



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

July 13, 2023

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<https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Councilmember Ryan Mello, Vice Chair. Vice Chair Mello announced that the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) 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 received one written comment via email. The board heard public comment from the following individual:

- Alex Tsimerman, SUA

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Vice Chair Mello thanked outgoing member Mayor Becky Erickson. Mayor Erickson stepped down from the board as she has taken on the role of PSRC President. Vice Chair Mello made the following TPB membership announcements:

- Mayor Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard changed positions and will represent Kitsap Transit.
- Senator Marko Liias and Senator Emily Randall have been appointed to the board representing the Senate Transportation Committee.
- Commissioner Jim Restucci has been appointed as member representing the Washington State Transportation Commission.
- Jeff DeVere from the Washington Trucking Association has been appointed as a non-voting alternate.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, highlighted consent agenda item 5.d which combined requests from six agencies to change the Regional Transportation Plan project status for ten projects. Ms. McGourty also directed members to the Transportation Work Program Tracker information item in the agenda packet. Staff will continue to brief the board on work in the upcoming months.

Ms. McGourty shared that members of the Executive Board have been encouraged to attend the July meeting in person. The TPB Chair and Vice Chair have been discussing holding an in-person TPB meeting in the fall. In-person attendance will be encouraged, however a remote option will also be provided. Members will be provided the date once it is determined.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held June 8, 2023
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of the Greater Downtown Kirkland Regional Growth Center Subarea Plans

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Jim Restucci and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kristina Walker to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

REGIONAL SAFETY SUMMIT DEBRIEF

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, shared that the PSRC Safety Summit hosted over 140 attendees. Four national speakers attended from the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Safety Council and VISION Zero Network. The theme through the day was how we transition from the traditional approach of planning to a Safe System Approach, which is embedded in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

In addition to the speakers, five jurisdictions provided table discussions on current initiatives and projects: Bellevue, Lynnwood, Poulsbo, University Place and Seattle. These were popular and well received by attendees. Participants also received a data presentation from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and PSRC's Craig Helmann. The presentation covered trends in safety data and equity as well as locational and situational data on crashes both at the region and state level. The afternoon program featured breakout sessions on safer streets and safer people. The breakouts provided the opportunity for dialogue and feedback.

Ms. McGourty provided key takeaway and common themes from the summit attendees, speakers, and issues highlighted. Staff will work on collating a full report on the summit to be completed by late July. Information from the summit will feed into scoping the Regional Safety Plan. The timeframe for scoping is expected August-September 2023. An RFP for consultant support will be launched in September. The anticipated adoption of a Regional Safety Plan is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2024.

Board members shared feedback on what PSRC can do in the Regional Safety Plan to help local agencies and advance the region's safety goals. This included comments related to implementation of projects; traffic calming; providing a typology and context specific tools; providing regional data, tools and guidance that can be scaled to local areas; and providing assistance and guidance on engagement.

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, provided background on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SSR4A) grant program. In February 2023, PSRC was awarded an SS4A consolidated grant in collaboration with the Cities of Burien, Everett, Redmond, Tukwila, Kent, and Pierce County. Staff are working with jurisdictions to finalize sub-award agreements.

Mr. Bakkenta shared details of the second round of funding for the SSR4A grant. PSRC reached out to all members to solicit interest in submitting a joint application for the second round of funding. Ten jurisdictions responded with interest: the Cities of Edmonds, Sultan, Kirkland, Renton, Federal Way, Bonney Lake, Fife, Shoreline, Eatonville, and Snohomish County. The joint grant application was submitted early July. Awards are expected to be announced in October.

Mr. Bakkenta noted that the grant does offer implementation funding however it will be challenging to fund small awards. The recommendation has been for jurisdictions to partner at a combined scale to improve the likelihood of grant funding.

EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Charles Patton, PSRC, reviewed the composition of PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee (EAC). Members have an expertise in equity and have been co-creating equity work with PSRC.

Dr. Patton reviewed the Regional Equity Strategy and provided a high-level overview of what has been accomplished. Dr. Patton shared details of what has been completed for capacity building, procurement and hiring and retention practices. Dr. Patton outlined details of PSRC's equity tracker which will be available in the fall. Additionally, PSRC is excited to share its new online resource, Legacy of Structural Racism in the Puget Sound region. The resource is available on PSRC's website and will help provide background on the history of racism in the region and how this informs current disparities.

Dr. Patton shared that the EAC is currently focused on the Transportation Equity Pilot. The EAC has provided suggestions for improved eligibility, criteria, and guidance. He reviewed the schedule for the pilot and noted that the board will be briefed on the Equity Pilot at the end of the year.

