



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### MINUTES

#### **Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board February 8, 2024**

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would 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.

Mayor Ralph acknowledged new members

- Jessica Jeavons, Public Health – Seattle King County, new member
- Melinda Adams, Everett Transit, new alternate
- Councilmember Jorge Barón, King County, new member.
- Councilmembers Upthegrove and Zahilay, King County, departed the board.
- Council President Jennifer Chamberlin, Bremerton, new alternate
- Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, PSRC's Regional Staff Committee, new member
- Kelly Snyder, Snohomish County, PSRC's Regional Staff Committee new alternate.
- Councilmember Dave Hamilton, Bellevue, new member and Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis new alternate.
- Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue has departed the board.
- Councilmember Robert Kettle, Seattle, new member
- Councilmember Tanya Woo, Seattle, new alternate.
- Councilmember Dan Strauss, Seattle, has departed the board.
- Councilmember Michael Dixon, Mukilteo, new alternate
- Councilmember Anna Mockler, Bremerton, new alternate

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The board received written public comment which was distributed via email before the meeting.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph thanked members for joining the meeting in-person at PSRC's new office and online.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, PSRC, briefed the board on the current Legislative session. She also shared that PSRC has convened a group elected leaders from across the state to discuss critical issues facing the Washington State Ferries. Ms. Koskey reviewed the status of the state transportation budget and bills related to housing. She reminded the board that PSRC will host a Newly Elected Official Workshop on March 1, 2024, from 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Registration is available online.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 11, 2024
- b. Routine amendment to 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Two Projects

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Daughtry/Mello) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN LIMITED CALL FOR PROJECT UPDATES

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, introduced Mitch Koch, PSRC. She shared that John Henry, Sound Transit's Chief Financial Officer, would join the presentation to discuss Sound Transit revenue and expenditure projections.

Mr. Koch shared the types of investments in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP includes a financial strategy with planned projects out to the year 2050. The financial strategy includes programmatic investments as well as regional capacity investments which are detailed on the regional capacity projects list. He noted that projects in the unprogrammed portion of the plan are typically more conceptual, versus the constrained investments which are covered by the air quality conformity finding and adopted financial strategy.

The RTP allows for amendments in between the required four-year update cycle. The mid-cycle limited call for project updates allows agencies to inform PSRC of any reprioritization of projects or make revisions to existing projects in the plan. The updates have minimal to no impact to the air quality conformity review or financial strategy. Mr. Koch gave a high-level overview of the projects included in the amendment. Further detail was included in the agenda packet. Staff reviewed all submitted amendments and found no change to the air quality conformity finding, projects were consistent with previous prioritization thresholds and the change to the financial strategy has been addressed. He noted the total change in cost for the constrained plan was over \$14 billion dollars, most of which was represented by Sound Transit's changes.

John Henry, Sound Transit, shared details of Sound Transit's long-range financial plan. Mr. Henry explained the plan is financially constrained and the relationship to the cost increases reflected as part of the RTP amendment, demonstrating that the requested project updates are consistent with the RTP adopted financial strategy.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Mello/Pauly) that The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board adopt a minor amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to reflect revisions to the Regional Capacity Project list as identified in Attachment A. The motion passed.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DASHBOARD**

Craig Helmann, PSRC, shared that the RTP dashboard is a resource to understand how the region is meeting its long-range goals. The dashboard is available on PSRC's website. Mr. Helmann provided an overview of key dashboard metrics for: climate, safety, growth, transit, walk and bike and travel time.

Mr. Helmann reviewed a variety of metrics related to these topics and also compared current trends to pre-pandemic experiences. Mr. Helmann shared that staff will continue to update the data periodically throughout the year.

Members discussed accessing bike data on the dashboard. Members asked if the dashboard could track electric charging locations and infrastructure and show the location of electric vehicle ownership. Mr. Helmann shared that the data is available to see electric vehicles ownership locations and compare with areas of low income. Ms. McGourty shared that PSRC and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency have partnered to develop a Regional Electric Vehicle (REV) clearinghouse to support data collection on electrification efforts. Members also discussed reviewing data related to safety and the potential to determine the causes of a safety issue.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050) DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the requirements for developing PSRC's RTP. The plan is updated on a four-year cycle, with the next plan scheduled for adoption in 2026. Mr. Cerise gave an overview of how the RTP supports the implementation of VISION 2050 and feeds into the adoption of local comprehensive plans.

Mr. Cerise reviewed board adopted focus areas and programs included in the current RTP. He shared the process for public engagement and how it informed development of the plan. He summarized investments in the current plan which total over \$300 billion. He reviewed the existing transit network and the transportation system visualization tool.

Mr. Cerise reviewed work since the adoption of the last RTP. PSRC held a Regional Safety Summit in June 2023. Feedback from the summit will inform the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan. He reviewed equity specific work, noting the recent FHWA Equity Pilot and the new FTA Equity Formula distribution methodology. He reviewed climate work to date, including new analyses and regional partnerships. He also discussed transit access and system inventories work that support the plan.

Ms. McGourty shared two poll questions with the board to solicit preliminary feedback on priorities for the next plan. Members shared that there are different needs for various areas within the growth boundary, particularly jurisdictions at the edge. Members discussed planning not just for transit-oriented development, but transit-oriented communities, including access to services and quality of life considerations.

Members discussed the linkages between transportation and land use decisions, such as school sitings. Members discussed the need for supportive infrastructure and the need for basic maintenance to address crumbling infrastructure.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: PROJECT SELECTION FUTURE WORK ITEMS**

Due to limited time, the discussion item was postponed to the next meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Attachment:

- A. Attendance Roster – February 8, 2024.

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Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	<b>Associate Members</b>	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle			1
		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		<b>Public Agency Members</b>	
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt			1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1		1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt			1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt		WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1		1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		<b>PSRC Committees</b>	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Christine Rolfes	1		1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1		1
		CP Jennifer Chamberlin Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		1
		Vacant		Transportation Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard			1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>	
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Ryan Mello, <b>Vice Chair</b>	1	WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Dave Morell Alt			1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt			1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		TBD	
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		Non-voting	10
		Vacant			Non-voting members present
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead			
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1		26
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt			
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1		
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt			
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton			
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife 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 Jim Restucci	1		
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		Todd Lamphere Alt			
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant			
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt			
		REP Dan Griffey, R			
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt			
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Liias, D			
		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt			
		Vacant, R			
		Vacant, R Alt			
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	15		
		Total Voting members present	16		