



SR 167 Master Plan Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Zoom

Policy Advisory Committee members in attendance:

- Commissioner Shiv Batra, Washington State Transportation Commission
- Kim Becklund, King County Metro
- Josh Brown, Puget Sound Regional Council
- Senator Mona Das, Washington State Senate
- Mayor Daryl Eiding, City of Edgewood
- Rep. Jake Fey, Washington State House of Representatives
- Eric Ffitch, Port of Seattle
- Councilmember Pat Hulcey, City of Fife
- Chelsea Levy, Sound Transit
- Commissioner Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma
- Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran, City of Renton
- Mayor-elect Kathy Hayden, City of Sumner
- Mayor Dana Ralph, City of Kent
- Rep. Eric Robertson, Washington State House of Representatives
- Mindy Roberson, Federal Highway Administration
- Senator Rebecca Saldaña, Washington State Senate
- Mayor Shanna Sherrell, City of Milton
- Jen Tetatzin, Pierce County

Technical Advisory Committee members/staff in attendance:

- Chad Bieren, City of Kent
- Rob Brown, City of Kent
- Sheri Call, Washington Trucking Associations
- Ken Davies, City of Puyallup
- Vanessa Dolbee, City of Renton
- Steven Friddle, City of Fife
- Vangie Garcia, City of Renton
- Ingrid Gaub, City of Auburn
- Aaron Halbert, Washington State Transportation Commission
- Aaron Hallenberg, Pierce County Council
- Zenovia Harris, Kent Chamber of Commerce
- Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup
- Caylin Jensen, Senator Chris Gildon's Office
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Liana Liu, Federal Highway Administration
- Sharon Love, Federal Highway Administration
- Kelly McGourty, Puget Sound Regional Council
- Karen Meyering, King County
- Bryan Roberts, City of Puyallup
- Catherine Rudolph, Pierce County
- Carl See, Washington State Transportation Commission
- Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit
- Greg Vigoren, City of Fife
- Jeff Wilson, City of Puyallup
- Ryan Windish, City of Sumner
- Christine Wolf, Northwest Seaport Alliance and Port of Tacoma
- Eric Wright, Washington Trucking Associations
- Brian Ziegler, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board



Presenters and project team members in attendance:

- Chris Breiland, SR 167 Master Plan Team
- Amy Danberg, SR 167 Master Plan Team
- April Delchamps, WSDOT
- Samantha DeMars-Hanson, SR 167 Master Plan Team
- Rob Fellows, WSDOT
- Alex Henry, WSDOT
- Loreana Marciante, SR 167 Master Plan Team
- Robin Mayhew, WSDOT
- Julie Meredith, WSDOT
- Thomas Noyes, WSDOT
- Jeff Storrar, WSDOT
- Wendy Taylor, SR 167 Master Plan Team
- Karl Westby, SR 167 Master Plan Team

Meeting objectives:

- Discuss roles and responsibilities and committee structure
- Review and discuss Master Plan schedule and committee work plan
- Share key themes from listening sessions
- Introduce evaluation criteria and gather initial feedback

Introduction

Robin Mayhew, Management of Mobility Director, thanked committee members for coming. Amy Danberg, SR 167 Master Plan Communications, facilitated introductions and reviewed the agenda.

Legislative direction

Julie Meredith, Assistant Secretary for Urban Mobility, Access, and Megaprograms, provided a recap of our direction from the Legislature. The project team has just under \$3 million to complete the planning and environmental linkages study (PEL). They will analyze existing and future conditions, incorporate input from PAC members and the communities along the corridor, and identify near, medium and long-term multimodal transportation needs and strategies.

SR 167 Master Plan background and planning steps

Robin provided background information on the SR 167 Master Plan, including clarifying the definition of a master plan, reviewing the PEL, and going over the schedule.

Policy Advisory Committee roles and responsibilities

Robin reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the PAC members, which include attending six additional meetings between now and spring of 2023, reviewing materials and sharing them internally, and engaging in productive communications with one another and project staff.



Community engagement

Amy reviewed the team's partner/community engagement plan and provided a recap of some key themes from the listening sessions the project team recently completed. Their plan includes equity focused community engagement and community-based organization engagement. Key themes they heard were to expand the study area to include the Ports of Tacoma and Sea-Tac airport, create strong communications materials including highly visual and translated work from the beginning, focus on intermodal connectivity, and ensure the movement of goods and people.

Purpose and need

Robin reviewed the problem statement, project purpose and goals. Chris Breiland, SR 167 Master Plan Project Manager, reviewed the study area as well as the approach and areas of influence.

Discussion on the study area:

- Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran, City of Renton, asked if Renton should also be recognized as a Manufacturing and Industrial Center (MIC) due to the presence of Boeing and its large employee population?
- Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran asked if trips are originating or ending in the yellow area on the map, and if the team has information on how many trips are being started there and if the destination is within that area?
 - Chris replied that this includes both trips that have origin and destination in the yellow area and trips that have one end there. They can see how many trips are pass through trips or if they begin or end within the corridor.
- Mayor-elect Kathy Hayden, City of Sumner, commented on traffic congestion on SR 410 in Sumner and asked if a study is being done on that.
 - Chris said they noticed the congestion on SR 410 when they looked at the existing conditions. The yellow shaded area on the map does look at traffic congestion issues. There are many strategies that can be considered for the SR 167 corridor. The team will evaluate traffic that is going through that specific area and how SR 167 affects city and county streets.
- Ingrid Gaub, City of Auburn, added on, saying it's more than what's happening at the interchanges, but you have state routes that are feeding into SR 167. Please look at how those routes are impacting the usage or avoidance of SR 167, SR 516, etc., and how those all feed into SR 167 and serve the area.

Discussion on the goals:

- Mayor Dana Ralph, City of Kent, asked if the goals are for the future state of SR 167 once the plan is fully implemented, or if they are goals for the planning process itself?
 - Robin answered that they are goals for how to implement the vision. The vision is the statement of how we envision it for the future.
 - Mayor Dana Ralph recommended adding something about a robust stakeholder process and to provide transparency throughout the process. She endorsed the practical solutions process as a way to develop the project list to realize the future vision.
 - Robin commented that the team could consider two different types of goals. Some could be longer running goals with sub-components or strategies.
 - Mayor Dana Ralph added that she is excited for where we are in this process and that this work will bring some focus on south King County.
- Sheri Call, Washington Trucking Associations, asked if the project team has discussed truck support facilities such as truck parking as it supports freight movement.
 - Robin answered that this comment did come up at the TAC. There may be some work to consider the recent truck parking planning work.



- Kim Becklund, King County Metro, said that Bullet #5 is of significant value for King County Metro. They have new tools such as the Opportunity Index that help them get granular on who needs their service the most. Similarly, their Zero Emissions goals are robust, and they are investing heavy in south King County to expand and achieve an all-electric fleet.

Next, Chris reviewed the evaluation framework, which includes the key areas where the project team will evaluate strategies and solutions as they relate to their goals.

Next steps

Robin reviewed next steps. TAC members/project staff have received the more detailed evaluation framework and will work with PAC members to compile feedback for the group to discuss at January's meeting. The project team will continue to gather data and finish up listening sessions. Robin thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.