Noah Boggess, PSRC, provided more details on the feedback received from the EAC on the pilot during the past year. The feedback was categorized to three themes: suggestions for consideration in the equity pilot; suggestions related to broader policy and planning work; and suggestions outside the scope of PSRC. Mr. Boggess noted that volunteers from the EAC will join PSRC staff in the development of the equity pilot over the next month.

PSRC will host a training on the Racial Equity Impact Assessment tool on August 22. The interactive report is a resource to help jurisdictions address inequities. Members requested PSRC to share communication regarding the training.

SUMMER PLANNING ACADEMY

Mr. Boggess, PSRC, shared that PSRC is hosting a Summer Planning Academy (SPA). The goal of the program is to engage young people in the planning profession as well as to engage young people in a regular basis to provide input on PSRC's policies and program.

Mr. Boggess provided details of the recruitment process noting that most applications were from youth councils. Eighty applications were received from across the region with 25 students accepted into the program. Mr. Boggess provided a demographic breakdown of the applicants that also noted distribution by county.

The program begins July 21, and will be held at PSRC's offices. Mr. Boggess reviewed the schedule for the sessions.

PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

Maggie Moore, PSRC, shared that Comprehensive Plans will be due at the end of 2024. Ms. Moore shared important components of the plan review process, noting that it advances regional policy goals set in VISION 2050 and is a requirement to qualify for funding.

Ms. Moore provided an overview of the Plan Review Manual which offers jurisdictions a resource during their update process. She then covered three focus areas of certification and the potential certification outcomes. The Growth Management Policy Board and TPB review comprehensive plans and make recommendations to PSRC's Executive Board on each certification.

Ms. Moore briefed the board on plan review outreach. She highlighted 2023 outreach efforts such as webinars, outreach meetings, updated resources, and a quarterly

comprehensive planning newsletter. PSRC has also partnered with the Washington State Department of Commerce, Municipal Research and Services Center, and local jurisdictions to host the Passport to 2044 Comprehensive Plan Workshop Series. Webinar recordings are available on PSRC's YouTube page.

Ms. Moore gave an overview of PSRC's guidance, resource documents and data available on PSRC's website.

Vice Chair Mello acknowledged the information items included in the agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Attachment A - Attendance Roster.

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING

(As determined by staff)

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Noah Boggess, PSRC
Nancy Buonanno-Grennan, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Alexa Leach, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Dr. Charles Patton, PSRC

Attachments:

A – Transportation Policy Board July 13, 2023, Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - July 13, 2023							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Girmay Zahilay	1	Associate Members			
		CM Dave Upthegrove	1		Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon
		Vacant Alt					COMM Jill Johnson Alt
Seattle		Vacant Alt		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey Marc Daily	
	2	CM Dan Strauss		Public Agency Members			
	CM Alex Pedersen	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency		1	CM Megan Dunn	1
Bellevue		CP Debora Juarez Alt				Christine Cooley Alt	
	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Vacant	
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila	1	WA Transportation Improvement Board	1	Vacant	
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	PSRC Committees			
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah			Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Vacant
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt	1			Vacant Alt	
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
Local Transit		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1			Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt	1
	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1	Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
Kitsap County		Vacant				Lindsey Sehmel Alt, Pierce Transit	
	1	COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
Bremerton		MYR Greg Wheeler	1		WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/25	1	Sheri Call
		CP Jeff Coughlin Alt	1			Jeff DeVere Alt	1
Cities/Towns	1	Vacant		Vacant exp. 12/31/25	1	Vacant	
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	1			Vacant Alt	
Local Transit		MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/25	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	1
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	1	Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1	Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
Pierce County		CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1			Jessie Gamble	
		CM Dave Morell Alt				Jason Gano Alt	
Tacoma		DEP MYR Kristina Walker	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1	Dinah Stephens	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton	1			Vacant Alt	
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt	1	Vacant exp. 12/31/25	1	Vacant	
Local Transit		CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County				Vacant Alt	
		MYR Daryl Eidinger, Edgewood Alt		Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1	Dr Faisal Khan, Seattle-King County	
Snohomish County		CM Jared Mead				Dennis Worsham, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		CM Strom Peterson Alt				Vacant	
Everett		CM Ben Zarlingo	1			Vacant Alt	
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt					
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1	Non-voting	16	Non-voting members present	6
		MYR Pro Tem Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek Alt		Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members			
Local Transit		CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1	State Legislators	87	Districts within PSRC's boundary	
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt					
Regional Transit		CM Ed Prince, Renton	1				
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife 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 Jim Restucci	1				
		COM Nicole Grant Alt					
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1				
		Todd Lamphere Alt	1				
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)							
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant				Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt	1			CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				CP Council President	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Liias, D				COM Commissioner	
		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt				MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R				DEP MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R Alt				SEC Secretary	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	21			ASST SEC Assistant Secretary	
		Total Voting members present	28			REP Representative	
						SEN Senator	