



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, September 22, 2022
Hybrid Meeting, PSRC Board Room**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:04 AM by King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and will be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen live to the meeting. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Marguerite Richard provided public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Claudia Balducci thanked members of the board for joining the meeting. She announced that Commissioner Hester Serebrin has stepped down as Commissioner and will no longer be serving as Washington State Transportation Commission's representative. The Commission is working to fill the seat. She also announced that Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County has accepted a position with the county and will no longer be on the board.

She stated that the Transportation and Growth Management Policy Boards are looking for interest groups to serve as non-voting members. Each board has openings in the categories business/labor and community/environment. These seats have 3-year terms with staggered rotation, so a set number rotate each cycle. This cycle, the Transportation Policy Board has four seats expiring at the end of the year and the Growth Management Policy Board has three seats expiring at the end of the year. An announcement on how to apply will be sent out this week inviting interest groups to apply. Current members have already been notified and their organizations are welcome to reapply. The deadline to submit applications is November 18. She stated

that if board members know of groups that might be interested in applying to email Sheila and she will get information out to them.

President Balducci reported that at the December meeting, the board will be conducting the annual performance review of the executive director. Soon, board members and alternates will receive an email that will include materials regarding the performance review. She asked that members to keep an eye out for that email and that she looks forward to board member input.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that at today's meeting, the committee recommended approval of vouchers dated June 30, 2022 through August 29, 2022 in the Amount of \$1,619,195.99. The committee also approve contract authority for website support services, approved contract authority for PSRC's move-related expenses, and approve contract authority for in-house leadership development training.

She reported that Pierce County has asked for additional time to discuss their position on securing an additional seat to the Executive Board. This action will return to the Operations Committee and Executive Board in October.

Vice President Erickson reported that the committee was briefed on PSRC's annual weighted votes noting there was little change.

She reported that Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC's Budget Manager, provided information to the committee on the upcoming schedule for budget development. Over the next few meetings, the committee will review revenues, expenditures, and financial policies.

Staff provided the committee with information on PSRC's base pay market study. Typically, the study is completed at the start of a new year. This year, it was timed with the annual performance review cycle to allow PSRC to maintain competitive salaries.

Vice President Erickson noted that earlier this year the board approved contract authority for PSRC's Housing Survey. The Operations Committee had expressed a great deal of interest in the survey, so staff committed to providing updates as the work progressed. She also reported that the committee heard from Laura Benjamin that initial results will be available near the end of October with a full report in November. Findings will be shared with PSRC boards and made available online.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Operations Committee pulled item 6f: *Approve PSRC Executive Board Representation* from the Consent Agenda to allow for additional time for discussion at its October meeting.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Birney/Erickson) to: (a.) Approve Minutes of Meeting held July 28, 2022 (b.) Approve Vouchers Dated June 30, 2022 through August 29, 2022 in the Amount of \$1,619,195.99 (c.) Approve Contract Authority for Website Support Services (d.) Approve Contract Authority for PSRC's Move-Related Expenses (e.) Approve Contract Authority for In-House Leadership Development Training (f.) ~~Approve PSRC Executive Board Representation~~ and (g.) Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Legislative Agenda Briefing

Robin Koskey, PSRC Director of Government Relations and Communications, briefed the board on the process to adopt a legislative agenda and provided feedback on potential legislative priorities. Including:

- Transportation - Keep the Region Moving
 - Sustain transportation investment commitments by the legislature, including Move Ahead Washington
 - Continue the development of a road usage charge (RUC) system
- Housing - Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
 - Supply: Build more housing of different types
 - Stability: Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs
 - Subsidy: Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very low-income households and unhoused residents
- Climate - Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Adopt state polices that continue efforts underway to significantly reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in line with VISION 2050's commitments

In October, the Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and Economic Development District will be briefed on this topic, for Executive Board adoption in December.

Regional Transportation Plan Work Program

Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director, briefed the board on the transportation work program and feedback received to date from the Transportation Policy Board and the Executive Steering Committee.

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 several 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. Staff has incorporated that feedback and developed a more detailed draft timeline and summary document for review and consideration. These materials also reflect input from the Executive Steering Committee that was created to review these work program items. A particular focus of the Steering Committee discussions has been aligning key work items with the next project selection process to be conducted in 2024.

