



# Puget Sound Regional Council

## MINUTES

### Transportation Policy Board

October 9, 2025

1201 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Rob Putaansuu. Co-Chair Putaansuu 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.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment provided.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Putaansuu waved his remarks in the interest of time.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared some observations from PSRC staff on the Week Without Driving event. Ms. McGourty also provided information on the selection of the south central Puget Sound region for the Climate Resilient Communities Accelerator Program conducted by the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held September 11, 2025
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: 2026 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE**

Robin Koskey, PSRC, provided information on the federal government shutdown and the state revenue forecast. Ms. Koskey and Alyssa Quinn, PSRC, then described the process to create PSRC's 2026 recommendations to the legislature. The 2025 recommendations were summarized, including items related to safety, key investments, ferry funding, revenues including a road usage charge, and climate considerations.

Member comments related to connections with the regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan and being concise.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON BOARD REPRESENTATION**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board that PSRC's interlocal agreement for membership and representation on the Executive Board requires a review every three years. At the direction of the Executive Board, an ad hoc committee has been formed to also review membership on the policy boards, with representation across all four counties. A preliminary alternative was developed and shared with the board for both voting and non-voting representation. A poll was taken by the members with a slight majority expressing interest in continuing the discussion of alternatives. Feedback from members will be provided to the ad hoc committee.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

Sara Hetrick, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), provided background information on the development of the regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. She described the collaboration with other partner agencies including PSRC and other subject matter experts, as well as public involvement.

Ms. Hetrick then discussed the contents of the climate plan, which will include among other things an updated regional emissions inventory and a comprehensive list of emission reduction strategies across all sectors. Ms. Hetrick provided information on the online engagement hub for public review and input and the schedule for completion of the plan. She provided a summary of key strategies within each sector and the relationship to meeting the region's climate goals.

Members requested clarification on the use of emerging and best available science, as well as how land use is reflected in the CCAP.

#### **ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SCENARIO DECISION**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the four plan scenarios that were developed, analyzed and discussed in previous meetings. In September, the board provided a preliminary preference for Scenario 2B, which included a focus on maintenance and transit. Ms. McGourty reminded the board of the investments and funding needs reflected in Scenario 2B and then briefly summarized feedback received at the three regional public meetings held to date. The aggregate feedback from these meetings also reflected a majority preference for Scenario 2B, and Ms. McGourty shared a few specific comments from attendees. She also provided feedback provided by PSRC'S Equity Advisory Committee, including concerns of affordability and inequitable cost burdens.

Craig Helmann, PSRC, reminded the board of the performance results between the four scenarios. He then shared additional results comparing gaps in transit services across the region compared to today's levels for the four scenarios.

Ms. McGourty informed the board of a requested correction to include WSDOT's '1-5: Thorne Lane to 38<sup>th</sup> Street Core HOV Project' in Scenario 2B. This project was submitted with a completion date of 2042, but the correction modifies the completion date to 2034 and the project would therefore be included in scenario '2B'. The correction would increase the required new revenues for Scenario 2B from \$48.9 billion to 49.3 billion.

**ACTION:** The motion was made and seconded (Ralph/Zarlingo) to identify Scenario 2B as the scenario to move forward into development of the draft RTP. The motion passed.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

Kelly McGourty and Craig Helmann, PSRC, reminded the board of the requirements for developing the RTP financial strategy and discussions held to date on parameters for potential new revenue sources. Information was shared on previous data and scenarios related to the five sources identified that could be implemented consistently across the region and are more likely to generate a greater potential revenue: a road usage charge, increased vehicle fees, increased sales tax rates for local transit, an increase to the county road levy and a retail delivery fee.

Additional information on current distribution methods was provided and which sources are currently available to the different sponsor categories – i.e., the state, cities, counties and transit agencies. Policy issues flagged for discussion including filling the gap specific to each sponsor category and concerns regarding equity and fairness.

Board members expressed concerns about raising sales tax rates, given the current rates in place today. Concerns were also expressed about implementation of a retail delivery fee and impacts to low income populations and lower resourced areas. It was noted that different tools are used by different jurisdictions across the region. Comments

and questions were also provided on a potential road usage charge, including details of distribution methods and equity implications.

Ms. McGourty shared that staff will come back with additional details and options for the RTP financial strategy in November.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – October 9, 2025.

Transportation Policy Board - October 9, 2025				Item 5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members		✓	Non-voting Members		✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón	<b>Associate Members</b>		
		Vacant	Island County		1 COMM Melanie Bacon
		Vacant Alt	COMM Jill Johnson Alt		
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1 MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey
		CM Robert Kettle	1		Vacant Alt
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck Alt			
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1 Vacant
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt			Brandy DeLange Alt 1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1 CM Joe Bushnell
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah			Christine Cooley Alt 1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1 Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1		Vacant Alt
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1 Vacant
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1		CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		<b>PSRC Committees</b>	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1 Shannon Turner
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root	1		Julius Moss Alt
		COM Christine Rolfs Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1 Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1		Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt
		CM Eric Younger Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1 Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co. 1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1 Peter Heffernan, King County 1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	1		Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton			
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala	1	<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>	
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt		WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1 Sheri Call
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1		Jeff DeVere Alt
		CM Olg Diaz Alt		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1 Lorelei Williams, WSP USA 1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton	1		Amy Grotendt, Enviroissues Alt
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>	
Local Transit	1	CM Doug Fagundes, Fife		Puget Sound Partnership exp. 10/31/27	1 Bebhinn Dechery
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma			Larry Epstein Alt
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		Individual exp. 5/31/28	1 Kim Becklund
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1	Non-voting	
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			14 Non-voting members present 5
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1		
		CM Jacob Walker, Monroe, Alt	1		
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			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>					
Muckleshoot	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
Indian Tribe		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant			
		Robert Barandon Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt			
<b>Statutory Members</b>					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle			
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci	1		
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		Todd Lamphere Alt			
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>				<b>Abbreviations</b>	
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CM Councilmember	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CP Council President	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		COM Commissioner	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Liias, D		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		Vacant Alt		MYR Mayor	
		SEN Keith Goehner, R	1	MYR Pro Tem	
		Vacant, R Alt		REP Representative	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	19	SEN Senator	
		Total Voting members present	23		