



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, June 9, 2022 • 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1011 Western Avenue, Seattle, 98104

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1. **Call to Order (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair**
2. **Communications and Public Comment**
3. **Report of the Chair**
4. **Director's Report**
5. **Consent Agenda (9:45)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held April 14, 2022
 - b. Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

6. Discussion Item (9:50)

- a. Federal Transit Administration Funding Process -- *Kelly McGourty, Craig Helmann, and Sarah Gutschow, PSRC*

7. Discussion Item (10:35)

- a. PSRC Transportation Work Program -- *Gil Cerise and Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

8. Information Item

- a. Joint Board Session on June 23, 2022

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2022, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., PSRC Board Room

Major Topics for July:

- 2022 Project Selection Process Project Recommendations
- FTA Funding Process Discussion

10. Adjourn (11:30)

Board members please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Casey Moreau, e-mail cmoreau@psrc.org; fax (206) 587-4825; or mail.

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Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

April 14, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph announced that today's Transportation Policy Board meeting would be hybrid, allowing for remote and in-person attendance. Chair Ralph shared that the meeting was live streamed, and a call-in number provided for members of the public to listen.

A quorum was established by roll call.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ralph informed the board that a public comment letter had been received and had been shared with the board via email this morning.

The board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- John Niles
- Laura Svancarek, Downtown On the Go
- Iris Antman
- Jennifer Mital, Seattle 350
- Larry Leveen, Forever Green Trails
- Claire Martini, Leafline Trails
- Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph thanked board members for all of their work on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She announced that PSRC is organizing a second joint board session on racial equity scheduled for Thursday, June 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The upcoming session will focus on implicit bias.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that due to the length of today's meeting, two actions were on the consent agenda. Ms. McGourty provided background information on consent agenda items 5d, Allocation of Unprogrammed 2022 FTA Earned Share Funding to King County and 5e, 2022 Project Extension Requests.

Ms. McGourty briefed the board on the status of the annual rebalancing efforts to meet the 2022 delivery targets. She referenced consent agenda item 5e, 2022 Project Extension Requests, and shared how it has an impact on PSRC's ability to meet annual delivery targets. The board has adopted procedures to ensure PSRC meets its delivery target, and staff is working through the rebalancing process which will require a supplemental funding action. Due to the schedule of the board and timing constraints, the funding action will go directly to the Executive Board for approval. Prior to Executive Board action, TPB will receive communication regarding the final recommended supplemental funding awards.

Ms. McGourty shared that the 2022 Project Selection Process is currently underway. Both the regional and countywide competitions for Federal Highway Administration funds are in process. The board will be briefed on the FTA funding process in June.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held March 10, 2022
- b. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held March 31, 2022
- c. Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- d. Allocation of Unprogrammed 2022 FTA Earned Share Funding to King County
- e. 2022 Project Extension Requests
- f. Recommend Certification of Canyon Park RGC Subarea Plan
- g. Recommend Certification of Snohomish County Countywide Planning Policies

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Ryan Mello and seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW AND ACTIONS

Chair Ralph, PSRC, reminded the board that at its March 31 meeting, the board took action on the first set of proposed amendments. Previous actions were identified in the agenda packet for today's meeting. The board would work through the remaining items today.

Chair Ralph shared that board members received a communication last week from PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown. It included a message from PSRC's President, Councilmember Claudia Balducci, with RTP amendment concepts.

Chair Ralph called on Councilmember Balducci to address the board. President Balducci shared that her RTP amendment concepts were distilled from public comments received in addition to amendments proposed by jurisdictions, TPB and Executive Board members. President Balducci asked board members to consider some of the top things that PSRC can do while working on the plan. President Balducci recapped that the RTP amendment concepts cover: climate, safety, equity, active transportation and accountability and transparency. President Balducci noted that while there was overlap in the RTP amendment concepts and the package of amendments in today's agenda, there were key differences and asked the board to consider those.

Chair Ralph thanked President Balducci for her comments and called on Ms. McGourty to begin the discussion of the remaining amendment proposals.

Ms. McGourty reminded the board that it had taken action at its March 31 meeting on technical corrections (Group 1) and several proposed amendments under Group 2. Those actions were documented in the agenda packet. Ms. McGourty noted that the agenda materials contained summarized proposals by topic and that staff responses were provided for each package of proposed amendments. The board would continue to review the remaining amendment packages under Group 2 at today's meeting. Board action will direct staff to make subsequent changes. At the end of today's meeting, the board will be asked to take action to recommend the final plan as amended to the Executive Board.

