

# **Transportation Policy Board**

Thursday, November 10, 2022 • 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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

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- 1. Call to Order (9:30) Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair
- 2. Communications and Public Comment
- 3. Report of the Chair
- 4. Director's Report
- 5. Consent Agenda (9:45)
  - a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held Oct 13, 2022
- 6. Discussion Item (9:50)
  - a. Transit Integration Report -- Gil Cerise and Erin Hogan, PSRC
- 7. Discussion Item (10:15)
  - a. Climate Change Work Program -- Kelly McGourty, PSRC
- 8. Discussion Item (10:35)
  - a. Transportation Demand Management Activities -- Gil Cerise, PSRC and Ricardo Gotla, WSDOT
- 9. Discussion Item (11:00)
  - a. Project Tracking and Delivery -- Jennifer Barnes and Kalon Thomas, PSRC

#### 10.Information Item

- a. Save the Date Wednesday, November 30, 10-11:30 AM, Joint Board Session on Institutional and Structural Racism
- b. Transportation Policy Board 2023 Meeting Calendar

### 11. Next Meeting: December 8, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Major Topics for:

- -- Climate Analysis Preliminary Results
- -- FTA Working Group Report

### 12. Adjourn (11:30)

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; fax (206) 587-4825; or mail.

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# MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

#### October 13, 2022

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 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. The meeting will be live streamed, and a call-in number provided for members of the public to listen.

Chair Ralph shared TPB membership updates:

Rob Berman, Seattle Chamber of Commerce, has stepped down from the board.
 Lorelei Williams has been appointed as the new member.

A quorum was established by roll call.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The board heard public comment from the following individuals:

Alex Tsimerman, SUA

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph announced that this is a rotation year for several non-voting members representing Business & Labor and Community & Environment. A total of eight seats will expire on the Transportation and Growth Management policy boards. These seats have three-year terms with staggered rotation. An announcement on how to apply will be sent out this month. The current members have already been notified and their organizations are welcome to reapply.

Chair Ralph also asked members to save the date for an upcoming joint board session on institutional and structural racism to be held on Wednesday, November 30 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Information was included in the agenda packet.

Chair Ralph informed the board of the passing of Russ Blount from the City of Fife, who served on the TPB in his role as Vice-Chair of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee. A moment of silence was requested to remember Russ.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that on Friday, October 21, PSRC will host a transit oriented development event. Details have been shared with the board and are available on PSRC's website.

PSRC is hosting a webinar series, Passport to 2044, to provide guidance from VISION 2050 for comprehensive plan updates. The next webinar will be held on October 18 and will focus on transportation. Registration is open and available on the website.

PSRC has completed its required federal certification process. The certification process is conducted every four years in collaboration with our federal and state partners. The process and outcome were, positive with PSRC receiving several commendations and recommendations. Federal partners will attend the Executive Board to provide further information about the certification review.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held September 8, 2022
- Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

<u>ACTION</u>: The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila and seconded by Mayor Becky Erickson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

# ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, briefed the board on the background and development of the new 2023-2026 Regional TIP. The TIP is comprised of projects that have current funding from a variety of sources over the next four years. The projects programmed totals \$5.4 billion dollars. The TIP is a four-year document that receives a major update every two years but is amended on a monthly basis. Ms. Barnes reviewed the components of the TIP document, available on PSRC's website. Also posted online is the TIP project list and interactive project map.

Ms. Barnes reminded the board that the TIP was released for public comment in September, and that the comment period will remain open until the October Executive Board meeting. Six public comments have been received and are included in the

agenda packet; Ms. Barnes provided general details of those comments. A response was provided to each public comment received.

The Executive Board is scheduled to adopt the Regional TIP at its meeting October 27. In January 2023 the adopted TIP is anticipated to receive state and federal approvals.

