



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, March 31, 2022 • 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1011 Western Avenue, Seattle, 98104

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### 1. Call to Order (1:00) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair

### 2. Communications and Public Comment

Public Comment Letter

### 3. Report of the Chair

### 4. Action Item (1:10)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Review and Actions -- *Kelly McGourty & Ben Bakkenta, PSRC*

### 5. Next Meeting: April 14, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Major Topics for April:

-- Regional Transportation Plan Final Recommendation

## 6. Adjourn (3:00)

Board members please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Casey Moreau, e-mail [cmoreau@psrc.org](mailto:cmoreau@psrc.org); fax (206) 587-4825; or mail.

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The following individuals submitted the letter below to PSRC and Transportation Policy Board members:

- Matthew Gliboff
- Nance Epstein
- Lara Gardner
- Michaela Barrett
- Jennifer Valentine
- Joe A Kunzler

Dear PSRC leaders and Transportation Policy Board members,

I'm proud of my Washington and am grateful to PSRC for doing the hard work of adopting policies that guide us toward climate justice, safety for all, and greater racial equity. In particular, I've been glad to learn recently about the Regional Transportation Plan, a critical document outlining the future of mobility in the Puget Sound. I'm asking you PLEASE adopt several amendments to the Plan that institutionalize climate, equity, and safety. In particular, please incorporate the following recommendations into the final plan:

- Staff your priorities: Include an action item to hire both climate justice and ADA transition staff, making it easier and faster to ensure the climate strategy is reflective of environmental justice concerns and that local jurisdictions have the regional support they need to build accessible networks.
- Create clear steps for policy implementation: Provide explicit direction on how the policies in each updated RTP should influence every subsequent project selection.
- Make progress a requirement: No project should detract from our climate, safety, and equity goals. Require projects that seek PSRC funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled, as well as meet targets for investments in transit sheds and growth centers.
- Reprioritize based on updates: Clarify and commit to updating project prioritization in the regional capacity project list before the next RTP update.
- Provide critical analysis: The Plan should include information about multiple possible futures: including what the outcomes would be with or without displacement mitigation in place, as well as how environmental measures would change based on RUC rates.
- Build in assessments: Add interim 2030 performance measures to assess progress towards the goals laid out in Vision 2050, including GHG emissions and mode shift, which will enable us to measure progress toward the 30 year goal and adjust as needed.
- Assess regional needs and distribution: Include a specific next step to analyze the equity of current transportation funding and create clear criteria for determining whether transportation funding is distributed equitably—for transit formula funding specifically, as well as for the full distribution of PSRC transportation dollars across all modes.
- Plan for and build towards a multimodal future: Include a commitment to updating the Active

Transportation Plan, prioritize development of performance measures that assess access to “all ages and abilities” routes (e.g. separated and protected infrastructure), and add a connected network of trails as a big idea for long-range planning.

The long-term nature of transportation and land use work can often feel thankless, and I just wanted to express my appreciation for all your efforts. Adopting the changes listed above is one meaningful and tangible action you can take to ensure you leave a legacy of better climate, equity, and safety outcomes for the region.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.



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### **ACTION ITEM**

March 24, 2022

**To:** Transportation Policy Board  
**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Review and Actions**

### **IN BRIEF**

At the meeting on March 10 the Transportation Policy Board received a briefing on the public comments received on the draft Regional Transportation Plan. The briefing included a report on the number and type of commenters, overall comment themes and specific proposals for plan revisions that were identified for board review and consideration. The board also received a summary of board member amendments that were submitted in advance of the meeting. An additional meeting is being held on March 31, at which time the board will begin taking actions on proposed plan amendments.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

In anticipation of final recommendation on the Regional Transportation Plan in April 2022, the Transportation Policy Board is asked to review and take action on a series of proposed amendments. The raw information was provided to the board at the meeting on March 10; the compilation and collation of proposals with specific language will be sent to the board by Monday, March 28.

### **DISCUSSION**

The public comment period for the draft Regional Transportation Plan was conducted between January 13 and February 28, 2022. Comments were received from 74 individuals, 17 of PSRC's member agencies, and 22 other organizations including tribal governments, public agencies, non-profit and community organizations. All comments and staff responses are now posted on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/rtp>.

At the meeting on March 10 staff provided a detailed briefing on the public comments received. This included a categorization of comments across specific plan topics as well as by three comment types: general plan comments, technical corrections, or comment for board review. A spreadsheet delineating the comments provided from the 113 unique respondents into 554 specific line items by topic is provided on PSRC's website, along with the comments in their original form. The spreadsheet identifies the staff categorization of each line item by comment type, as well as a response from PSRC staff to each and every comment.

In addition to the specific proposals submitted during the public comment period that were brought the board's attention, additional plan amendments proposed by board members were also summarized and reviewed at the March 10 meeting. As was noted, there is much overlap of topics across amendments and with the public comments received, and staff is working to collate similar themes and prepare packages of proposed plan revisions to assist with board review and ultimate action. This information will be sent to the board in advance of the meeting on March 31, and the board will be asked to begin taking actions on the proposed amendments. It is anticipated that the review and recommendation of amendments will continue at the April 14 meeting, at which time the Transportation Policy Board will be asked to make a final recommendation to approve the Regional Transportation Plan.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org), or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at 206-971-3286 or [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org).