



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary

**Date:** December 6, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)

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### Introductions and Announcements

Doug McCormack, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He then took a roll call to confirm the members and alternates present.

### Approval of Meeting Summary

The October 25, 2024, RPEC meeting summaries were approved as presented.

### Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on November 14. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

### Discussion: TPB Project Selection Policy Discussion

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, briefed the committee on TPB discussion of two project selection policy topics directed by the board for further exploration, upon which RPEC made recommendation at its October 2024 meeting: (1) potential scoring thresholds, and (2) potential restriction or limit of awards to projects that increase general purpose (GP) vehicle lane capacity for limited access highways. She also presented a summary of the RPEC feedback on these topics that had been shared with the TPB. Based on review and discussion of these data and findings, the TPB concurred with the RPEC recommendation of no change to the current policy related to either topic. However, it was acknowledged that there is still interest by some board members in monitoring the occurrence of GP lane capacity increases. PSRC staff will continue to share details on the scope elements/outcomes of funded projects, including those adding GP lane capacity.

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

*For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at [JBarnes@psrc.org](mailto:JBarnes@psrc.org).*

### Discussion: Project Delivery

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, presented a summary of 2024 project delivery. In total, the region delivered 77 projects with \$123 million in Federal Highway Administration

(FHWA) funds and met its delivery target. She reminded the committee of the project tracking policy updates that were adopted by the board in January 2024. The effect of one of those updates – accelerating TIP/STIP timeline had desired effect of earlier submittals – with more obligations completed by July as compared to the previous year. However, there were more pending obligations pending late in the fiscal year compared to the previous year, so PSRC staff will debrief with staff and sponsors about that. Overall, communication between sponsors, WSDOT, and PSRC was generally effective and there were few surprises. She then provided an overview of the annual 5-step TIP rebalancing process for FHWA funds, which will be initiated in January.

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

*For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at [JBarnes@psrc.org](mailto:JBarnes@psrc.org).*

### **Discussion: Regional Safety Action Plan**

Gary Simonson, PSRC, updated the committee on work to date on the Regional Safety Action Plan. He discussed the status within the context of the overall schedule, with the draft plan expected to be released for public review and comment in early 2025. He reminded of the public engagement conducted to date, and provided an overview of the key findings from the data analysis. He then provided an overview of a menu of strategies being developed, based upon five emphasis areas and different contributing factors. The Plan will be an available resource and guide that can be used a variety of different ways: (1) Agencies can use the Plan Toolbox to find the most effective strategies for specific circumstances; (2) The regional-scale High Injury Network identifies corridors with high concentrations of deaths and serious injuries; (3) Crash data across all roadways will be available for download from PSRC's website by any jurisdiction. He provided link to the engagement hub, State of the System Report, and High Injury Network map.

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

*For more information, contact Gary Simonson at [GSimonson@psrc.org](mailto:GSimonson@psrc.org).*

### **Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an update on the work begun and board discussions to date on the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and the scope of work that has been approved by the Executive Board. She discussed significant elements of the plan, including reevaluation of the financial strategy, Analysis of changing travel behavior post-COVID, and regional transit access management, and incorporation of growth targets and investments from the 2024 local comprehensive plans, and continued analysis and monitoring of equity. There will also be focus on emerging stormwater issues and mitigation, and the committee discussed some specific issues related to this topic. She discussed next steps, which includes detailed review of the regional financial strategy, and shared the preliminary proposed approach and the work that has been done to date. She presented the overall RTP schedule, and

confirmed that staff will continue to coordinate with RPEC as the plan development progresses.

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at [KMcGourty@psrc.org](mailto:KMcGourty@psrc.org).

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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### **\*Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

### **\*PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present**

Andie Parnell, SCA; Angelique Thompson, City of Everett; Ashley DeGraffenreid, City of Orting; Catherine Lander, City of Shoreline; Christina Curtis, Snohomish County; Daniel Marcinko, City of North Bend; David Paine, City of Kent; Emilie Pilchowski, City of Bremerton; Ingrid Gaub, City of Auburn; Kimberly Scrivner, City of Kirkland; Kizz Prusia; Matthew Ojala, Snohomish County; Mia Waters, City of Redmond; Micah Ross, City of Redmond; Vangie Garcia, City of Redmond

### **PSRC**

Alexa Leach, Jennifer Barnes, Kalon Thomas, Kelly McGourty, Nick Johnson, Gil Cerise, Miles Stepleton, Olivia Ng, Gary Simonson, Josh Brown

*\*All attendees were present via remote participation*

# RPEC Attendance Roster - Designated Members

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**NOTE: Members are invited to sit at the table and vote. Alternates may sit at the table and vote when the member is absent. Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting.** All other Alternates and Guests are invited to attend and sit in the gallery. This roster is for attendance purposes only and should be marked by all members and alternates present at the table, regardless of voting status.

