



Puget Sound Regional Council

MEETING SUMMARY

Regional Project Evaluation Committee
January 23, 2026
Hybrid meeting held at PSRC Boardroom

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The December 5, 2025, RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD DEBRIEF

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting held on Thursday, January 8, 2026. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meetings are available on the [PSRC website](#).

ACTION ITEM: PROJECT TRACKING POLICY REVIEW

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, facilitated discussion of potential update to PSRC's project tracking policies that would allow pre-bid cost estimate increases to receive increased federal shares as part of PSRC's annual TIP rebalancing process for FHWA funds. This was continuation of discussion started at the December meeting, at which time the committee had indicated support for allowing cost estimate increases to be considered, but up to a limit yet to be determined.

She shared feedback from TPB members from their briefing on RPEC's discussion to date, which aligned with the committee's preliminary recommendations that cost estimate increases be included, but with a limit. The TPB also indicated support of RPEC's preliminary recommendation for the other policy topic under review – that the limit of administrative transfer of PSRC funds between phases be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Committee discussion for the remainder of the meeting focused on establishing the appropriate limit to place on cost estimate increases, in considering them for increased

federal share. After deliberation on various options, the committee unanimously recommended that increased cost estimates be eligible for consideration of increased federal shares with the following limits: any additional funds awarded, over and above the standard procedures for increased federal shares, will be capped up to a limit of 20% over the cost estimate at the time of award, or \$750,000, whichever is smaller. The committee determined that this would accommodate unanticipated project cost increases within a reasonable limit consistent within typical cost estimate contingency assumptions. The committee also recommended that this limit be reviewed after two years of implementation to determine if additional adjustments are warranted. The recommendation also included parameters determined at the December meeting, including (1) cost estimate increase submittals would need to include documentation of the updated cost and explanation of the reason for the increase, (2) cost estimate increases would only be considered as applied to the originally funded scope, and (3) a cost estimate increase submittal must include financial documentation showing sufficient local funds to cover the full amount of the cost increase (per standard TIP programming rules).

RPEC's recommendations for update of the two project tracking policies will be brought to the TPB and Executive Board for review and approval at their February meetings. Concurrently, PSRC staff will facilitate submittal of any cost estimate increases that project sponsors would like to be considered in the FY2026 rebalancing process.

[View the Presentation on PSRC's Website.](#)

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at JBarnes@psrc.org.

DISCUSSION ITEM: POTENTIAL BRIDGE FUNDING PILOT

There was insufficient time for this discussion item. Kelly McGourty will reach out to RPEC members to provide briefing on this topic and collect preliminary feedback prior to the next scheduled TPB meeting. This topic will be further discussed at the February RPEC meeting.

ADJOURN

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

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT *

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC STAFF, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS PRESENT *

Alan Budde, City of Shoreline; Charlie Green, Snohomish County; Clint Lambert, Community Transit; David Paine, City of Kent; Dax Tate, SCA; Evan Bovard; Heather R, Sound Transit; Maddy Borowski, City of Kent; Micah Ross, City of Redmond; Rachael M

PSRC: Jennifer Barnes, Kelly McGourty, Kalon Thomas, Miles Stepleton, Alexa Leach, Doug Cox, Gil Cerise

***All attendees were present via in-person or remote participation**

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attendance January 23, 2026

RPEC Attendance Roster (Designated Members & Alternates)

Date: January 23, 2026 - 9:30-11:00 am

Item 2 - Att. A

Remote/Online Only

NOTE: Members are invited vote. Alternates may vote when the member is absent. **Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting.** All other Alternates and Guests are invited join the meeting. 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) | | Cameron Kukes |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Peter Heffernan | | | Mehrdad Moini (Alt.) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | John Vander Sluis | WSDOT-Oly Region (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | JoAnn Schueler |
| | | Andrew Kim (Alt.) | | | John Ho (Alt.) |
| | | Sarah Green (Alt.) | WSDOT-MoM (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Matthew Kenna |
| | | Ivan Miller (Alt.) | | | April Delchamps (Alt.) |
| Seattle (3) | | Sarah Strand | WSDOT-WS Ferries (1) | | Vacant |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jim Storment | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Krishan Aggarwal (Alt.) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Joanna Valencia | | | Todd Lamphere (Alt.) |
| | | Bill LaBorde (Alt.) | Kitsap Transit (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Steffani Lillie |
| | | Emily Reardon (Alt.) | | | Jeff Davidson (Alt.) |
| | | Katie Lyle-Beshai (Alt.) | | Pierce Transit (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bellevue (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Eric Miller | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Erin Hoiland (Alt.) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mia Waters (Alt.) | Community Transit (1) | | VACANT |
| Other Cities/Towns (5) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Chad Bieren, Kent | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | John Mortenson, Issaquah | King County Metro (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Chester Knapp |
| | Kimberly Scrivner, Kirkland | | | Hannah McIntosh (Alt.) | |
| | Ingrid Gaub, Auburn | Sound Transit (1) | | Lisa Shafer (Alt.) | |
| | Dan Marcinko, North Bend | | | Lisa Wolterink | |
| | Vangie Garcia, Redmond (Alt.) | | | Tyler Benson (Alt.) | |
| | Rod Stietzer, Burien (Alt.) | | | Kirste Johnson (Alt.) | |
| | Ellen Talbo, Renton (Alt.) | Port of Seattle (1) | | Monica Overby (Alt.) | |
| | Tricia Juhnke, Shoreline (Alt.) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Geri Poor | |
| | Vacant (Alt.) | | | Robert Giacometti (Alt.) | |
| Kitsap County (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | David Forte | Port of Tacoma (1) | | Deirdre Wilson |
| | | Joe Rutan (Alt.) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ryan Medlen (Alt.) |
| Bremerton (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Shane Weber, Vice Chair | Port of Everett (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Brandon Whitaker |
| | | Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1) | | | Laura Gurley (Alt.) |
| | | Vicki Grover (Alt. 2) | Port of Bremerton (1) | | Arne Bakker |
| Other Cities/Towns (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Diane Lenius, Poulsbo | | | Cole Barnes (Alt.) |
| | | Vacant (Alt.) | PSCAA (1) | | Kathy Strange |
| Pierce County (2) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bekah Osterhaus | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jennifer Keene (Alt.) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Peter Lewis-Miller | Suquamish Tribe (1) | | VACANT |
| | | Letticia Neal (Alt.) | | | VACANT (Alt.) |
| | | Clint Ritter (Alt.) | Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1) | | VACANT |
| Tacoma (2) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jennifer Kammerzell | | | VACANT (Alt.) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Brennan Kidd | Puyallup Tribe (1) | | VACANT |
| | | Jack Niehuser (Alt.) | | | VACANT (Alt.) |
| | | Vacant (Alt.) | NON-VOTING | | VACANT - BPAC Member |
| Other Cities/Towns (1) | | Mark Burlingame, Steilacoom | | | VACANT - BPAC (Alt.) |
| | | Hans Hunger, Puyallup (Alt.) | | | |
| Snohomish County (2) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Doug McCormick, Chair | | | |
| | | Kelly Snyder | | | |
| | | Janice Fahning (Alt.) | | | |
| | | Glynda Steiner (Alt.) | | | |
| | | Matt Ojala (Alt.) | | | |
| Everett (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tom Hood | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Angelique Thompson (Alt.) | | | |
| Other Cities/Towns (2) | | Steve Morikawa, Bothell | | | |
| | | Gael Fisk, Arlington | | | |
| | | Jim Kelly, Arlington (Alt.) | | | |
| | | Vacant (Alt.) | | | |