

MEETING ISSUE BRIEF

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 • 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

King Street Center • 201 South Jackson Street, 8th Floor Conference Center • Seattle, WA

Meeting Purpose and Objectives

Continue discussion of potential funding sources, draft recommendations, and process to produce a final report. Discussion will include both short-term funding options and long-term solutions, with a focus on identifying the policy choices and action steps that will be necessary to successfully implement the region's transportation plan.

Regional Decision Making

The Task Force will discuss potential approaches to regional decision making, and provide direction to staff about developing final recommendations. Summaries of regional approaches that several US and Canadian regions have developed are provided to help stimulate discussion about characteristics of a regional solution for the central Puget Sound.

Funding Options, Policy Choices, and Recommendations

At the October 28 meeting, the Task Force discussed the feasibility of a variety of short- and long-term funding sources. The Task Force expressed a preference for a market-based mechanism, such as a Peak/Off-Peak Pay Per Mile approach or tolling, as a potential long-term funding source. The Task Force also strongly stated that a congestion-based peak period surcharge to manage system performance, achieve congestion relief, and ensure air quality objectives should be a core component of the approach.

The Task Force recognized that short-term sources would also be necessary to bridge the gap to address current needs until longer-termed sources are available. The Task Force will discuss a proposal for short-term actions.

Draft Report Outline and Next Steps

The Task Force will review and weigh-in on an approach for organizing, developing, and finalizing the final Task Force report, and identifying next steps.

Remaining Meeting Schedule:

The original schedule called for a meeting on December 16th. At the Task Force's request, the December meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled for 4:00-6:00 pm on January 27, 2016.

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