<u>ACTION:</u> The motion was made by Councilmember Ryan Mello and seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller that the Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board adopt the 2023-2026 Regional TIP, including the following actions and findings:

- A. Compliance with State and Federal Requirements PSRC finds that the 2023-2026 Regional TIP satisfies all state and federal requirements, including consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan, financial feasibility and a positive finding of air quality conformity. PSRC has also provided reasonable opportunity for public review and considered public comments. Therefore, the 2023-2026 Regional TIP should be adopted by PSRC and submitted to the state and federal funding agencies for approval.
- B. Project Selection, Required for the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Funds Managed by PSRC PSRC approves project selection for all projects in the 2023-2026 Regional TIP for which PSRC has project selection responsibilities. These include projects with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funds.
- C. Authorization for Administrative Amendments to the TIP PSRC staff are authorized to continue to achieve flexibility and efficiency in the administration of PSRC's programming responsibilities. This authorization enables staff to execute administrative approval for reasonable agency requests for routine project and programming amendments to the approved TIP.

The motion passed.

#### STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Robin Koskey, PSRC, shared that PSRC's Executive Board directed staff to draft a legislative agenda for the 2023 session. Staff have reviewed adopted plans and policies to align the draft agenda to support implementation. Staff have also met with legislators and stakeholders to inform the primary focus areas.

Ms. Koskey provided detail on the policy focus areas of transportation, housing, and climate. The timeline for the legislative agenda is to gather feedback at the policy boards in October and then adopt the agenda at the December Executive Board.

Board members discussed the road usage charge. Staff shared that the agenda is more general to allow for more reaction to activities in Olympia. PSRC can provide legislators with data and technical assistance to make decisions. Ms. Koskey noted that members and elected officials can provide remote testimony on issues that are strategic to their communities.

#### PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD OUTLINE

Craig Helmann, PSRC, shared that a performance dashboard tool was in development as an action item of the Regional Transportation Plan. PSRC proposes a data-intensive website for the performance dashboard. The website would provide context and language to align the data with overall plan outcomes and local context. The dashboard would be built into the new PSRC website, along with PSRC's equity dashboard which has had extensive input from the Equity Advisory Committee.

Mr. Helmann provided an overview of what board members can expect to see from the dashboard. He reviewed topic areas for measures and metrics, noting that they can be displayed and compared by region, county and nationally. Mr. Helmann covered the parameters of the data available and its update cycles. Mr. Helmann noted limitations in cases where data currently does not exist or is not updated frequently.

Board members asked questions regarding metrics for emissions and safety, and staff provided additional details regarding the difference between plan inputs, outputs and available measures. Members also discussed how to use the dashboard to show if the policies are moving in the right direction and asked that PSRC share the details of data sources.

The performance dashboard is scheduled to be released in early January. Staff plan to develop an annual data report to be generated late 2023.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE WORK PROGRAM**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an overview of PSRC's Climate Change Work Program. During the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, PSRC was called on to develop an interim 2030 climate analysis, due by the end of December.

Ms. McGourty shared an overview of PSRC's four-part greenhouse gas strategy and the steps to meeting regional climate goals. Ms. McGourty reviewed the steps towards building the 2030 network and upcoming work to conduct sensitivity testing. Once completed, this information will come back to the board.

Ms. McGourty reviewed related partnership projects that complement PSRC's climate work. PSRC has been working with peer agencies on the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project. She also provided details of the Regional Electric Vehicle Collaborative in partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. The partnership has developed a beta website clearinghouse to assist local agencies.

Staff will continue with work over the next two months and provide preliminary results to the board in December.

Board members discussed the tracking of inputs and outputs related to the climate goals, as well as the relationship to equity.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

#### **TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT**

See attached attendance roster.

#### **GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING**

(As determined by staff)

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Doug Cox, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Nick Johnson, PSRC
Robin Koskey, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC

#### Attachments:

TPB October 13, 2022 Attendance Roster

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**DISCUSSION ITEM**November 3, 2022

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

**Subject: Transit Integration Report** 

#### **IN BRIEF**

At its November 10 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will be briefed on the release of the 2022 Transit Integration Report.