Ms. McGourty reminded the board that the RTP is updated every four years per federal and state requirements. The May deadline for plan adoption is tied to PSRC's federally approved air quality conformity determination.

Ben Bakkenta presented information on the F-1 amendment related to the financial strategy asking for language to align pricing and revenue expenditures with climate, equity and mobility goals. He also described the existing language in the plan.

ACTION: F-1: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ryan Mello/Robin Mayhew) to adopt the amendment. The motion failed with 7 for and 13 against.

Ms. McGourty provided an introduction for the proposed amendment BP-1 regarding updates and analysis of the Active Transportation Plan. Ms. McGourty provided background on how PSRC addresses bicycle and pedestrian investments and active transportation throughout the RTP. She also discussed the transportation visualization tool and how bicycle and pedestrian projects are captured programmatically in the financial strategy.

ACTION: BP-1: It was moved and seconded (Commissioner Hester Serebrin/Mayor Becky Erickson) to include language in the plan to identify future work to develop a stand-alone Active Transportation Plan document built from the existing work and RTP documentation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty summarized proposed amendment BP-2 which asks to add a “Regional Active Transportation Network” section to Chapter 4 of the plan. She shared how the RTP currently addresses bicycle and pedestrian elements in this chapter and beyond, as well as a broader commitment to looking at the “What’s Ahead” sections of the plan.

ACTION: BP-2: It was moved and seconded (Commissioner Rob Gelder/Mayor Becky Erickson) to include discussion in Chapter 4 of the plan of a Regional Active Transportation Network. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty summarized proposed amendment BP-3, prioritizing the development of qualitative and quantitative active transportation performance measures and objectives. Ms. McGourty shared data collection efforts at PSRC to support the bicycle and pedestrian work program. She also noted mobility metrics already included in the plan, PSRC’s prioritization measures for regional capacity projects and PSRC’s ongoing commitment to work with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

ACTION: BP-3: It was moved and seconded (Mayor Becky Erickson/Councilmember Leslie Schneider) to include language in the plan for staff to continue work to develop and improve active transportation performance measures, including as they relate to access for all ages and abilities. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty provided an overview of proposed amendments C-1a-1c regarding climate work and the development of a 2030 analysis year and implementation plan. Ms. McGourty noted that these actions would propose a plan amendment and also direct future PSRC work. Ms. McGourty shared that the amendments are aligned with the climate change program at PSRC and the adopted four-part greenhouse gas strategy. PSRC has been focused on 2050 as part of the requirement to complete the long-range analysis. Ms. McGourty discussed the work and time that would be involved to develop an interim 2030 analysis year. She shared ongoing PSRC partnerships that are aligned with these climate goals.

ACTION: C1a-c: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ryan Mello/Councilmember Alex Pedersen) to amend the plan to identify the work as

proposed and for staff to use the best available data moving forward. The motion passed unanimously.

The board took a short break from 11:15-11:25 am.

Ms. McGourty summarized proposed amendment C-2 related to resiliency and environmental justice. She provided background on PSRC's commitment in the draft plan to resilience, equity and engagement work as well as current partnerships supporting this work. She also explained the difference between the RTP and the budget and work program in terms of allocating resources for staff.

ACTION: C2: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ryan Mello/Councilmember Kristina Walker) to strengthen the language and emphasis in the plan on resilience and environmental justice impacts. The motion passed unanimously.

Ben Bakkenta summarized amendment C-3 related to providing regional analysis and assistance to local jurisdictions to ensure planning and growth targets are consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy. Mr. Bakkenta shared how PSRC provides technical assistance to support the Regional Growth Strategy. No motion was put forward for the amendment.

Ms. McGourty summarized amendment S-1 regarding adopting a goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries with a Safe Systems Approach. She also described the policies in VISION 2050 related to meeting the state's safety goals that are included in the RTP, as well as the implementation actions related to safety.

ACTION: S-1: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Jennifer Robertson/Councilmember Kristina Walker) to modify the language in the plan to more clearly identify the VISION 2050 safety goal, add the State's Target Zero goal date, and clarify that the RTP works to achieve this goal through a Safe Systems Approach. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty summarized proposed amendments S-2a-d, covering the development of a regional safety plan, convening partners to set an aspirational target year for achieving zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries, publishing an annual safety progress report and pursuing resources for safety projects and programs.

