



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, December 8, 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 November 10, 2022
6. **Discussion Item (9:50)**
 - a. Climate Analysis Preliminary Results -- *Kelly McGourty and Craig Helmann, PSRC*
7. **Discussion Item (10:20)**
 - a. Safety Work Program -- *Kelly McGourty and Ben Bakkenta, PSRC*
8. **Discussion Item (11:00)**
 - a. Equity Program Report -- *Ben Bakkenta, PSRC*
9. **Information Item**
 - a. Transportation Policy Board 2023 Meeting Calendar

10. Next Meeting: January 12, 2023, 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Major Topics for January:

- Coordinated Mobility Grant Program Regional Rankings
- Climate Change Implementation Strategy
- RTP Performance Dashboard

11. 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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Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

November 10, 2022

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<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.

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 reminded the board that this is a rotation year for several non-voting members representing Business & Labor and Community & Environment. Applications are due November 18.

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 AM – 11:30 AM. Information was included in the agenda packet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that PSRC hosted students from Central Washington University to discuss key challenges in the region and had a tour of the waterfront. It presented an opportunity to hear from the next generation of planners.

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) has released its draft strategic plan. PSCAA is hosting an online open house for public comment through November 20.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held October 13, 2022

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

TRANSIT INTEGRATION REPORT

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that the Transit Integration Report highlights examples of cross-agency transit coordination that prioritizes a seamless and easy customer experience and ensures effective and efficient use of public resources.

Erin Hogan, PSRC, reviewed the Transit Integration Report policy areas and three themes for this year's report: leveraging new resources and continuing ongoing coordination, evaluating and improving user experience and addressing shared challenges together to rebuild ridership. Ms. Hogan provided an overview of the stories that speak to each of the themes and highlighting coordination between transit agencies. Ms. Hogan provided further details about the Free Youth Transit Pass. Members were encouraged to review the report available on PSRC's website.

Mr. Cerise asked board members for feedback for future transit reports. Board members shared that anecdotal narratives are helpful and asked if there were measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the free youth transit pass. Mr. Cerise shared that the transit agencies did coordinate to work on tracking implementation, hoping that the distributed ORCA cards would provide data on the program's success. Mr. Cerise also noted the ongoing and varied coordination that occurs as part of the transit Mobility Partnership.

CLIMATE CHANGE WORK PROGRAM

Ms. McGourty shared that the Regional Transportation Plan called for a 2030 interim year climate analysis to be completed by the end of this year and development of a climate implementation strategy. To support the analysis, PSRC worked with transit agencies to develop a 2030 transportation network.

Ms. McGourty reviewed progress on the work program item, noting that staff are conducting modeling and analysis to identify the gap to the region's 2030 climate goals. In alignment with PSRC's four-part greenhouse gas strategy, sensitivity testing will take place over the next two months to address the gap. Ms. McGourty reviewed each of the proposed sensitivity tests with the board.

Analysis results will be presented at the December Executive Board and Transportation Policy Board meetings.

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Cerise shared that Transportation Demand Management (TDM) is a broad program, encompassing many different areas such as education, incentives and tools to change travel behavior.

Mr. Cerise provided an overview of the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) law, how it is administered by the state and how it affects trips. Mr. Cerise discussed common elements of CTR such as education, marketing programs, and how it is implemented through counties, cities, and transit agencies. He also shared trends in teleworking and key TDM issues from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Ricardo Gotla, WSDOT, shared a brief overview of the state CTR board and activities. Mr. Gotla shared details of WSDOT's outreach efforts and how it led to the proposal for the creation of a Mobility Partnership Grant Program. He reviewed potential achievements of the new grant program and eligible participants. Mr. Gotla provided a comprehensive overview of the grant proposal, noting that the program prioritizes equity and under-represented communities.

Mr. Cerise noted how this program aligns with priorities of the RTP. Board members asked questions on the proposed grant program and indicated support.

PROJECT TRACKING AND DELIVERY

Ms. McGourty shared the results of the 2022 delivery target for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration funds. For the first time, PSRC did not meet the annual delivery target. However, Ms. McGourty noted that there is a two-year period and PSRC will not lose federal funds this year, but the gap will roll over into the 2023 target.

Ms. McGourty provided a history of delivery over time and the need for supplemental funding actions to ensure success. Ms. McGourty noted the challenges of the 2022 cycle such as higher funding allocations, but noted that this year there was an unexpected late return of funds and several projects that did not deliver. The board can expect future briefings on this topic to develop additional tools to deal with late breaking emergency actions.

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, shared an overview of PSRC's project tracking program and policies. Ms. Barnes covered the 5-step process for rebalancing and supplemental funding actions when needed.

Kalon Thomas, PSRC, gave an overview of project trends and funding. Mr. Thomas reviewed historical requests for extensions, highlighting a drop in the number of

extensions over time. He provided information on project completions and the funding sources contained in PSRC-funded projects by agency type.

Ms. Barnes shared next steps for the 2023 delivery process and discussed action steps to be taken to address delivery challenges. This includes heightened monitoring and communication and convening of a project delivery working group to review policies to further support project delivery. Recommendations from this working group will be shared with the board in 2023.

