



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

October 13, 2022

To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to:  
<https://www.psrc.org/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'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
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**ACTION: 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.

**ACTION:** 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

Transportation Policy Board - October 13, 2022						
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members		
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Girmay Zahilay		<b>Associate Members</b>		
		CM Dave Upthegrove		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				COMM Carolina Mejia, Thurston Co Alt
		CM Alex Pedersen		<b>Public Agency Members</b>		
		CP Debora Juarez Alt		Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	Christine Cooley
Bellevue	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1			Kathy Strange Alt
		CM Janice Zahn Alt		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Dan Gatchet
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila	1			Brian Ziegler Alt
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	WA Transportation Improvement Board	1	Vacant
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1			CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt	1	<b>PSRC Committees</b>		
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jesse Hamashima, Pierce Co.
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1			Chip Vincent, Renton Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.
		Vacant Alt				Russ Blount, Fife Alt
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Robert Gelder	1	Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt				Lindsey Sehmel Alt, Pierce Transit
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>		
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt		Laborers Local Union 242	1	Billy Hetherington
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1	exp. 12/31/22		Dale Bright Alt
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	1	WA Roundtable	1	Neil Strege
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1	exp. 12/31/22		Vacant Alt
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/22	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Ryan Mello, <b>Vice Chair</b>	1	Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1	Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt
		CM Dave Morell Alt				Jessie Gamble
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1			Jeremiah Lafranca Alt
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>		
Cities & Towns	1	CM Bryan Yambe, Fife		Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1	Dinah Stephens
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt				Vacant Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County	1	League of Women Voters of WA exp. 12/31/22	1	Cynthia Stewart
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt				Vacant Alt
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead		Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1	Darrell Rodgers
		CM Sam Low Alt				Shawn Frederick, SNOHD Alt
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1	Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23	1	Hester Serebrin
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt				Alex Hudson Alt
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1	Non-voting	16	Non-voting members present
		CM Jeffrey Beeler, Sultan Alt 1		<b>Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members</b>		
		CM Michael Stevens, Marysville Alt 2		State Legislators	87	Districts within PSRC's boundary
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1			
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt				
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife				
		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				
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt				
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jerry Litt	1			
		Vacant Alt				
WSDOT	1	SEC Roger Millar				
		ASST SEC Julie Meredith Alt 1	1			
		Brian Nielsen Alt 2				
		Steve Roark Alt 3				
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4				
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>						
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	16			ASST SEC Assistant Secretary
		Total Voting members present	20			REP Representative
						SEN Senator

Attachment: TPB October 13, 2022 Attendance Roster (3570 : Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held Oct 2022)