



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

March 10, 2022

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to:
<https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings.>]

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph announced that today's Transportation Policy Board meeting would be hybrid, 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 announced board membership updates:

- Paul Roberts, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, departed the board
- Cynthia Wang, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (member), Kathy Strange (alternate).
- Mayor Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, Kitsap County Other Cities & Towns (member)
- Mayor Cassie Franklin, Everett (alternate)

A quorum was established by roll call.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The board hear public comment from the following individuals:

- Claire Martini
- Brock Howell
- Anna Zivarts
- Matthew Sutherland
- Vicky Clark

- Larry Leveen

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph thanked members for their participation. She shared that staff have prepared the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) public comments in categories to assist the board with review.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided the board with background on consent agenda item 5c. Recommend Project Submittals to WSDOT National Highway Freight Program Funding Competition. Washington State Department of Transportation has a project selection process for national freight funding. Projects from each region funnel through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). PSRC played a coordination role, but not a project selection role. The projects submitted were reviewed by PSRC staff and the Freight Advisory Committee.

Ms. McGourty shared that PSRC received three public comment letters after the public comment period closed. The letters will be posted to PSRC's website. Board members will be provided with a link to the documents.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 13, 2022
- Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Recommend Project Submittals to WSDOT National Highway Freight Program Funding Competition
- Recommend Certification of the Frederickson MIC Subarea Plan

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Ryan Mello and seconded by Mayor Becky Erickson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

RECOMMEND PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL FROM RURAL TOWN CENTERS AND CORRIDORS PROGRAM AND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, noted that at its February meeting, the board was briefed on the Rural Town Centers & Corridors Program (RTCC) and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) competitions and approved releasing the recommended projects for public comment. She then provided a brief overview of the RTCC project selection process and the project recommendations. Sarah Gutschow, PSRC, provided an overview of the TAP project selection process and those project recommendations. She summarized the four public comments received and included in the packet.

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Rob Gelder and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Mello that the Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program and Transportation Alternatives Program funding to the list of projects identified in Attachments A and B, along with the recommended prioritized lists of contingency projects.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW AND POTENTIAL REVISIONS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that all public comments received on the draft Regional Transportation Plan have been posted on PSRC's website. Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, provided an overview of public comments received, detailing the number received and the organizations that submitted letters and comments. He outlined how all comments were delineated by category and type, noting that board members had received this information in a spreadsheet.

Mr. Bakkenta reviewed the remaining process for public comment. Staff would prepare a response to each line-item comment, either providing further information, referring to the board where applicable or noting if it was outside of PSRC's scope or authority. A full report would be included in the March 24 Executive Board agenda packet.

Mr. Bakkenta provided a breakdown of comment categories and an overview of public comment key themes.

Ms. McGourty gave an overview of key topics from public comment for board review and discussion, covering: Big Ideas; Bicycle/Pedestrian; Climate and Environment; Project Amendments; Safety; Water Quality; Project Evaluation and Project Selection.

Ms. McGourty shared that eight board members had submitted proposed amendments, which were shared with the board in advance of the meeting. The amendments include unique individual components but also overlap with key themes and topics from public comment.

Ms. McGourty shared the process for reviewing public comments and board amendments. Staff will review each board member proposed amendment and collate into amendment packages, where similar items would be packaged together. Ms. McGourty then provided summaries of the topics from amendments submitted: Ballard-Interbay Study; Bicycle/Pedestrian; Climate Change; Coordinated Mobility Plan; Equity; Mobility; Project Additions; RTP/Funding Alignment; Safety; Technology.

Ms. McGourty shared that all comments and board proposed amendments were available online at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/rtp>. Draft staff responses to comments and amendments is scheduled to be available March 17.

Board members agreed to hold an additional meeting on March 31. It was decided to send board members a poll to determine whether to meet in the morning or afternoon.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster.

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING

(As determined by staff)

Monica Adkins, PSRC
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Jennifer Barnes, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Sheila Rogers, PSRC

Attachments:

TPB March 10, 2022 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - March 10, 2022						
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members		
King County	2	CM Girmay Zahilay		Associate Members		
		CM Dave Upthegrove	1	Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon
		Vacant Alt				COMM Jill Johnson Alt
		Vacant Alt		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	CM Dani Madrone, Olympia
Seattle	2	CM Dan Strauss	1			COMM Carolina Mejia, Thurston Co Alt
		CM Alex Pedersen	1	Public Agency Members		
		CP Debora Juarez Alt		Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	Cynthia Wang
Bellevue	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1			Kathy Strange Alt
		CM Janice Zahn Alt	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Dan Gatchet
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila		WA Transportation Improvement Board	1	Brian Ziegler Alt
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1			CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1	PSRC Committees		
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt	1	Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jesse Hamashima, Pierce Co.
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt	1			Chip Vincent, Renton Alt
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski				Russ Blount, Fife Alt
		Vacant Alt		Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County
Kitsap County	1	COM Robert Gelder	1			Lindsey Sehmel Alt, Pierce Transit
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor		
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Laborers Local Union 242	1	Billy Hetherington
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt		exp. 12/31/22		Dale Bright Alt
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1	WA Roundtable	1	Neil Strege
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	1	exp. 12/31/22		Vacant Alt
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/22	1	Rob Berman, HDR Engineering
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	1	Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1	Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1			Jessie Gamble
		CM Dave Morell Alt		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment		
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1	Dinah Stephens
		CM Conor McCarthy Alt		League of Women Voters of WA exp. 12/31/22	1	Jon Morrison Winters Alt
Cities & Towns	1	CM Bryan Yambe, Fife	1	Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1	Cynthia Stewart
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt		Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23	1	Vacant Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County	1	Non-voting	16	Darrell Rodgers
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt	1	Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members		Shawn Frederick, SNOHD Alt
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		State Legislators	87	Alex Hudson
		CM Sam Low Alt		Districts within PSRC's boundary		Kelsey Mesher Alt
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1			
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt				
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1			
		CM Jeffrey Beeler, Sultan Alt 1				
		CM Michael Stevens, Marysville Alt 2				
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1			
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt				
Regional Transit	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife				
		Vacant Alt				
Federally Recognized Tribes						
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				
Statutory Members						
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	1			
		Mike Cotton Alt 2				
		Steve Roark Alt 3				
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4				
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)						
House Transportation Cmte.	2	REP Emily Wicks, D				Abbreviations
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				CHRMN Chairman
		REP Dan Griffey, R				CM Councilmember
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				CP Council President
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant, D				COM Commissioner
		SEN Mark Mullet, D Alt				MYR Mayor
		Vacant, R				DEP MYR Mayor
		Vacant, R Alt				SEC Secretary
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	20			ASST SEC Assistant Secretary
		Total Voting members present	26			REP Representative
						SEN Senator

Attachment: TPB March 10, 2022 Attendance Roster (3393 : Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting Mar 2022)