



Puget Sound Regional Council

## **Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary**

**Date:** January 24, 2025, 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 December 6, 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: 2024 Project Selection Survey**

Doug Cox, PSRC, presented an overview of the results of the 2024 Project Selection Survey. 27 people responded to the survey, a little over half of whom were RPEC members or alternates. There was representation from all forums and most of the respondents have participated in two or more project selection cycles. Overall, the majority of respondents utilized the guidance available and felt it was helpful, but some did not. He then presented feedback specific to the regional competition. Some common themes were a desire for more examples and guidance, particularly on the topics of air quality, financial and equity components; that the survey be implemented sooner after the competition is done; and a preference to keep the criteria and questions as currently established for the next cycle. The survey results specific to each of the countywide forums' processes will be compiled and provided to the respective forum chairs.

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

*For more information, contact Doug Cox at [DCox@psrc.org](mailto:DCox@psrc.org).*

**Discussion: Project Delivery**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided a briefing on current status and next steps in the delivery of PSRC's 2025 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. She reminded that extension requests are due by February 15, with the review and board approval process occurring through April. She then provided an overview of how the delivery gaps is determined, based on the region's actual allocation, and the amount of extensions, returns, and de-obligations that occur. PSRC has adopted a 5-steps process to fill the delivery gap, with the first three steps—advancements, exchanges, and increased federal shares—being confirmed with sponsors from February through mid-March, and included in the March TIP amendment. She reminded that projects that receive funds through any of these three steps will still have the June 1 obligation deadline unless they receive a 45-day extension and shared some tips to help facilitate timely delivery based on lessons learned from delivery challenges in the past.

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

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

**Discussion: Maintenance/Preservation Data Collection**

Miles Stepleton, PSRC, presented an overview of a maintenance & presentation (M&P) survey that will be implemented in February to collect local data needed to support the Regional Transportation Plan's (RTP's) financial strategy. He noted that M&P constitutes a significant portion of the RTP cost; in 2022 it was more than half. The local agency component of the M&P estimate includes pavement, traffic control devices, bridges, culverts, sidewalks, and other transportation assets. The survey will include a pavement and traffic control device component and will be due in mid-March.

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

*For more information, contact Miles Stepleton at [MStepleton@psrc.org](mailto:MStepleton@psrc.org).*

**Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan and Climate Update**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an update on the RTP work, including topics of potential interest to RPEC. The scope of work was approved in December, with major priorities including equity, safety, climate, transit services and access, and maintenance & preservation. Upcoming milestones include completion of a "State of the System" report, public outreach on the topics of safety and mobility needs for the Coordinated Mobility Plan component of the RTP, and the call for regional capacity projects. Efforts in early summer will include review of future needs and proposed new investments, and in later summer will include analysis of draft alternatives. The draft plan will be developed in the fall, with completion planned by the end of the year. Proposed topics for future RPEC discussions include integrating Regional Safety Action Plan into the RTP, identification of system needs, and syncing financial strategy with investments.

She also discussed the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, which is being led by Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) in partnership with the state, PSRC, and major cities. It's due in December and must identify measures across all sectors to meet the regional climate goals. Future board discussion will include how this plan will inform the RTP. Jennifer Keene, from PSCAA, reinforced the importance of PSRC members' expertise to help inform this plan.

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 10:45 a.m.

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

See attached attendance roster.

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

Angelique Thompson, City of Everett; David Paine, City of Kent; Ellen Talbo, City of Renton; Gurman Kaur, King County; Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup; Deborah Kaiser; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Kim Scrivner, City of Kirkland; Kamal Mahmou, City of SeaTac; Matt Ojala, Snohomish County; Roberto Giacometti, Port of Seattle; Stevan Gorcester; Tricia Juhnke, City of Shoreline; Vangie Garcia, City of Redmond

### **PSRC**

Alexa Leach, Jennifer Barnes, Kalon Thomas, Kelly McGourty, Miles Stepleton, Gary Simonson, Doug Cox

