



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

December 8, 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

Written comments were shared with the board via email. The board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- Alex Tsimerman, SUA
- Robin Briggs

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph thanked the board for their work over the last year also acknowledged Kelly McGourty and Ben Bakkenta for their dedication and efforts.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that staff participates in a number of partnership projects and planning activities. In 2023, information on progress and milestones on these efforts and the ongoing transportation work program will be provided on a regular basis. Ms. McGourty noted the upcoming items to be presented to the board in January, including the launch of the Regional Electric Vehicle Collaborative web-based clearinghouse. This is a partnership project with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) that has been underway for several years with regular reports to the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held November 10, 2022

ACTION: The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold and seconded by Councilmember Zarlingo to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

CLIMATE ANALYSIS PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Ms. McGourty reminded the board that briefings on the 2030 climate analysis work have been provided over the last several months, and today's presentation is to share preliminary results.

Craig Helmann, PSRC, provided an overview of the results from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in 2030, highlighting the expected increases in population and jobs, as well as other metrics such as lane miles, delay and transit ridership. He further described details of the expanded high-capacity transit network by 2030.

Ms. McGourty gave an overview of the greenhouse gas emissions results from the RTP in 2030 compared to the region's 2030 climate goals. She also described the impacts from recent state legislation and programs that will further reduce emissions during this time period. She indicated that overall, the region has a gap of 13% to meet the 2030 goal. She then shared details of the Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project, a seven-agency partnership who recently updated the regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory and conducted a similar forecast analysis of future impacts and opportunities. Details and analysis of this project supported PSRC's 2030 climate analysis, and Ms. McGourty identified the key assumptions related to the impact of state legislation that were used in the PSRC analysis.

Mr. Helmann reviewed details of PSRC's four-part greenhouse gas strategy and the sensitivity tests conducted under this umbrella. He described the adjustment of various levers and the resulting changes in regional emissions that each sensitivity test produced, covering: different road usage charge rates, transit, working from home, roadway capacity projects, and increased zero emission vehicle (ZEV) sales.

Ms. McGourty noted some levers have a higher impact than others, and PSRC staff will conduct a hybrid scenario combining these levers and present findings at the January board meeting. The board will also receive information on the full suite of impacts from the sensitivity tests, including transportation system metrics, and will begin discussing an implementation strategy in January.

The board provided comments on the various levers, such as: the necessary electric infrastructure capacity to support the volume of new ZEVs; details around the road

usage charge such as the current 18th amendment restriction; the tipping point of changing people's behavior; tracking the dollars necessary to implement these changes; and near-term viability and equity.

SAFETY WORK PROGRAM

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, provided an overview of the Safe Streets for All Action Plan Grant. PSRC has partnered with other local jurisdictions to submit a joint grant application. Grant award announcements are expected at the end of January. If PSRC is awarded the grant, resulting activities will support development of the regional safety plan called for in the RTP.

Ms. McGourty described how the potential safety grant and the regional safety convening also called for in the RTP can support the scoping process and board discussions on the ultimate regional safety plan. Staff is proposing to hold this convening in the spring of 2023, to include a wide variety of stakeholders and addressing an array of relevant transportation safety topics. Ms. McGourty asked the board for feedback on the purpose and desired outcomes of the convening.

The board discussed worker safety, categories and typologies such as transit access and infrastructure safety, and best practices for different types of roadway facilities. Board members also suggested looking at local context and ranges for best practices, noting that some safety improvements work better in differing volumes of traffic and different settings. Other comments included identifying the baseline of what agencies are currently doing to address safety, the use of state route rights of way through cities and developing a vocabulary level-setting for consistent language.

EQUITY PROGRAM REPORT

Mr. Bakkenta shared that VISION 2050 called for the creation of a Regional Equity Strategy and formation of a new Equity Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC began meeting in 2022 and consists of 19 members made up of community members, elected officials and local organization staff. He shared details of the members' representation and community engagement experience and provided highlights of the committee's work over the past year.

Mr. Bakkenta shared details of the ongoing work to develop PSRC's Regional Equity Strategy. PSRC staff are engaged in a cross-agency effort to support racial equity work. This includes the creation of resources to support local planning, such as an online equity tracker, an interactive report on the legacy of structural racism, a report on anti-displacement organizations in the region, equitable engagement guidance, a racial equity impact assessment, and equity planning guidance.

Mr. Bakkenta shared details of the 2023 equity work program, noting the planned equity pilot program using PSRC's FHWA funds. He also highlighted potential topics for 2023 and future engagement of the EAC in upcoming planning work.

Board members thanked staff for their work on equity and keeping board members informed on the topic. The board discussed how the TPB could best engage with the EAC, noting the full work program and interest of engaging with the EAC on a wide variety of topics. Board members also shared thanks to members of the EAC for their time and investing in PSRC.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster.

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING

(As determined by staff)

Monica Adkins, PSRC
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC

Attachments:

TPB December 8, 2022 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - Dec 8, 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				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				Kathy Strange Alt	1
		CM Janice Zahn Alt		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Vacant	
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				CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt	1	PSRC Committees			
		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	1	Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
		Vacant Alt				Vacant Alt	
Kitsap County	1	COM Robert Gelder		Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt				Lindsey Sehmel Alt, Pierce Transit	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt		Laborers Local Union 242	1	Billy Hetherington	1
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	1
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	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		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
Cities & Towns	1	CM Bryan Yambe, Fife		Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1	Dinah Stephens	1
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt				Vacant Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		League of Women Voters of WA exp. 12/31/22	1	Cynthia Stewart	
		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	
		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	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1	Non-voting	16	Non-voting members present	8
		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	1				
		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					
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				CHRNM 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	18			REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	21			SEN Senator	

Attachment: TPB December 8, 2022 Attendance Roster (3616 : Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held Dec 2022)