It is anticipated that the Transportation Policy Board will ultimately develop a recommendation on the transportation work program priorities and timelines to the Executive Board, for incorporation into PSRC's upcoming fiscal year 2024-2025 biennial budget and work program.

Puget Sound Data Trends

Craig Helmann, PSRC Director of Data, presented several trends that highlight how the Puget Sound region has been impacted and is recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the data included population and housing growth as well as job changes and transit and airport usage in the region.

A few key points are that regional population and housing growth continued despite a global pandemic and different modes of transportation are recovering at much different rates.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Included in the agenda packet was information on the October 21 TOD Event, a save the date for the November 30 Joint Board Session on Institutional and Structural Racism, information on annual weighted votes, and a new employee status report.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board will next meet on Thursday, October 27, 2022, 10 – 11:30 AM. This will be a hybrid meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Adopted this 27th day of October 2022.

Claudia M. Balducci

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST: *J. W. Brown*

Josh Brown, Executive Director

Attachments:
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Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:		1=Present
King County	EXC Dow Constantine	1
	CM Claudia Balducci	1
	CM Joe McDermott Alt	
	CM Jeanne Kohl Welles Alt	
Seattle	MYR Bruce Harrell	
	CM Andrew Lewis	1
	CM Tammy Morales	
	CM Dan Strauss	1
	CM Teresa Mosqueda Alt	
Bellevue	CM Alex Pedersen Alt	
	MYR Lynne Robinson	1
Federal Way	CM Jennifer Robertson Alt	
	MYR Jim Ferrell	
Kent	Vacant Alt	
	MYR Dana Ralph	1
Kirkland	CM Toni Troutner Alt	
	MYR Penny Sweet	
Renton	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	
	MYR Armondo Pavone	1
Redmond	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	
	MYR Angela Birney	1
Auburn	CM Jessica Forsythe Alt	1
	MYR Nancy Backus	1
Cities/Towns	Vacant Alt	
	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
	MYR Allan Ekberg, Tukwila	1
	CM James McNeal, Bothell	
	CM David Baker, Kenmore Alt	
	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington Alt	
	MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah Alt	1
Kitsap County	MYR Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw 2nd Alt	
	MYR Rob McFarland, North Bend 2nd Alt	1
Bremerton	COM Charlotte Garrido	1
	COM Robert Gelder Alt	
Port Orchard	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
	CM Michael Goodnow Alt	
Cities/Towns	MYR Rob Putaansuu	1
	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
Pierce County	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
	MYR Joe Deets, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
Tacoma	EXC Bruce Dammeier	1
	CM Derek Young	
Lakewood	CM Dave Morell Alt	1
	MYR Victoria Woodards	
Cities & Towns	CM Keith Blocker Alt	
	CM Don Anderson	1
Snohomish County	CM Linda Farmer Alt	
	MYR Pro Tem Javier Figueroa, University Place Alt	1
Everett	DP MYR Ned Witting, Puyallup Alt	1
	EXC Dave Somers	1
Cities/Towns	CM Sam Low	1
	CM Stephanie Wright Alt	
Port of Bremerton	MYR Cassie Franklin	1
	CM Don Schwab Alt	
Port of Everett	MYR Barbara Tolbert, Arlington	1
	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
Port of Seattle	CM George Hurst, Lynnwood Alt	
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
Port of Tacoma	COM Axel Strakeljahn	1
	COM Cary Bozeman Alt	
Washington State Department of Transportation	COM Gary Anderson Alt	
	COM Glen Bachman	
Washington State Transportation Commission	COM Tom Stiger Alt	
	COM Ryan Calkins	
Washington State Transportation Commission	COMM Sam Cho Alt	
	COM Dick Marzano	1
Washington State Transportation Commission	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
	Secretary Roger Millar	
Washington State Transportation Commission	Julie Meredith Alt	
	Brian Nielsen Alt	1
Washington State Transportation Commission	Steve Roark Alt	
	Robin Mayhew Alt	
Washington State Transportation Commission	Vacant Alt	
	COMM Jerry Litt Alt	