Mayor Ralph announced the next meeting is scheduled December 8.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 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
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Nick Johnson, PSRC
Robin Koskey, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Kalon Thomas, PSRC
Jennifer Barnes, PSRC

Attachments:

TPB November 10, 2022 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - 2022							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			
King County	2	CM Girmay Zahilay		Associate Members			
		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	1	Public Agency Members			
		CP Debora Juarez Alt		Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	Christine Cooley	1
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, Chair	1	WA Transportation Improvement Board	1	Vacant	
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1			CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt		PSRC Committees			
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jesse Hamashima, Pierce Co.	1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt				Chip Vincent, Renton Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
		Vacant Alt				Vacant Alt	
Kitsap County	1	COM Robert Gelder	1	Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt				Lindsey Sehmel Alt, Pierce Transit	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt		Laborers Local Union 242 exp. 12/31/22	1	Billy Hetherington	1
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard				Dale Bright Alt	
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	1	WA Roundtable exp. 12/31/22	1	Neil Strege	
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo				Vacant Alt	
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/22	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	1
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1			Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
		CM Dave Morell Alt		Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1	Jessie Gamble	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1			Jeremiah Lafranca Alt	
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
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	1
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt				Vacant Alt	
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1	Darrell Rodgers	1
		CM Sam Low Alt				Shawn Frederick, SNOHD Alt	
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1	Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23	1	Hester Serebrin	1
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt				Alex Hudson	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1	Non-voting	16	Non-voting members present	9
		CM Jeffrey Beeler, Sultan Alt 1		Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members			
		CM Michael Stevens, Marysville Alt 2		State Legislators	87	Districts within PSRC's boundary	
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens					
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt					
Regional Transit	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife	1				
		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				
		Vacant Alt					
WSDOT	1	SEC Roger Millar					
		ASST SEC Julie Meredith Alt 1					
		Brian Nielsen Alt 2					
		Steve Roark Alt 3					
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4	1				
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)							
House Transportation Cmte.	2	REP Emily Wicks, D				CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				CM Councilmember	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				CP Council President	
		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	17			REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	18			SEN Senator	

Attachment: TPB November 10, 2022 Attendance Roster (3602 : Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held Nov 2022)



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

December 1, 2022

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Climate Analysis Preliminary Results**

IN BRIEF

The Transportation Policy Board has received several presentations over the last few months on the 2030 climate analysis work underway and provided feedback on various sensitivity tests being considered to evaluate potential additional strategies towards meeting the region's climate goals. Preliminary results of these analyses will be provided to the board at its meeting on December 8.

DISCUSSION

The [Regional Transportation Plan](#) (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. Scheduled for completion by December 2022 is an analysis of 2030 greenhouse gas emissions compared to the region's climate goals.

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, staff provided a status report on the analysis work conducted to date and next steps, including 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 provided 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.

Preliminary analysis results will be provided to the board at their meeting on December 8, including a comparison of the 2030 plan results to the 2030 climate goals and an assessment of the various sensitivity tests for further implementation possibilities. A more comprehensive reporting and discussion of implementation strategies will be held in January 2023.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at (206) 971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

December 1, 2022

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Safety Work Program**

IN BRIEF

Over the last six months the Transportation Policy Board has discussed and provided feedback on the implementation action items identified in the Regional Transportation Plan adopted earlier this year. At its meeting on December 8 staff will brief the board on various upcoming activities related to the safety work program.

DISCUSSION

The [Regional Transportation Plan](#) (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 six months the Transportation Policy Board has reviewed a summary of these various work program items and provided feedback on priority timelines, as well as additional details on key scoping elements. A particular focus of attention has been on safety, and the implementation action identified in the RTP to conduct a regional safety convening and develop a Regional Safety Plan which will ultimately inform future planning and project selection processes.

At the December 8 meeting, staff will provide a report on upcoming activities related to PSRC's safety work program, as well as the recent application to the Safe Streets for All grant program. In particular, the board will be asked to provide feedback on the purpose and desired outcomes of a regional safety convening, tentatively to be held in the first quarter of 2023.

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



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DISCUSSION ITEM

December 1, 2022

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Equity Program Report**

IN BRIEF

Equity is a key policy area in [VISION 2050](#), the region's long-range plan for growth. A new action in the draft VISION 2050 plan (RC-Action-3) directs PSRC to develop a regional equity strategy, which is intended to make equity central to PSRC's work and to support the 2024 local comprehensive plan updates.

PSRC staff and the [Equity Advisory Committee](#) (EAC) have made progress on regional equity work, including co-creating elements of the [Regional Equity Strategy](#), which will provide guidance to help members work in a coordinated manner towards the region's goal of providing an exceptional quality of life and opportunity for all. It will also provide guidance and training for staff to ensure the agency effectively uses its roles to advance racial equity.

DISCUSSION

Staff worked with the Equity Advisory Committee to help shape both the [Regional Housing Strategy](#) and [Regional Transportation Plan](#). Additionally, staff are currently working with the Equity Advisory Committee to co-create the Regional Equity Strategy. The strategy will include components such as:

Capacity Building

- PSRC Board and Staff Learning Opportunities
- Prioritizing Equity
- Inclusive Procurement
- Hiring and Retention

Data and Research

- Equity Tracker
- Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report
- Data & Analysis

Community Engagement

- Equity Advisory Committee
- Anti-Displacement Organizations Report
- Inclusive Engagement Guidance

Best Practices

- Racial Equity Impact Assessment
- Equity Planning Resources

To date, PSRC staff have engaged with the EAC on the resources most relevant to the comprehensive plan update process: Equity Tracker, Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report, Anti-Displacement Organizations Report, Inclusive Engagement Guidance, Racial Equity Impact Assessment, and Equity Planning Resources.

Staff leading these resources attended 2-3 EAC meetings to: 1) share an overview of the work, 2) facilitate a discussion to get feedback from the EAC, and 3) close the feedback loop, detailing how the EAC's thoughts were incorporated in the work.

At the December meeting, PSRC staff will provide a brief report on the work of the EAC throughout 2022 and their input on key planning products. Additionally, staff will share the preliminary EAC 2023 workplan, which will include the equity pilot program identified in the *2022 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*.

For more information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org or (206) 971-3286.

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>.

Communication: Transportation Policy Board 2023 Meeting Calendar (Information Item)