



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Transportation Policy Board
February 12, 2026
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to <https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Mayor Dana Ralph. Mayor Ralph 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 Ralph welcomed new members and noted the significant amount of work and outreach efforts conducted to date on development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She also encouraged board members to sign on to a letter in support of funding maintenance, preservation and ferries in the state supplemental budget process.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, highlighted the milestones in the RTP development process and the agenda items to be discussed. She then introduced Robin Koskey, PSRC's Director of Government Relations and Communications, who provided a report on federal and state legislative activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 8, 2026
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plan for Des Moines

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Zarlingo/Kwon) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: PROJECT TRACKING POLICIES: PROPOSED REVISIONS

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided background on PSRC's funding and project tracking policies and processes. She then described specific project tracking policies that are in place to address the annual delivery requirements for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds.

Ms. Barnes then discussed two proposed revisions to the FHWA project tracking policies: (1) the administrative transfer of PSRC funds between phases and (2) the process by which an increase in the federal share of awarded phases may be considered.

Regarding the first policy, the current limit for administrative transfer of PSRC funds between phases is \$50,000. Ms. Barnes reviewed the rationale for the existing policy and the discussion held by the Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC), which included an acknowledgment of overall increased project costs. The RPEC recommendation is to increase the allowable amount to \$100,000.

Regarding the second policy, currently, only the phase cost provided at the time of award is considered when evaluating a project's capacity to receive an increase in their federal share, and cost increases are not considered. Increases in the federal share of projects are awarded during the annual rebalancing process to achieve the region's FHWA delivery target, as needed. Ms. Barnes reviewed the rationale for the existing policy and the discussion held by RPEC regarding a potential revision. The RPEC recommendation is to allow consideration of increased phase cost estimates in the process, up to a limit of 20% of the original cost estimate or \$750,000, whichever is smaller.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Arnold/Root) to recommend approval of the updates to the Project Tracking Policies for PSRC's Federal Funds. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PROJECT TRACKING POLICIES: POTENTIAL BRIDGE FUNDING PILOT PROGRAM

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, described a pilot program concept by which PSRC could support bridge funding needs in the region. Ms. McGourty described the proposal for the potential pilot program, which would be a two-year pilot beginning with the four counties and focused on strategic maintenance and preservation projects that would replace or extend the life of a bridge. If the pilot program were successful, it would be

opened to cities throughout the region. To fund the pilot, the proposal is to incorporate it into PSRC's annual rebalancing process to achieve the FHWA delivery target. Specifically, funding would be part of any necessary supplemental funding action, after other awarded projects have received an increase in their federal shares. In addition, PSRC staff propose a new work program item to dive deeper into bridge condition data and priority needs.

PSRC staff have discussed the concept for the pilot with RPEC and received preliminary feedback. There was preliminary support for the concept and for PSRC to work with RPEC and other partners over the two-year pilot period to develop more specific parameters should the program be continued and expanded into the future.

TPB feedback will be taken to RPEC for further discussion at their February meeting, and a potential action could be requested at the March TPB meeting if the pilot moves forward.

Board members shared their support of the pilot program. Comments included the value of peer-to-peer sharing of information, identifying bridges that are most vulnerable, and interest in seeing the bridges brought forward and corresponding data from the pilot.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRELIMINARY PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, provided a reminder on the work conducted to date to develop the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the board-identified key priorities. Mr. Bakkenta described the public outreach conducted prior to the formal public comment period and provided a summary of early public feedback. Noah Boggess, PSRC, provided a summary of the comments received during the public comment period that was held between December 15 and February 2. The number of respondents, demographic information of the respondents, and a sampling of comments were reviewed. Mr. Boggess described next steps, which include processing all comments and identifying any technical corrections and comments to be elevated for board review. Detailed information will be shared with the board at the March meeting. Final revisions to the plan will be completed prior to adoption at the General Assembly in May.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2026.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – February 12, 2026

Transportation Policy Board - February 12, 2026				5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
King County	2	CM Teresa Mosqueda		Associate Members	
		CM Steffanie Fain	1	Island County	1
		Vacant Alt		COMM Melanie Bacon	
				COMM Jill Johnson Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck	1	MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey	
		CM Dionne Foster Alt		Vacant Alt	
				Public Agency Members	
Bellevue	1	CM Jared Nieuwenhuis		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		DEP MYR Dave Hamilton Alt	1		1
				Brandy DeLange Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		CM Jay Arnold, Kirkland	1		1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1	Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County	1
		CP Ruth Pérez, Renton Alt	1	Kim VanPelt, Snohomish County Alt	
		DEP CP Barb de Michele, Issaquah Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
				Vacant	
				CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Claudia Balducci	1	PSRC Committees	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
				Autrina Martindale	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root	1	Jewel Shepherd-Sampson Alt	1
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake	1
		Vacant Alt		Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt	
				Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt	1
				Peter Heffernan, King County	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, Vice-Chair		Transit Operators Cmte.	1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton, Alt			
				Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt	
				Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala	1	WA Trucking Associations	1
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt		exp. 12/31/26	1
				Sheri Call	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Jeff DeVere Alt	
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1
				exp. 12/31/26	1
				Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	1
				Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Shannon Reynolds, Fircrest		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		CM Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership	1
				exp. 10/31/27	1
				Vacant	
Local Transit	1	CM Olgy Diaz, Tacoma		Larry Epstein Alt	
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma, Alt		Individual exp. 5/31/28	1
				Kim Becklund	1
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		Non-voting	14
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			Non-voting members present
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		10
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek	1		
		CM Yvonne Gallardo, Arlington, Alt	1		
Local Transit	1	CM Susan Paine, Edmonds	1		
		CM David Parshall, Lynnwood, Alt			
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1		
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt			
Federally Recognized Tribes					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant			
		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	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Gael Tarleton	1		
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		JoAnn Schueler Alt			
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant		Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		CP Council President	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Lias, D		COM Commissioner	
		Vacant Alt		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		SEN Keith Goehner, R		MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem	
				REP Representative	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	20	SEN Senator	
		Total Voting members present	24		