

Statewide Public Transportation Plan

Planning Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

9:30 am-12:30 pm

Sound Transit

In Attendance: Gil Cerise, Lynn Moody, Renee Giles, E. Susan Meyer,

Staff: Cathy Silins, Stephanie Postier, Kathy Johnston, Brian Lagerberg

Guests: Anne Fennessey, Paul Bergman

- A. Cathy welcomed the members of the Council and guests. She recognized that some Council members had scheduling conflicts so our attendance was unusually low.
- B. Cathy announced that the Public Transportation Division is in the process of issuing a task order contract to the consultant firm of Cocker Fennessy. They will be providing WSDOT will critical information to assist in facilitating the planning process. Part of their strategy will be to interview 10-12 individuals within the next month.
- C. Copies of the Nov. 1st draft of the Guiding Principles were distributed. The edits to this document from the October meeting have been made. A Council member asked about the three remaining topic areas that were not included: Sustainable Funding, Economic Benefits and Performance Measures.
 - a. Cathy explained that the funding issues would be addressed in part by what financial resources are currently available to pay for public transportation. This part of the report was being prepared with the comments received by both the Work Group and the Council. We expect to look at future sustainable funding after December.
 - b. The Economic Benefits topic will be discussed by the Work Group at their December 10th meeting.
 - c. The Performance Measures topic will be addressed in the December Council meeting. We have invited Charlie Howard from the Puget Sound Regional Council to work with Council on developing performance-based measures. Charlie was a contributor to a recent publication from US Department of Transportation called "Performance-Based Planning and Programming".
- D. At the November meeting, the Work Group met with representatives of other state agencies including the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Ecology and Department of Social and Human Services/Aging and Adult Services. This group briefly discussed creating livable communities, universal design and their expectations of the Statewide Public Transportation Plan's vision.

E. Brian facilitated a discussion on the Vision statement and Goals.

- A vision sends a message to non- PT users.
- A vision should describe our preferred future.
- A vision can help explain why public transportation should be supported by communities.

Examples of a Vision

- A. *Access for All* – this vision is short and memorable; but, it might also scare conservatives because it does not seem to have boundaries
- B. *Access to goods, services, economy and community.***
- C. Personal access provided through *partnerships*
- D. *Public transportation is an integral, efficient and effective part of the transportation system***

Words that describe public transportation:

Valued, Equity, Community development, Moving people, Partnership, Comprehensive, Reliability
Environment, Sustainable, Integrated, Critical, Essential, Aspires
Access, Mobility, Choices

Examples of Goals

1. Be part of the state's (WSDOT/Legislature) integrated planning and programming
2. Recognized the value of public transportation
3. Multimodal performance measurement system – tied to investments
4. WSDOT has “ownership” of planning/programming integrated/multimodal transportation system
5. RCW recognition of a multimodal-integrated system
6. Process to define necessary transportation system performance
7. Be an active partner “comprehensive” local, regional and statewide planning
8. Leveraging state/regions/cities/transit resources toward common goals
9. Increase the sustainable investment in public transportation to match needed performance.

E. The next meetings will be:

Work Group to meet on December 10th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Sound Transit. They will be hosting a person with a disability that will talk about their experiences in advocating for public transportation; the Communications/Public Outreach Draft Plan will be introduced; preliminary discussion on the Economic Benefit of Public Transportation; and recommendations on Vision/Definition will be sought.

Planning Council to meet on Tuesday, December 17th from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Sound Transit. Preliminary agenda will include a presentation and exercise with Charlie Howard on setting up Performance Measures based on vision/goals/objectives. Recommendations from the Work Group will be discussed.