



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Transportation Policy Board**

**April 9, 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 9:33 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 thanked the members who joined the meeting in preparation for the final milestone to recommend adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded members that the General Assembly is scheduled for May 28. 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 March 12, 2026
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Bonney Lake, Pacific, and Seattle

- d. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Auburn's East Valley Highway Widening Project

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

#### **ACTION ITEM: 2026 PROJECT TRACKING AND DELIVERY: PROJECT EXTENSIONS AND EXCEPTIONS**

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. In particular, Ms. Barnes reviewed the parameters under which project sponsors may request extensions of time or exceptions to the policies.

Ms. Barnes described the 2026 project extension requests. Sixteen projects requested a one-year extension, which require board approval. Seven projects requested a 45-day extension which can be approved administratively. Ms. Barnes provided a brief overview of the extension requests and the reasons for delay. She described the review and recommendation process conducted by PSRC and a coordination group consisting of the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee, the four countywide transportation forums, and representatives from WSDOT.

Ms. Barnes then reviewed three requests for exceptions to the policies which would provide additional time to deliver the projects. Exception requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may be approved if certain parameters are met. An additional one-year extension is recommended for each of the three projects due to the reasons for delay being outside the control of the project sponsors.

**ACTION 1: The motion was made and seconded (Kwon/Tarleton) to recommend the Executive Board approve the 2026 one-year project extension requests as identified in Attachment A. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION 2: The motion was made and seconded (Paine/Arnold) to recommend the Executive Board approve an exception to the adopted project tracking policies for projects identified in Attachment A to allow an additional 12 months beyond the previously granted 1-year extension of their delivery deadline, to June 1, 2027. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **ACTION ITEM: 2026 PROJECT TRACKING AND DELIVERY: BRIDGE FUNDING PILOT PROGRAM AND CONTINGENCY**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an overview of the bridge funding pilot program discussed at the February meeting. She described the intent of the pilot program and

how it would be structured and funded as a two-year pilot beginning with the four counties. The focus of the pilot will be on replacement or strategic maintenance and preservation activities to extend the life of a bridge. If successful, after the two-year pilot period the program would be expanded to cities throughout the region. Ms. McGourty explained that funding for the pilot program would be sourced from the supplemental funding action required to meet each year's federal delivery target, after existing projects have been awarded increased federal shares for that year. Ms. McGourty then described the circumstances for 2026 and the ability to award funding to three recommended bridge projects, one each from King, Pierce and Snohomish County. Kitsap County does not have a project ready to go this year, but will consider the opportunity in the second year of the pilot.

Ms. McGourty also shared that approximately \$300,000 has been returned from a project awarded funding from a previous Transportation Alternatives Program competition. Per policy, the funds are recommended to a project on the adopted contingency list.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Zarlingo/Paine) to recommend the Executive Board approve a supplemental funding action for three county bridge projects as part of the bridge funding pilot program and a redistribution of funding to a contingency project, as identified in Attachment A. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN RECOMMENDATION**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, summarized the work conducted to develop the 2026 RTP. Ms. McGourty reminded the board of the key policy priorities that guided the plan, new plan features, the extensive public outreach, plan highlights and forward looking action items. She highlighted and thanked the multidisciplinary PSRC team and the board for their efforts over the last two years.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Arnold/Tareton) to recommend adoption of the 2026-2050 Regional Transportation Plan to the Executive Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2026.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Attendance Roster – April 9, 2026

Transportation Policy Board - April 9, 2026				5.a - Att
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Teresa Mosqueda	1	<b>Associate Members</b>
		CM Steffanie Fain		Island County
		Vacant Alt		1 COMM Melanie Bacon
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka		1 COMM Jill Johnson Alt
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck		Thurston Regional Planning Council
		CM Dionne Foster Alt		1 MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey
				Vacant Alt
Bellevue	1	CM Jared Nieuwenhuis		<b>Public Agency Members</b>
		DEP MYR Dave Hamilton Alt	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
				1 Vacant
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	Brandy DeLange Alt
		CM Jay Arnold, Kirkland	1	1 CM Joe Bushnell
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Christine Cooley Alt
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1	1 Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County
		CP Ruth Pérez, Renton Alt	1	Kim VanPelt, Snohomish County Alt
		Vacant Alt		1 Vacant
				CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Claudia Balducci		<b>PSRC Committees</b>
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.
				1 Autrina Martindale
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root	1	Jewel Shepherd-Sampson Alt
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.
				1 Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt
		CM Jane Rebelowski Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.
				1 Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1	Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt
		CM Gary McVey, Poulsbo Alt	1	1 Peter Heffernan, King County
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, <b>Vice-Chair</b>		
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton, Alt		Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt
				<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Rosie Ayala		WA Trucking Associations
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt		exp. 12/31/26
				1 Sheri Call
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker		Jeff DeVere Alt
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt **		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce
				exp. 12/31/26
				1 Lorelei Williams, WSP USA
				Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt
Cities & Towns	1	CM Shannon Reynolds, Fircrest		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>
		CM Edward Wood, University Place Alt	1	Puget Sound Partnership
				exp. 10/31/27
				1 Vacant
Local Transit	1	CM Olgy Diaz, Tacoma	1	Larry Epstein Alt
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma, Alt		1 Kim Becklund
				Individual exp. 5/31/28
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead		Non-voting
		CM Strom Peterson Alt		14 Non-voting members present
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlino	1	
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt		
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek		
		CM Yvonne Gallardo, Arlington, Alt		
Local Transit	1	CM Susan Paine, Edmonds	1	
		CM David Parshall, Lynnwood, Alt	1	
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton		
		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	1	
		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	1	MYR Mayor
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	15	REP Representative
		Total Voting members present	20	SEN Senator