ACTION: S-2a-d: It was moved and seconded (Mayor Mary Lou Pauly/Councilmember Jennifer Robertson) to update the plan to reflect the specific proposals for PSRC's future work program on safety as described. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty summarized amendments PE-1a-c related to the evaluation of projects submitted into the RTP. Three amendments were compiled together, one submitted from a board member and the two others were elevated from public comment. Ms.

McGourty noted that the majority of project investments in the RTP are programmatic and not tracked on a line-item basis. Projects on the regional capacity project list are larger scale and must respond to the adopted prioritization framework measures at the point of submittal.

ACTION: S-2a-d: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Kristina Walker/Councilmember Ryan Mello) that the plan identify a future work program to update the RTP Prioritization Measures and how projects are evaluated at point of submission into the next RTP, to include consideration of all ages and abilities and a Safe Systems Approach. The motion passed with one nay vote.

Ms. McGourty provided background on the development of the RTP and the timing of project selection per federal requirements. Ms. McGourty summarized amendment PS-1 which calls for development of a plan to align the RTP and project selection processes so that the RTP guides the funding process. Ms. McGourty shared with the board options for how the sequencing could happen and still meet federal requirements.

The board discussed the timing of developing projects submitted for funding, VISION 2050 policy direction and the work of the Project Selection Task Force.

ACTION: PS-1: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ben Zarlingo/Mayor Becky Erickson) to amend Chapter 4 of the plan to clarify that the Project Selection Task Force will take into account the most recent RTP and staff will develop a longer term work plan regarding the alignment of RTP and project selection schedules. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty summarized proposed amendment PS-2 related to design standards for project selection.

ACTION: PS-2: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Kate Kruller/Councilmember Kim Daughtry) to not take action on PS-2. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty summarized proposed amendment PS-4 related to setting aspirational goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in each funding round. The board discussed the importance of addressing climate change, how the current evaluation process is conducted, the relationship of the project selection process to the overall climate goals and regional analysis, and when projects are developed for submittal into the grant competition.

ACTION: PS-4: It was moved and seconded (Commissioner Hester Serebrin/Councilmember Leslie Schneider) to adopt the amendment. The motion failed with 7 for and 11 against.

Ms. McGourty summarized proposed amendment PS-9 that would make low-scoring projects ineligible for funding until resubmitted/reevaluated. Ms. McGourty described

the adopted process of developing prioritized contingency lists of projects in each funding cycle and their role in meeting the annual FHWA delivery targets.

ACTION: PS-9: It was moved and seconded (Mayor Becky Erickson/Councilmember Ben Zarlingo) to not take action on PS-2. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty shared that there were two combinations of amendments for the board to consider related to project selection. The first grouping (PS-3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10) are proposed by staff as having no action needed. Ms. McGourty summarized each of the amendments in the first grouping and provided an explanation for the staff proposal. The amendments addressed a variety of topics that were considered to be either outside the scope of the RTP or were already addressed under current processes.

ACTION: PS-3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Kate Kruller/Mayor Mary Lou Pauly) to maintain the plan as is with no amendment for this grouping. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty shared that the next suite of amendments related to project selection, PS-11-13, were not put forward by a member of the board but were elevated from public comment. Ms. McGourty summarized the amendments which addressed funding targets tied to the VISION 2050 regional growth strategy, priority for investments serving people with specialized transportation needs, and a requirement for every project to have a VMT reduction plan. The board discussed the adopted Policy Framework and the direction from VISION 2050, the existing evaluation criteria, and the diversity of projects submitted. The board also discussed the appropriate scale for a VMT reduction plan, whether project level or encompassing the full transportation system.

ACTION: PS-11-13: It was moved and seconded (Mayor Mary Lou Pauly/Mayor Becky Erickson) to not adopt PS-11-13. It was moved and seconded (Matthew Sutherland/Councilmember Dave Upthegrove) to remove amendment PS-13 from the grouping and to consider it separately. The amendment failed by voice vote. The original motion then passed unanimously.

Mayor Ralph informed the board that all amendments had been reviewed by the board. She offered board members to come forward with any final proposals. Mayor Ralph thanked board members for their work on the draft RTP.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Kim Daughtry/Councilmember Ben Zarlingo) to recommend approval of the draft Regional Transportation Plan, as amended with the actions on March 31 and April 14, to the Executive Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Ralph thanked board members and staff for their work developing the Regional Transportation Plan. The Executive Board will meet April 28 to act on the draft Regional Transportation Plan.