*\*All attendees were present via remote participation*

# RPEC Attendance Roster - Designated Members

Date: December 6, 2024 - 9:30-11:00 am

Remote/Online Only

**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)        |                                       | 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)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | JoAnn Schueler                  |
|                        |                                       | <i>Andrew Kim (Alt.)</i>                  |                                     |                                     | <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>Lindsay Cook (Alt.)</i>      |
| Bellevue (1)           |                                       | <i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>              | Pierce Transit (1)                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tina Lee                        |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Eric Miller                               |                                     |                                     | <i>Darin Stavish (Alt.)</i>     |
| Other Cities/Towns (5) |                                       | <i>Mia Waters (Alt.)</i>                  | Community Transit (1)               |                                     | VACANT                          |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Chad Bieren, Kent                         |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i> |
| Other Cities/Towns (5) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | John Mortenson, Issaquah                  | King County Metro (1)               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Chester Knapp                   |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Larissa Grundell, Duvall                  |                                     |                                     | <i>Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)</i>   |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Ingrid Gaub, Auburn                       |                                     | <i>Lisa Shafer (Alt.)</i>           |                                 |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Nyasha Walters, Shoreline                 | Sound Transit (1)                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lisa Wolterink                  |
|                        |                                       | <i>Vangie Garcia, Redmond (Alt.)</i>      |                                     |                                     | <i>Tyler Benson (Alt.)</i>      |
|                        |                                       | <i>Kimberly Scrivner, Kirkland (Alt.)</i> |                                     |                                     | <i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>    |
|                        |                                       | <i>Dan Marcinko, North Bend (Alt.)</i>    |                                     | <i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>         |                                 |
|                        | <i>Ellen Talbo, Renton (Alt.)</i>     | Port of Seattle (1)                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Geri Poor                           |                                 |
|                        | <i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>                  |   |                                     | <i>Robert Giacometti (Alt.)</i>     |                                 |
| Kitsap County (1)      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | David Forte                               | Port of Tacoma (1)                  |                                     | Deirdre Wilson                  |
| Bremerton (1)          |                                       | <i>Joe Rutan (Alt.)</i>                   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Ryan Medlen (Alt.)</i>       |
|                        |                                       | Shane Weber, Vice Chair                   | Port of Everett (1)                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Brandon Whitaker                |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | <i>Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1)</i>        |                                     |                                     | <i>Laura Gurley (Alt.)</i>      |
| Other Cities/Towns (1) |                                       | <i>Vicki Grover (Alt. 2)</i>              | Port of Bremerton (1)               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Arne Bakker                     |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Diane Lenius, Poulsbo                     |                                     |                                     | <i>James Goodman (Alt.)</i>     |
| Pierce County (2)      |                                       | <i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>                      | PSCAA (1)                           |                                     | Kathy Strange                   |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Bekah Osterhaus                           |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Jennifer Keene (Alt.)</i>    |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Peter Lewis-Miller                        | Suquamish Tribe (1)                 |                                     | VACANT                          |
|                        |                                       | <i>Letticia Neal (Alt.)</i>               |                                     |                                     | <i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>            |
| Tacoma (2)             |                                       | <i>Jen Tetatzin (Alt.)</i>                | Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)         |                                     | VACANT                          |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Dan Hansen                                |                                     |                                     | <i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>            |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Brennan Kidd                              | Puyallup Tribe (1)                  |                                     | VACANT                          |
|                        |                                       | <i>Josh Diekmann (Alt.)</i>               |                                     |                                     | <i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>            |
| Other Cities/Towns (1) |                                       | <i>Darius Thompson (Alt.)</i>             | <b>NON-VOTING</b>                   |                                     | VACANT - BPAC Member            |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Mark Burlingame, Steilacoom               |                                     |                                     | VACANT - BPAC Alternate         |
| Snohomish County (2)   |                                       | <i>Hans Hunger, Puyallup (Alt.)</i>       |                                     |                                     |                                 |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Doug McCormick, Chair                     |                                     |                                     |                                 |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Kelly Snyder                              |                                     |                                     |                                 |
|                        |                                       | <i>Janice Fahning (Alt.)</i>              |                                     |                                     |                                 |
|                        |                                       | <i>Glynda Steiner (Alt.)</i>              |                                     |                                     |                                 |
| Everett (1)            |                                       | <i>Matt Ojala (Alt.)</i>                  |                                     |                                     |                                 |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Tom Hood, City Engineer                   |                                     |                                     |                                 |
| Other Cities/Towns (2) |                                       | <i>Angelique Thompson (Alt.)</i>          |                                     |                                     |                                 |
|                        | <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> |   |                                     |                                     |                                 |