



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Transportation Policy Board**

**March 12, 2026**

**1201 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9:32 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**

The board received one written comment which was shared with board members via email.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mayor Ralph thanked everyone who has been involved in the development process of the Regional Transportation Plan. She noted that the outreach efforts were significant throughout development of the draft plan, and staff will report on the public comments received at today's meeting.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, notified the board that the region has received \$8.4 million in Federal Transit Administration funding in support of World Cup activities. PSRC will be working with the region's transit agencies to determine how the funds will be distributed. Ms. McGourty then described various transportation work programs that are happening concurrent to development of the RTP. 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 February 12, 2026
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Puyallup and Renton
- d. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Woodinville's SR 202 Widening and Trestle Replacement Project

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

#### **ACTION ITEM: 2026 PROJECT TRACKING AND DELIVERY: SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING ACTION**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an overview of the project tracking policies which have been in place since 2003 to ensure efficient and timely project delivery, minimize the cost of delays and preserve future federal funds for the region. The annual delivery targets for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration funds must be met or there will be a loss of unused funds. PSRC conducts extensive monitoring and communication with all project sponsors on delivery status throughout the year.

Ms. Barnes described the circumstances under which a gap to meeting the delivery target occurs, including requests allowable under the project tracking policies for extensions of time, returned funding and higher federal allocations than estimated. She also described the adopted procedures for filling the gap to ensure the delivery target is met, including increasing the federal shares of currently awarded projects. Ms. Barnes informed the board that the 2026 delivery gap is not yet known, as the region is awaiting the final 2026 federal allocation amounts.

The board was asked to recommend approval to increase the federal shares of currently awarded projects, up to a maximum amount. While the final amounts are not yet known, authorization will allow timely processing and facilitate earlier delivery towards the target once finalized. Staff will return to the board with the final data once available.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Paine/Putansuu) to authorize staff to award increased federal shares to the projects listed in Attachment A, not to exceed the maximum amounts shown depending on the final 2026 delivery needs. The motion passed.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PLAN REFINEMENTS**

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, provided a summary of the public comments received on the draft Regional Transportation Plan. PSRC staff have reviewed all comments and classified each as no action taken, technical correction, or requires board input. Mr. Bakkenta reviewed the comprehensive spreadsheet that includes the classification and the PSRC staff response to each comment. He also reviewed the overall topic themes from the public comments and described the technical and administrative corrections staff propose to make for the final draft plan.

Ms. McGourty described three comment themes flagged for board input. These include rural transportation issues, ongoing performance measurement and monitoring, and emerging transportation technologies. Staff propose that PSRC develop future work programs related to each of these three topics. Ms. McGourty then reminded the board of the upcoming schedule, with recommendation of the final plan to occur in April and General Assembly adoption in May.

Board members supported the approach for technical corrections and endorsed the three topic areas proposed for future PSRC work programs.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD**

Craig Helmann, PSRC, described the current updates to the RTP Performance Dashboard, either achieved or in progress. This includes updated data sets as well as accessibility and design improvements. Mr. Helmann then provided a demonstration of the updated dashboard.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – March 12, 2026

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Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Teresa Mosqueda	1	<b>Associate Members</b>
		CM Steffanie Fain	1	Island County
		Vacant Alt		1 COMM Melanie Bacon
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck		1 MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey
		CM Dionne Foster Alt		Vacant Alt
Bellevue	1	CM Jared Nieuwenhuis	1	<b>Public Agency Members</b>
		DEP MYR Dave Hamilton Alt		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	1 Vacant
		CM Jay Arnold, Kirkland	1	Brandy DeLange Alt
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt		1 Christine Cooley Alt
		CP Ruth Pérez, Renton Alt	1	Public Health
		CP Barb de Michele, Issaquah Alt		1 Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County
Local Transit	1	CM Claudia Balducci		Kim VanPelt, Snohomish County Alt
		Vacant Alt		1 WA Tran. Improvement Board
				1 Vacant
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root	1	CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt		<b>PSRC Committees</b>
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Equity Advisory Cmte.
		CM Jane Rebelowski Alt		1 Autrina Martindale
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1	Jewel Shepherd-Sampson Alt
		CM Gary McVey, Poulsbo Alt	1	Regional Staff Cmte.
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	1	1 Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton, Alt		Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt
				Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.
				1 Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.
				Transit Operators Cmte.
				1 Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt
				1 Peter Heffernan, King County
				Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Rosie Ayala		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt		WA Trucking Associations
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	exp. 12/31/26
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce
Cities & Towns	1	CM Shannon Reynolds, Fircrest		exp. 12/31/26
		CM Edward Wood, University Place Alt		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>
Local Transit	1	CM Olgy Diaz, Tacoma	1	Puget Sound Partnership
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma, Alt		exp. 10/31/27
				1 Vacant
				Individual exp. 5/31/28
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead		1 Larry Epstein Alt
		CM Strom Peterson Alt		1 Kim Becklund
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlino	1	14 Non-voting members present
		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		
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1	
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt		
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>				
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		
<b>Statutory Members</b>				
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle		
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Gael Tarleton	1	
		COM Nicole Grant Alt		
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1	
		JoAnn Schueler Alt		
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>				
House	2	Vacant		Abbreviations
Transportation Cmte.		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		CP Council President
Senate	2	SEN Marko Liias, D		COM Commissioner
Transportation Cmte.		Vacant Alt		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor
		SEN Keith Goehner, R		MYR Mayor
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	19	REP Representative
		Total Voting members present	22	SEN Senator