Mayor Ralph informed board members of the all-board implicit bias training scheduled June 23. The May 12 meeting is subject to cancellation.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster.

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING

(As determined by staff)

Monica Adkins, PSRC
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC

Attachments:

TPB April 14, 2022 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - April 2022			
Voting Members		✓	Non-voting Members
King County	2	CM Girmay Zahilay	1 Associate Members
		CM Dave Upthegrove	1 Island County
		Vacant Alt	1 COMM Melanie Bacon
		Vacant Alt	1 COMM Jill Johnson Alt
Seattle	2	CM Dan Strauss	1 Thurston Regional Planning Council
		CM Alex Pedersen	1 Public Agency Members
		CP Debora Juarez Alt	1 Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Bellevue	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1 Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
		CM Janice Zahn Alt	1 WA Transportation Improvement Board
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila	1 PSRC Committees
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1 Regional Staff Cmte.
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1 Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt	1 Transportation Operators Cmte.
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt	1 Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1 Laborers Local Union 242 exp. 12/31/22
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1 WA Roundtable exp. 12/31/22
		Vacant Alt	1 Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/22
Kitsap County	1	COM Robert Gelder	1 Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt	1 Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1 Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt	1 League of Women Voters of WA exp. 12/31/22
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1 Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	1 Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1 Non-voting
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	16 Non-voting members present
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1 Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members
		CM Dave Morell Alt	1 State Legislators
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	87 Districts within PSRC's boundary
		CM Conor McCarthy Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Bryan Yambe, Fife	
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County	
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt	
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead	
		CM Sam Low Alt	
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlino	
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	
		CM Jeffrey Beeler, Sultan Alt 1	
		CM Michael Stevens, Marysville Alt 2	
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt	
Regional Transit	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife	
		Vacant 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	
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jerry Litt	
		COM Hester Serebrin Alt	
WSDOT	1	SEC Roger Millar	
		ASST SEC Julie Meredith Alt 1	
		Mike Cotton Alt 2	
		Steve Roark Alt 3	
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4	
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)			
House Transportation Cmte.	2	REP Emily Wicks, D	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt	
		REP Dan Griffey, R	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant, D	
		SEN Mark Mullet, D Alt	
		Vacant, R	
		Vacant, R Alt	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	23
		Total Voting members present	25

Attachment: TPB April 14, 2022 Attendance Roster (3437 : Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held Apr 2022)



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

June 2, 2022

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Three agencies submitted ten projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various funding processes, such as the Connecting Washington funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339), and Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

This month's amendment includes no project tracking actions.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

CWA State Connecting Washington Account.

CRSF	Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for all federal moneys from the American Rescue Plan.
NHPP	Provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS).
Safe Routes to Schools	Used for infrastructure-related improving the ability of students to walk and bike to school

For more information, please contact Jennifer Barnes at 206-389-2876 or jbarnes@psrc.org.

Attachments:
Exhibit A

Month: June
Year: 2022

Project(s) Proposed for
Routine Amendment to 2021-2024 TIP

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed				
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	Other	UPWP Amend	
1. Everett	41st Street to Rucker Avenue Corridor Phase 2 New project adding a preliminary engineering phase for arterial and access improvements from Port of Everett to I-5 on West Marine View Drive to Rucker Avenue to 41st Street.	\$2,500,000	State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$165,200	Local				
		\$2,665,200	Total				
2. Seattle	Greenwood Ave N Sidewalks and 1st Ave NW Neighborhood Greenway New project adding preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction phases installing new sidewalks and widening existing sidewalk on Greenwood Ave N and NE 135th St and installing new neighborhood greenways on 1st Ave NW and NE 135th St.	\$1,000,000	Safe Routes To Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$620,000	State				
		\$2,883,010	Local				
		\$4,503,010	Total				
3. WSDOT	I-405/SR 522 to SR 527 - Widening & Express Toll Lane Existing project adding a construction phase widening I-405 to add a new lane in both directions to create a dual express toll lane system from SR 522 to SR 527 and make improvements to the SR 522 and SR 527 interchanges. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP	\$364,977,919	Local	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$364,977,919	Total				
4. WSDOT	SR 99/Southbound Duwamish River Bridge - Bridge Painting New project adding preliminary engineering and construction phases cleaning and painting the steel surfaces of the SR 99/Southbound Duwamish River Bridge. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP.	\$3,901,680	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$149,395	Local				
		\$4,051,075	Total				
5. WSDOT	I-90/Lewis Creek - Fish Passage New project adding preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction phases to remove the existing fish barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure. This is a multi-year project and the programming reflects the funds available within the span of the regional TIP.	\$22,402,673	CSRF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$6,605,198	Connecting Washington				
		\$29,007,871	Total				