#### DISCUSSION

At the Executive Board's direction, PSRC has prepared a report on transit integration in the region annually since 2014.

The region has six transit agencies: five local service providers (Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro, Kitsap Transit and Pierce Transit) and one regional transit authority (Sound Transit). Three additional organizations provide transit or ferry services: City of Seattle, Pierce County and Washington State Ferries.

Ensuring effective coordination and integration among transit agencies is essential to delivering a seamless customer experience and efficient operations and planning. The purpose of the Transit Integration Report is to increase awareness of ongoing transit coordination activities and opportunities in the region. The 2022 Transit Integration Report highlights the coordination work among agencies to implement the free youth transit pass by October 1, ensuring eligibility for Move Ahead Washington funds, as well as continued improvements to ORCA and other customer-focused initiatives. The report also identifies opportunities for future collaboration to address shared challenges—like workforce shortages—and continue coordination on service and capital planning.

The Transit Integration Report also supports state reporting requirements for the Washington State Department of Transportation to submit an annual report documenting transit coordination efforts within the central Puget Sound region. PSRC's 2022 Transit Integration Report will be submitted to WSDOT for final submission to the Legislature by December 1 to meet this requirement.

At the November 10 meeting staff will provide a summary briefing on the 2022 report and the board will be asked to provide input and suggestions for next year's report. The report is posted on PSRC's website <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at <a href="mailto:GCerise@psrc.org">GCerise@psrc.org</a>, (206) 971-3053 or Erin Hogan at <a href="mailto:EHogan@psrc.org">EHogan@psrc.org</a>, (206) 971-3054.



#### DISCUSSION ITEM

November 3, 2022

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

**Subject: Climate Change Work Program** 

#### **IN BRIEF**

The Transportation Policy Board was briefed in September on the additional climate analyses called for in the recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan, including a summary of the climate work underway and the schedule. In November the board will be asked to provide input on the various model sensitivity tests being considered to evaluate potential additional strategies towards achieving the region's climate goals.

#### DISCUSSION

The <u>Regional Transportation Plan</u> (RTP) identifies numerous implementation items, covering all of the major plan elements and policy focus areas. These implementation items call for new and continued work to be done by PSRC, local agencies and other regional and state partners.

Over the last several months the Transportation Policy Board and an executive steering committee have reviewed a summary of these various work program items and provided preliminary feedback on priority timelines, as well as additional details on key scoping elements. In addition to development of a performance dashboard, additional climate analysis work is scheduled for completion by December 2022. The board was briefed on the status of this work and the schedule at its meeting on October 13.

Since 2010 PSRC has had an adopted Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy (addressing land use, transportation choices, pricing and technology) and conducted a climate analysis for the horizon year of the RTP. The most recent analysis forecasted emissions and applied the strategy to a horizon year of 2050. The plan further calls for

PSRC to develop an interim year transportation network and conduct a 2030 analysis, and to continue to work with partner agencies, including the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, to develop a climate implementation strategy for achieving the climate goals and to monitor progress.

At the meeting on November 10, additional information will be provided on the planned approach and next steps for completing this work. This includes various sensitivity tests that can be modeled to analyze potential impacts of additional strategies within the framework of the Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy. The board will be asked to provide feedback on these proposed levers, which include various road usage charge scenarios, acceleration of high-capacity transit expansions, additional transit service, adjustments to roadway capacity expansion, percentages of electric vehicles, and others. The Executive Board discussed this topic at its meeting on October 27.

It is anticipated that preliminary results of the 2030 analysis and a comparison to the 2030 climate goals will be available for board review at its meeting on December 8. A more comprehensive reporting will be provided in January 2023.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at (206) 971-3601 or <a href="mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org">kmcgourty@psrc.org</a>.



