238] to *Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024* [MET-253].

KCM is also submitting a request to redistribute funds from *Rapid Ride R Line* [MET-266] to *King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024* [MET-238].

Explanation: KCM requests to redistribute FY2021 Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Urbanized Area (STE) 5307 Earned Share funds that are remaining after the completion of MET-218 to MET-253 in order to ensure the funds are utilized.

KCM also requests to redistribute FY2021 and FY2022 STE 5307 Earned Share funds from MET-251 to MET-253. These improvements will instead be completed by Sound Transit.

KCM also requests to redistribute FY2023 and FY2024 STE 5307 Earned Share funds and FY2024 STE UZA 5337 HIMB funds from MET-238 to MET-253 in order to ensure the funds are utilized. The scope and total cost for MET-238 will be reduced to 89 vehicles, resulting in a reduction of approximately \$51.7 million that is no longer needed for MET-238.

The scope of MET-253 will remain the same. The primary use of the funds is for staff costs to perform preventative maintenance activities on buses. The proportion of federal funds programmed in MET-253 will be increased to reflect the redistributions.

Additionally, KCM requests to redistribute a portion of the FY2025 STE 5307 Equity Funds from MET-266 to MET-238. MET-266 is being completed in partnership with the City of Seattle, and the redistribution updates the division of responsibilities between the two agencies that was not yet determined when the funds were originally programmed. The scope and total cost for MET-266 will remain the same, with an equivalent increase in local funding. The Equity Funds to be redistributed to MET-238 will be used toward the purchase of the remaining vehicles included in the revised scope of 89 vehicles.

Per PSRC's Project Tracking Policies, Equity funds cannot be moved between projects, with exceptions demonstrating a compelling need considered on a case-by-case basis. In this case, the funds would be moved into a project that has previously received Equity funds through the 2024 Annual Adjustments process. At that time KCM demonstrated that the buses that will be acquired with the Equity funds will allow KCM to provide reliable and safe service to the identified equity focus populations located in South King County. Therefore, PSRC has determined that the proposed transfer is consistent with these policies.

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2021	MET-218	KCM Service Expansion Battery Electric Bus Service	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$5,840,000	-\$1,247,758	\$4,592,242
2021	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$7,816,732	\$1,247,758	\$9,064,490
2021	MET-251	KCM Sound Transit Link Passenger Improvements	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$10,340,751	-\$4,540,751	\$5,800,000
2021	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$9,064,490*	\$4,540,751	\$13,605,241
2022	MET-251	KCM Sound Transit Link Passenger Improvements	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$3,800,000	-\$3,800,000	\$0
2022	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$28,170,724	\$3,800,000	\$31,970,724
2023	MET-238	King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$22,017,333	-\$22,017,333	\$0
2023	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$34,333,550	\$22,017,333	\$56,350,883
2024	MET-238	King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$18,514,355	-\$18,514,355	\$0
2024	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$28,567,512	\$18,514,355	\$47,081,867
2024	MET-238	King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024	STE UZA 5337 HIMB	\$10,890,290	-\$10,890,290	\$0
2024	MET-253	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024	STE UZA 5337 HIMB	\$0	\$10,890,290	\$10,890,290
2025	MET-266	Rapid Ride R Line	STE UZA 5307 Equity	\$16,228,713	-\$11,228,713	\$5,000,000
2025	MET-238	King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024	STE UZA 5307 Equity	\$0	\$11,228,713	\$11,228,713

* amount includes redistribution from MET-218

NOTES from FTA 2026 World Cup Funding Webinar – March 11, 2026

100% federal share

Purpose = to support matches or public events related to World Cup

Planning, operating and capital eligible expenses

Eligible = must be public transportation serving UZA

- Regularly scheduled service, shared ride and open to general public (not just for ticketed fans)
- Increased service for World Cup – fixed route and demand response
- As long as service is running into the UZA, it is eligible
- Service supporting all World Cup activities, including fan zones and not just stadium games, is eligible
- Eligible expenses can include safety and security – e.g., wayfinding, cameras, lighting, security personnel, station improvements
- Eligible expenses include paratransit services

Not eligible = charter buses, Amtrak, shuttles, etc.

Suballocations within the UZA are a local decision

Timeframes:

- MPO split letter to FTA – June 1, 2026
- Grant applications in TrAMs – January 31, 2027
- Obligation of funds – July 20, 2027 (one year from final match)
- Funds expended – September 30, 2027

Reimbursement for expenses before or after the World Cup dates:

- Planning and capital – between July 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026
- Operating – between June 1, 2026 and July 31, 2026
- Additional reimbursements for expenses outside these timeframes can be eligible with additional justification

TIP/STIP not required

Funds must be in a stand-alone grant, not part of any other funding grant

Grant applications must describe scope “to prepare for and respond to transportation demands of World Cup;” specific activities / expenses need to be identified

Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students

Are you curious about how cities grow, change, and develop? Have you ever wondered how governments decide where train lines should go? Do you have ideas about how to make our communities better places for everyone? If so, you should apply for the Summer Planning Academy (SPA)!



Puget Sound Regional Council

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is looking for high school students from King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties who want to learn about urban planning in our region and share ideas about how to make the central Puget Sound region a better place to live, work, and play.

SPA is a leadership development opportunity offered free of charge to students interested in planning a better future for our region. The program encourages students to think creatively about how better planning can help people lead better lives.

Upon successful completion of SPA, students are eligible to receive a **\$500** scholarship. SPA sessions will take place in Downtown Seattle on July 29, 31, August 5, and 7.

Applications are due **May 18**.

To learn more about PSRC, SPA, and to apply, go to www.psrc.org/our-work/summer-planning-academy or scan the QR code.

Questions? Email us at spa@psrc.org.





2026 TOC

Planned Meeting Dates & Topics

Agenda topics not specially allocated to a particular meeting at this time

- Action: FTA Annual Adjustments

Quarter 2 (April – June)

April 22:

- Discussion: FTA Project Tracking
- Discussion/Info: Draft RTP (if needed)
- Regional Transit Access Assessment update

May 27:

- Discussion: Interactive Transit Access Assessment Tool Development
- Discussion: RTP Transit-related implementation

June 24:

- Discussion: RTP Transit-related implementation

Quarter 3 (July – September)

July 22:

- Discussion/Information: Completion of Regional Transit Access Assessment Tool
- Discussion: 2025 Regional Household Travel Survey Preliminary Results

No August Meeting

September 23:

- Discussion: Overview of regional FTA performance target and actuals findings

Quarter 4 (October – December)

October 28

December 2 (special meeting date for November-December)

See [PSRC meeting calendar](#) for the latest on PSRC meetings.