Attachment: Exhibit A (3438 : TIP)

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed				
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP Other	Amend	
6. WSDOT	SR 202/Sammamish Creek - Fish Passage New project adding right of way and construction phases to remove the existing fish passage barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure.	\$749,761	Connecting Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$4,903,210	CSRF				
		\$5,652,971	Total				
7. WSDOT	Northwest Region I-90 & I-5 Tunnel Fire Suppression Systems - Retrofit New project with preliminary engineering and construction phases replacing fire retardants in the I-90 Mt Baker Tunnel and Washington State Convention Center Tunnel with an environmentally friendly product.	\$6,025,670	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$296,330	Local				
		\$6,322,000	Total				
8. WSDOT	SR 104/Lyon Creek - Fish Passage Existing project adding a construction phase to remove the existing fish passage barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure.	\$2,743,197	Connecting Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$3,397,449	CSRF				
		\$6,140,646	Total				
9. WSDOT	I-90/1.8 Miles E of Tinkham Rd to Denny Cr Viaduct - Stormwater Retrofit New project adding preliminary engineering and construction phases to evaluate and construct drainage solutions to improve the water quality of stormwater runoff leaving the right of way along of I-90 from 1.8 Miles E of Trinkham Rd to Denny Cr Viaduct.	\$8,776,544	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$224,756	Local				
		\$9,001,300	Total				
10. WSDOT	I-90/Franklin Falls Bridge WB - Bridge Painting New project with preliminary engineering and construction phases cleaning and painting the I-90 Franklin Falls Bridge WB.	\$6,386,724	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$143,186	Local				
		\$6,529,910	Total				

Attachment: Exhibit A (3438 : TIP)



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

June 2, 2022

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Federal Transit Administration Funding Process**

IN BRIEF

The distribution of PSRC's 2025-2026 Federal Transit Administration funds is on hold until further discussions regarding the distribution methodology. At the direction of the Executive Committee, in the coming months the Transportation Policy Board will review and propose recommendations to the Executive Board on any revisions to the current process.

DISCUSSION

Overview

PSRC has project selection authority over certain funding programs under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which are apportioned by FTA to urbanized areas (UZA) around the country. There are three UZAs in the PSRC region: Bremerton, Marysville and Seattle-Tacoma-Everett. There is a single transit operator in the Bremerton and Marysville UZAs, and multiple transit operators in the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA.

The national FTA distribution formula allocates transit funds to UZAs using U.S. Census data and transit system performance and operating data obtained from the National Transit Database (NTD), which is populated with annual data submitted by each transit agency. Within the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA, the majority of funds (approximately 86%) is allocated to the UZA based on the service and operating characteristics of each transit agency. Per adopted regional policy since 2004, a detailed Excel tool is utilized to disaggregate the federal formula and identify the amount of funds attributable to each agency. The funds are then distributed to each

transit agency based on this data, called the “earned share” distribution. The remaining funds, approximately 14%, are allocated to the UZA based on regional attributes such as population density. This portion of funds has historically been utilized for the regional FTA competition.

PSRC is required to coordinate with the region’s transit agencies on agreement for the distribution of FTA funds within each UZA. The 2022 project selection is currently underway for PSRC’s 2025-2026 Federal Highway Administration funds; the distribution of 2025-2026 FTA funds is on hold pending further deliberations on the distribution methodology.

At Issue

Since 2020 over \$2 billion has been distributed to the region’s transit agencies from the three stimulus funding packages, to aid in response and recovery to the pandemic.

In April of 2020, \$538 million was distributed under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, using the established earned share methodology. In April of 2021, \$580 million was distributed under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA). The distribution methodology was based on the earned share methodology but with an adjustment to reallocate 2.5% to provide additional funding to Everett Transit, Pierce Transit and the Washington State Ferries. This adjustment was the result of negotiated discussions among the transit agencies due to questions raised at the Executive Board regarding whether the earned share methodology was the most equitable way to allocate funds, particularly given the impacts from the pandemic on each transit agency and the legislative intent to support operations and lost revenue. The 2.5% adjustment was not based on PSRC’s established definition of equity, but instead focused on providing additional funding to the three agencies.