#### DISCUSSION ITEM

November 3, 2022

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

**Subject: Transportation Demand Management Activities** 

#### **IN BRIEF**

At its November 10 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will hear from PSRC staff regarding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) activities in the region. WSDOT staff will share a proposed Mobility Partnership Grant program that would expand TDM beyond existing markets covered by the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program. This proposal is the result of extensive engagement with stakeholders throughout the state.

#### DISCUSSION

TDM refers to a coordinated set of programs to help people use the transportation system more efficiently through education, incentives, products (like subsidized transit fare cards), and programs that make it easier and more convenient to use non-drive alone modes such as transit, carpool, vanpool, walking, biking, and teleworking. TDM programs are typically implemented by cities, counties, transit agencies, transportation management associations (TMAs), and others. The regional inventory of TDM programs conducted in 2019-2020 revealed 106 different programs in existence at that time. Most programs inventoried by PSRC were focused on work trips using marketing and education to influence changes in travel behavior.

Washington state's foundational TDM program is the CTR program, which was enacted in the early 1990's. The CTR program focuses on encouraging non-drive alone trips for larger employers who produce commute trips in the peak period. The CTR program has a longstanding history of showing the benefit of TDM programs targeted to specific markets for employers who participate in the program. However, over the years, the CTR program has not received increases in funding to account for larger numbers of

applicable employers, and commute trips of all types represented only 24% of all trips based on the 2017/2019 Regional Household Travel Survey.

The TDM section of the <u>Regional Transportation Plan</u> (see pages 92-98) acknowledges the benefits of TDM in support of VISION 2050's transit-focused growth strategy. It outlines some challenges and opportunities for TDM, with the following key issues:

- **Improving TDM integration in planning** to ensure that it is considered and addressed consistently in plans, programs, and implementation.
- Measuring program effectiveness and efficiency through data collection and consistent methods of measuring outcomes.
- Evaluating and addressing equity in TDM. Many of the existing programs tend to be oriented to white-collar office jobs. The RTP calls on the region to more fully integrate equity into TDM efforts.
- **Expand TDM Opportunities.** The RTP calls for expansion of TDM beyond large employers with peak period commutes, to include more employers (small employers, large employers with off-peak commutes) and non-commute trips that make up the majority of trips.

Recently, WSDOT completed a two-year engagement effort to expand TDM within the state as called for in the statewide <a href="Strategic Plan for TDM">Strategic Plan for TDM</a>. As a result of its outreach, WSDOT has developed a proposal for the upcoming legislative session that creates a grant program called the Mobility Partnership Grant program. The new grant program aligns with the call for expanding TDM beyond the CTR program identified in the Regional Transportation Plan. It has the potential to address other elements relating to planning, performance, and equity. WSDOT staff will brief the Transportation Policy Board on this proposal at the November 10 meeting.

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#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

November 3, 2022

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

**Subject: Project Tracking and Delivery** 

#### **IN BRIEF**

PSRC has been monitoring the progress of projects awarded PSRC's federal funds through a project tracking system first implemented in 2000. The adopted project tracking policies are designed to ensure the timely use of PSRC funds and to increase the delivery of transportation investments that support the region's long-range plans. The project tracking system has been successful at keeping projects moving forward while effectively utilizing PSRC's federal funds. In addition, since 2013 the policies have addressed the required annual delivery target for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds.

The Transportation Policy Board will be briefed at their November 10 meeting on the status of current and historic delivery targets, trends and challenges, and planned steps for continued improvements to the project tracking program.

#### **DISCUSSION**

PSRC's project tracking program has evolved over the years to ensure successful delivery of projects by addressing issues caused by project delays and the potential risk of losing unused funding. This evolution has included responding to the annual delivery target requirement for FHWA funds begun in 2013. Regions must meet their delivery target for that year's FHWA funds or risk losing the unused portion of funds to other parts of the state.

