



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Board

October 10, 2024

1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101

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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 to the meeting live.

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Kunzler provided public comment to the board after the last discussion item.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Ralph waived her remarks in the interest of time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, also waived her remarks in the interest of time.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held September 12, 2024
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2028 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Doug Cox, PSRC, reviewed the process that led to the development of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Cox reminded the board of the projects and funding details included in the draft TIP, which was released for public comment by the board in September. He then summarized the two comments submitted and the staff responses. Once the Executive Board adopts the TIP it will be forwarded for state and federal approval in January 2025.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Mello/Pauly) that the Transportation Policy Board recommend the Executive Board adopt the 2025-2028 Regional TIP. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 2025 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

Robin Koskey, PSRC, provided information on the upcoming state legislative session, including possible budget constraints and key priorities. Ms. Koskey reviewed the process that PSRC will follow to develop the agency's 2025 recommendations to the Legislature. She shared the 2024 recommendations and that the four key categories of transportation, housing, climate and economy are expected to carry through into the 2025 recommendations.

Board members provided feedback to consider addressing safety, workforce development and preservation.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Craig Helmann, PSRC, provided information on the current status and work completed to date to develop the Regional Safety Plan. He shared the ten key findings from the data analysis and reported on the recently held regional public meetings. Mr. Helmann summarized the input provided by the public at these meetings and via the online engagement hub. Mr. Helmann also provided links to the State of the Region report and the High Injury Network map.

Michael Houston, Toole Design, provided information on how the plan is developing safety strategies based on the Safe System Approach and local context. Mr. Houston then described how the safety strategies will align with key emphasis areas derived from the data analysis, crash types and contributing factors. He provided examples of how the plan will provide a menu of strategies proven to be effective to these specific conditions and characteristics.

Board members provided positive feedback on the approach being taken for the plan. Questions were asked about the regional versus local data scale, and if PSRC will

inventory current infrastructure on the ground at these locations. Further information on the effectiveness of the identified proven safety countermeasures that will be included in the plan was provided. It was also shared that all of the data will be made available to jurisdictions for their use.

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

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the revised schedule for approving the scope of work for developing the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Ms. McGourty reviewed the direction provided in the current plan on this topic and reminded the board of the work conducted since February 2024 and the board discussions on priorities and emphasis areas. She shared information on the draft scoping approach, designed to support VISION 2050's goal for transportation and the transit-focused growth strategy.

Ms. McGourty reviewed the key components of the draft scope of work, addressing the list of priorities previously identified by the board. She then reminded the board of the various performance measures and analyses that will be conducted throughout the development of the plan and described the formal SEPA process to be conducted. Lastly, Ms. McGourty reviewed the calendar and key board decision points over the next year and a half.

Board members commented on the process and wanting to ensure there would be adequate time for discussion to avoid last minute changes to the plan. Additional comments were also provided on the need to increase transit ridership and address transit safety and security.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – October 10, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - Thursday, October 10, 2024				5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón		Associate Members	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle	1		1
		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		Public Agency Members	
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis, Alt			1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	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	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1		1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		PSRC Committees	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
Kitsap County	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
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt	1	Transit Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1		1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1	WA Trucking Associations	1
		CM Dave Morell, Alt		exp. 12/31/26	1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1
		CM Olgy Diaz, Alt		exp. 12/31/26	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership	1
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		exp. 12/31/26	1
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Non-voting	13
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead			9
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo			
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1		
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt			
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1		
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt			
Regional Transit	1	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	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci	1		
		COM Nicole Grant, Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew			
		Todd Lamphere, Alt	1		
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant		Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		CP Council President	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Lias, D		COM Commissioner	
		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		Vacant, R		MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	17	REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	21	SEN Senator	