Between July and September of 2021, a total of \$901 million was distributed to the region’s transit agencies under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The distribution followed the modified methodology applied in the CRRSAA distribution that utilized the established earned share methodology as the basis but provided the same 2.5% adjustment for Everett Transit, Pierce Transit and the Washington State Ferries. The approval of the ARPA funding distribution followed a lengthy and robust set of discussions at the TPB Transit Caucus - members of the Transportation Policy Board who also serve on transit agency boards – as well as the General Managers / Chief Operating Officers of each transit agency.

Leading up to the ARPA distribution, the TPB Transit Caucus spent several months reviewing detailed information on the service levels and unique operating characteristics and needs of the region’s transit agencies. This information led to the Caucus identifying a set of principles and desired outcomes for the funding distribution that

included: 1) the recognition that each agency has different operating characteristics and needs; 2) that funds should continue to support basic operating needs for existing services; and 3) that funds should also be used to assist transit agencies to increase frequency and span of service, particularly for communities currently underserved.

After approval of the ARPA distribution, the Executive Board directed PSRC staff to continue discussions regarding future distributions of PSRC's FTA funding, in particular reviewing the questions raised of fairness and equity regarding the earned share distribution methodology. The *2022 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds* was adopted in January 2022 with a hold placed on the FTA funding distribution until these further discussions conclude and the board comes to resolution on the final process to be followed.

Next Steps

At the June 9, 2022, Transportation Policy Board meeting, staff will provide additional details on PSRC's FTA funds, the historic distribution methodology, and the service and characteristics of each of the region's transit agencies. The board will be asked to provide policy direction and guidance for any revisions to the established methodology, based on the Executive Board direction.

A preliminary draft schedule anticipates that the Transportation Policy Board would discuss this topic in June and July, and if needed direct more detailed work to be conducted by a working group comprised of board members and transit agency leadership. The working group would meet over the summer and early fall as necessary to develop a recommendation that would return to the Transportation Policy Board in the late fall. After final Executive Board approval of any process changes, the funding distribution process would commence, hopefully by the end of the year.

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Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

June 2, 2022

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **PSRC Transportation Work Program**

IN BRIEF

The Regional Transportation Plan was unanimously adopted by the General Assembly on May 26, 2022. The plan identifies many short-term implementation actions as well as longer-term work programs for PSRC and its member agencies. The Transportation Policy Board will begin discussions of the priorities and timelines for these activities, as well as other ongoing and upcoming work already identified in the current budget and work program.

DISCUSSION

The [Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP) identifies numerous implementation items, covering all of the major plan elements and policy focus areas. These implementation items call for new and continued work to be done by PSRC, local agencies and other regional and state partners.

In addition to the work called for to implement the RTP, there are other upcoming and ongoing activities in the PSRC work program. One example is the 2022 project selection process for PSRC's federal funds currently underway, which will be followed by the development of the new 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

At the Transportation Policy Board meeting on June 9, 2022, staff will summarize these various activities and the board will be asked to begin discussions to prioritize and set timelines for key work program items. Included in the briefing will be information on the expected timeframe to complete each element, an assessment of available resources,

and where additional board guidance is needed. Attachment 1 provides a summary overview of the elements to be discussed.

As a reminder, the process to develop PSRC's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program will begin later this year. It is anticipated that the Transportation Policy Board will review and discuss development of the transportation work program over the next several months and ultimately develop a recommendation of priorities and timelines to the Executive Board.

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Attachments:
Attachment 1

Attachment 1: Regional Transportation Plan – PSRC Work Program Items

This document summarizes the various implementation items identified in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), primarily in Chapter 4, “What’s Ahead,” but also as identified in other parts of the plan. Work program items are disseminated into five distinct categories, identified in terms of ongoing and existing work programs versus new areas, level of resources and timeframes, and areas where further board direction is required.

Category 1 = Ongoing Core PSRC Work Program: Meeting and Maintaining MPO/RTPO Requirements

Several implementation items identified in the RTP refer to work that is considered core to PSRC’s mandates and reflect ongoing work that is already part of the budget and work program. In general, these action items refer to standard processes related to:

- Amending and updating the RTP;
- Developing and maintaining the Regional Transportation Improvement Program;
- Developing the Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds and conducting the project selection process;
- Reviewing and certifying local jurisdiction and transit agency plans;
- Maintaining PSRC’s analytical tools; and
- Continued support to member jurisdictions.

