



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Transportation Policy Board
December 12, 2024
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 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

Robin Briggs provided public comment to the board.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Ralph noted the outgoing members and thanked them for their work in support of the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, noted the busy year of work in 2024 and pointed the board to the agenda item for the Year in Review, which will share some key accomplishments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held November 14, 2024

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded to adopt the Consent

Agenda. The motion passed.**DISCUSSION ITEM: WSDOT CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an overview of the state's Consolidated Grant Program. The state consolidates several federal and state funding sources for this program to meet a variety of community mobility needs. The program is one of the only sources of funding for private non-profit and human service agency transportation providers.

Mr. Cerise reminded the board that PSRC and other regions play a role in this state grant program. PSRC provides priority rankings for the projects submitted into the funding competition from the region, which adds points to their overall score. PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan (CMP) is a federal and state requirement and helps direct the regional priorities which inform the rankings of the submitted projects. The CMP identifies needs and gaps for individuals with mobility and accessibility challenges, as well as strategies to address them.

Mr. Cerise provided examples of the types of projects previously awarded funds, such as mobility management programs, bus and van replacements, rural transit service and door-to-door services for older adults and people with disabilities. He reviewed the schedule for the overall grant program and informed the board they will be briefed on the project rankings in January, at which time a recommendation to the Executive Board will be requested.

Members inquired about the level of need versus the level of funding, the eligibility to fund ferry access to healthcare connections and the eligibility to fund ADA plans.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050) FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the preliminary approach to potential new revenue sources for the next RTP financial strategy, based on previous board discussions. She reminded the board of the sensitivity tests shared at the last board meeting. Craig Helmann, PSRC, then shared information on several additional, refined sensitivity tests related to a road usage charge, vehicle fees, sales tax for local transit and the county road levy.

Mr. Helmann then described the combined revenue potential of the various sources and scenarios, which ranged from \$24 billion to \$63 billion. He identified a working staff option for the board's consideration that has the potential to raise up to \$34 billion.

Ms. McGourty reviewed the upcoming schedule of work for the financial strategy and plan development, including sharing information on the current transportation system through the winter, gathering proposed future investments and having further policy discussions through the spring, and identifying plan alternatives for analysis and a refined financial strategy by the summer of 2025.

Board members requested that staff include a scenario illustrating conditions if new revenues do not materialize. Members also requested the plan identify the authority needed to implement new revenue sources and discussed additional sources such as a retail delivery fee and EV charging fees. Members were interested in understanding the tradeoffs and implications of various scenarios.

DISCUSSION ITEM: YEAR IN REVIEW

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided highlights of a few key transportation investments and milestones that occurred in the region over the last year. In January 2024, the Equity Pilot Program was completed in close coordination with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee (EAC), which informed the criteria used in the 2024 project selection process. The 2024 project selection process awarded over \$700 million in PSRC's Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration funds to 136 priority projects.

Ms. Barnes noted that the new 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) was approved in October, containing 435 projects and \$9.6 billion of federal, state and local funds. This represents \$44 billion in total project investment throughout the region. Ms. Barnes further reported that there were 697 TIP amendments processed in 2024, adding \$4.7 billion to the TIP. In addition, the region delivered \$123 million to 77 projects with PSRC's FHWA funds to achieve the 2024 delivery target.

Ms. Barnes then highlighted a few transportation projects that were either completed or broke ground in 2024. These included a variety of project types throughout all corners of the region, including high-capacity transit openings, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, roadway preservation, safety investments, freight improvements and other projects. Ms. Barnes then identified a few projects coming up in 2025, including anticipated transportation project completions and key elements of PSRC's work program for the year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2025.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Attendance Roster – December 12, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - December 12, 2024				5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	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	1	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 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	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership exp. 12/31/26	1
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County			1
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Non-voting	13
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead			Non-voting members present
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			9
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington			
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt			
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens			
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt	1		
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton			
		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			
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		Todd Lamphere Alt			
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
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 Lias, D			
		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt			
		Vacant, R			
		Vacant, R Alt			
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18		
		Total Voting members present	22		