Jurisdiction	✓	Name	Jurisdiction	✓	Name
King County (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Bourguignon	WSDOT-NW Region (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cameron Kukes
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Heffernan			<i>Mehrdad Moini (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Vander Sluis	WSDOT-Oly Region (1)		JoAnn Schueler
		<i>Andrew Kim (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>John Ho (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Sarah Green (Alt.)</i>	WSDOT-MoM (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Kenna
	<i>Ivan Miller (Alt.)</i>			<i>April Delchamps (Alt.)</i>	
Seattle (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Strand	WSDOT-WS Ferries (1)		John Bernhard
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Storment			<i>Krishan Aggarwal (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joanna Valencia			<i>Todd Lamphere (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Bill LaBorde (Alt.)</i>	Kitsap Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steffani Lillie
		<i>Serena Lehman (Alt.)</i>			<i>Edward Coviello (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>			<i>Lindsay Cook (Alt.)</i>	
Bellevue (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Miller	Pierce Transit (1)		Tina Lee
		<i>Mia Waters (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Darin Stavish (Alt.)</i>
Other Cities/Towns (5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chad Bieren, Kent	Community Transit (1)		VACANT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Mortenson, Issaquah			<i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larissa Grundell, Duvall	King County Metro (1)		Chester Knapp
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Seitz, Renton			<i>Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nytasha Walters, Shoreline			<i>Lisa Shafer (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Ingrid Gaub, Auburn (Alt.)</i>	Sound Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Wolterink
		<i>Jeff Hamlin, Snoqualmie (Alt.)</i>			<i>Tyler Benson (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Dan Marcinko, North Bend (Alt.)</i>			<i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Kimberly Scrivner, Kirkland (Alt.)</i>		<i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>		
	<i>Vangie Garcia, Redmond (Alt.)</i>	Port of Seattle (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gerri Poor	
	David Forte			<i>Robert Giacometti (Alt.)</i>	
	<i>Joe Rutan (Alt.)</i>	Port of Tacoma (1)		Deirdre Wilson	
Bremerton (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Shane Weber, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Ryan Medlen (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1)</i>	Port of Everett (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Whitaker
	<i>Vicki Grover (Alt. 2)</i>			<i>Laura Gurley (Alt.)</i>	
Other Cities/Towns (1)		Diane Lenius, Poulsbo	Port of Bremerton (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arne Bakker
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>			<i>James Goodman (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bekah Osterhaus	PSCAA (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Strange
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Lewis-Miller			<i>Jennifer Keene (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Leticia Neal (Alt.)</i>	Suquamish Tribe (1)		VACANT
	<i>Jen Tetatzin (Alt.)</i>			<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>	
Tacoma (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan Hansen	Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)		VACANT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan Kidd			<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Josh Diekmann (Alt.)</i>	Puyallup Tribe (1)		VACANT
		<i>Darius Thompson (Alt.)</i>			<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
Other Cities/Towns (1)		Mark Burlingame, Steilacoom	<b>NON-VOTING</b>		VACANT - BPAC Member
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Hans Hunger, Puyallup (Alt.)</i>			VACANT - BPAC Alternate
Snohomish County (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doug McCormick, Chair			
		Kelly Snyder			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Janice Fahning (Alt.)</i>			
		<i>Glynda Steiner (Alt.)</i>			
		<i>Matt Ojala (Alt.)</i>			
Everett (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Hood, City Engineer			
		<i>Angelique Thompson (Alt.)</i>			
Other Cities/Towns (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob English, Edmonds			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gael Fisk, Mukilteo			
		<i>Jim Kelly, Arlington (Alt.)</i>			
		<i>Steve Morikawa, Bothell (Alt.)</i>			