Category 2 = Other Ongoing Work Related to Collaboration, Coordination and Technical Assistance

Several implementation items identified in the RTP refer to other work that is either routinely conducted or in some cases to specific work that may already be underway. Much of this work is captured in the current work program and budget; others that are longer term efforts may require future resources.

This category of implementation items includes PSRC’s ongoing work convening stakeholders through a series of advisory committees that provide input to the region’s planning efforts on a variety of transportation topics. PSRC currently maintains eight standing advisory committees that provide technical guidance and inform the agency on best practices within their specific program areas. In addition, this category includes PSRC’s collaboration with local, regional, state, and national partners on a variety of programs and projects.

More specific work program items within this category that are identified in the RTP and for which PSRC expects to utilize the transportation advisory committees and other partners include:

- Development of guidance, best practices and technical assistance on a variety of topics, such as freight, safety, technology, equity, resilience, etc.
- Repackaging the bicycle/pedestrian elements and data in the RTP into a stand-alone Active Transportation Plan.
- Supporting the transition to a zero emission transportation system, in partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the Regional EV Collaborative.

Category 3 = Work Related to Data Collection, Analysis and Performance Metrics

Several implementation items refer to ongoing data collection efforts on a variety of transportation topics, including: active transportation, transit, emerging technologies, safety, maintenance and preservation, health and the overall update and maintenance of the new transportation system conditions visualization tool. PSRC is committed to this ongoing work, and there are varying levels of effort required depending on the topic and the sources of available data.

There are also several implementation items related to ongoing improvements to PSRC’s analysis tools and performance metrics for the same list of topics noted above, but also for transportation demand management activities, equity, and resilience. Similarly, PSRC is committed to this ongoing work and there are varying levels of effort required depending on the topic, the level of available data and the current state of the practice.

It is expected that some additional resources may be required, depending on the topic and sources of data, and both are expected to be longer term work program items. Board direction will be requested on the relative priority and timing of both of these efforts compared to other implementation items.

Category 4 = Expanded Work Program Items

There are two implementation items identified in the RTP that call on PSRC to take further steps or develop new components to existing work program areas.

Related to climate:

- Developing a 2030 transportation network and inputs and conducting a 2030 analysis in alignment with the adopted Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy; and

- Continuing to work with partner agencies including the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to develop a climate implementation strategy for achieving the climate goals and to monitor progress.

A deadline was set for this work to be completed by December 31, 2022, and work is underway.

Related to the RTP financial strategy:

- Identify the action steps necessary to implement the new revenue sources component of the financial strategy – in particular the transition to a Road Usage Charge – and identify the roles and responsibilities at all levels of government.

This is anticipated to be a longer-term work program item and some additional resources or partnership efforts may be required. Board direction will be requested on the relative priority and timing of this effort compared to other implementation items.

Category 5 = New Work Program Items Requiring Board Guidance

There are several new implementation items identified in the RTP, with varying levels of detail provided.

This category includes the following items:

- Identify performance measures and targets for meeting key aspects of VISION 2050 and this RTP, including but not limited to greenhouse gas emissions, safety, reduction of gaps in active transportation system, implementation of the plan’s financial strategy, vehicle miles traveled trends, and transit ridership by December 31, 2022. Track progress on these measures through an online dashboard.
- Elevate the work and needs of ADA transition planning, including monitoring the progress and supporting the development and analysis of local plans.
- Convene regional partners and stakeholders to discuss the challenges and solutions to continue to make progress toward meeting safety goals. This will include addressing the full spectrum of safety elements and a Safe Systems Approach.
- Develop a Regional Safety Plan, including actions, targets, and performance indicators, with updates provided and progress tracked through an annual regional safety report. Seek resources for regional and local planning and projects.
- Convene members to discuss the vision for future high-capacity transit in the region.

- Update the RTP Prioritization Measures and how projects are evaluated at point of submission into the RTP. This will include consideration of all ages and abilities and a Safe Systems Approach.
- Convene a board working group to develop a road map and timeline for the next RTP. This should also consider the importance of aligning the RTP with state and federal funding cycles.

Board direction will be sought to provide further guidance on the extent and details of each work program, as well as the priority and timeline compared to other implementation items.

JOINT BOARD SESSION ON IMPLICIT BIAS

Thursday, June 23, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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