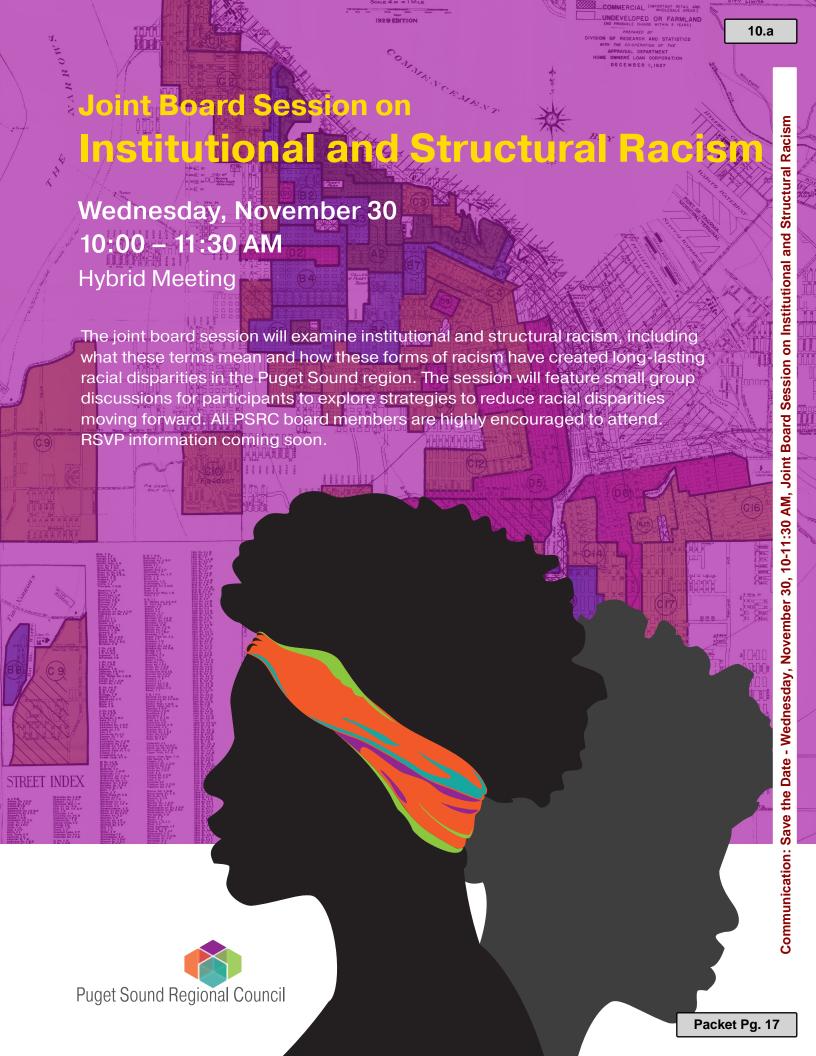
The current adopted project tracking policies include an allowance for sponsors to request up to a one-year extension, if warranted due to unforeseen delays. These extensions result in a gap to meeting the current year's delivery target, and other

factors, such as higher allocations than estimates and returned funds due to project cancellations or other issues also impact delivery. The policies therefore further include a five-step approach to filling the delivery gap each year, including the advancement of funds in later years and parameters around supplemental funding actions for immediately ready to go projects.

In addition to addressing the annual delivery targets for PSRC's FHWA funds, the project tracking program also encompasses regular monitoring of all projects awarded PSRC funds, through final completion. Twice a year project progress reports are requested from sponsors. A variety of data is collected on the overall status of each project, including completion of project milestones, changes in total cost, and any issues causing delays to the schedule.

The Transportation Policy Board will be briefed at its November 10 meeting on the status of the 2022 annual delivery target, historic trends, ongoing challenges faced by transportation projects in the region and proposed next steps for further refinements of PSRC's project tracking program.

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## **2023 PSRC Transportation Policy Board Meetings**

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Meetings are held 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second Thursday of the month. As needed, the Transportation Policy Board and the Growth Management Policy Board meet in joint session to coordinate activities and make decisions/recommendations.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. If a meeting is changed or cancelled, TPB members and alternates will be notified. Updated meeting dates are listed at https://www.psrc.org.