



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD January 13, 2022**

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<https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings.>]

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph announced that today was the Transportation Policy Board's (TPB) first hybrid meeting, allowing for remote and in-person attendance. Chair Ralph shared that the meeting was live streamed, and a call-in number provided for members of the public to listen.

Chair Ralph shared that chat has been turned off to avoid meeting distractions and to ensure the public can hear comments. Members may only send a chat to the meeting hosts for technical issues.

Chair Ralph welcomed new members:

- Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, King County Other Cities and Towns (alternate).
- Olympia Councilmember Dani Madrone, Thurston Regional Planning Council, (non-voting member)
- Dinah Stephens, Seattle Aging & Disability Services (non-voting member), representing Community/Environment.
- Paul Roberts, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (non-voting member) and Cynthia Wang, Interim Executive Director (alternate), representing Community/Environment.
- Port of Seattle, Commissioner Toshiko Hasegawa (member)
- City of Everett, Councilmember Ben Zarlingo (member)
- Lindsey Sehmel, Pierce Transit (non-voting alternate) representing PSRC's Transportation Operators Committee

A quorum was established by roll call.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

One written comment was received and shared with the board via email.

The following people addressed the board:

- Vicky Clark, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Anna Zivarts, Disabilities Rights Washington
- Krystal Monteros, Chair of Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities
- Claire Martini, Leafline Trails Coalition

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph again welcomed new and returning members of TPB.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that later today the Draft Regional Transportation Plan would be released for public comment. PSRC will host an online open house with short videos on key topics to help the public maneuver through the draft plan. PSRC will also host three virtual public meetings. The public comment period will go through February 28. Staff will also share a social media toolkit and ask board members to help distribute the information. In February and March, the board will be briefed on the results of the public comments. The board is expected to act on the plan at its April meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held December 9, 2021**
- b. **Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Jan Schuette and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Mello to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## 2022 POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR PSRC'S FEDERAL FUNDS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided background on PSRC's Project Selection Process for federal funds. All processes follow policy direction from the board, as adopted in the *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*.

Volunteers were solicited from all four of PSRC's boards to serve on the Project Selection Task Force. The task force was formed to review the key policy issues and administrative procedures for PSRC's upcoming project selection process. The task force had over 40 members, meeting between April and November. Ms. McGourty reviewed task force recommendations for administrative and policy changes. Detailed information on the recommendations was included in the agenda packet. Specific recommendations included: retaining previous administrative procedures and set asides; strengthening criteria related to safety and equity; development of a new Equity

Pilot Program in collaboration with the Equity Advisory Committee; and releasing the draft *Policy Framework* and recommendations for public comment.

The board discussed the bicycle and pedestrian set-aside and the additional provision of these features within the overall project evaluation criteria. The board also discussed elements such as lighting and personal safety around transit and how those fit into the safety criterion.

A new recommendation from the Task Force was to release the recommendations for public comment before taking the *Policy Framework* to the board. Public comments were received mid-December through January. PSRC received 21 comments which were summarized for the board and included in the agenda packet.

Ms. McGourty reviewed the schedule and next steps for adoption of the *Policy Framework* and the project selection process. She also reviewed what the call for projects would include, referencing the support and guidance available to project sponsors to assist in completing applications. Members discussed appreciation for the detail and time that went into the recommendations. Members also discussed continuing the dialogue for the Federal Transit Administration earned share methodology, tracking and measuring progress on changes made, appreciation for transparency of the process, and further work in the future to continue to make improvements.

**ACTION: The motion was made by Mayor Erickson and seconded by Mayor Kim Roscoe to recommend Executive Board approval of the policies and procedures for the 2022 project selection process as documented in the 2022 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds.**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UPDATE**

Jason Thibedeau, PSRC, briefed the board on the Economic Development District's newly adopted Regional Economic Strategy. The strategy is a five-year blueprint for regional collaboration around economic development. Mr. Thibedeau shared the input and engagement that went into developing the strategy. He discussed the three overarching goals of economic opportunity, global competitiveness and quality of life.

Mr. Thibedeau outlined the roll of the EDD & PSRC in economic development and the 2022 EDD work plan.

## **2022 PRELIMINARY WORK PROGRAM**

Due to time constraints, this discussion item was postponed to the February meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

**TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT**

See attached attendance roster.

**GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING**

(As determined by staff)

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC  
Jennifer Barnes, PSRC  
Gil Cerise, PSRC  
Carolyn Downs, PSRC  
Craig Helmann, PSRC  
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
Piset Khuon, PSRC  
Mikayla Svob, PSRC  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC  
Casey Moreau, PSRC  
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC

Attachments:

TPB January 13, 2022 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - January 2022				5.a.a	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Girmay Zahilay		<b>Associate Members</b>	
		CM Dave Upthegrove	1	Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
		Vacant Alt		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
Seattle	2	Vacant Member			1
		CM Debora Juarez		<b>Public Agency Members</b>	
		CM Alex Pedersen Alt	1	Puget Sound Clean Air	1
Bellevue	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1		1
		CM Janice Zahn Alt	1		
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	WA Transportation Improvement Board	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah			1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt	1	<b>PSRC Committees</b>	
		DEP MYR Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1		1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1	Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
		Vacant Alt			1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Robert Gelder	1	Transportation Operators Cmte.	1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt			1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>	
		Vacant Alt		Laborers Local Union 242 exp. 12/31/22	1
Cities/Towns	1	Vacant Member			1
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	1	WA Roundtable exp. 12/31/22	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1		
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/22	1
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Ryan Mello, <b>Vice Chair</b>	1	Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1
		CM Dave Morell Alt			1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>	
		CM Conor McCarthy Alt		Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Bryan Yambe, Fife	1		1
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt		League of Women Voters of WA exp. 12/31/22	1
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County			1
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt	1		
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead		Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1
		CM Sam Low Alt			1
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1	Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1	Non-voting	16
		CM Jeffrey Beeler, Sultan Alt 1		Non-voting members present 13	
		CM Michael Stevens, Marysville Alt 2		<b>Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members</b>	
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1	State Legislators	87
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt		Districts within PSRC's boundary	
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife	1		
		Vacant Alt			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel			
		Robert Barandon Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt			
<b>Statutory Members</b>					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1		
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jerry Litt	1		
		COM Hester Serebrin Alt			
WSDOT	1	SEC Roger Millar			
		ASST SEC Julie Meredith Alt 1			
		Mike Cotton Alt 2	1		
		John Wynands Alt 3			
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4			
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	REP Emily Wicks, D	1	Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		COM Commissioner	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant, D		MYR Mayor	
		SEN Mark Mullet, D Alt		DEP MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R		SEC Secretary	
		Vacant, R Alt		ASST SEC Assistant Secretary	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	22	REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	27	SEN Senator	

Attachment: TPB January 13, 2022 Attendance Roster (3337 : Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting Jan 2022)