



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Board

July 9, 2026

1201 3rd 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 9:32 a.m. by Vice-Chair Mayor Rob Putaansuu. Mayor 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

Vice Chair Putaansuu informed the board that he would be conducting the meeting in place of Chair Ralph this month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, informed the board of the upcoming Pacific Northwest Climate Week activities and asked Christine Cooley, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, to share more details. She then introduced Alyssa Quinn, PSRC, who provided a report on federal and state legislative activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held June 11, 2026
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- c. Recommend Approval of Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridor Designations

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

ACTION ITEM: 2026 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ADJUSTMENTS

Doug Cox, PSRC, described the annual adjustment of PSRC's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, which is a process to align project awards based on estimates with the actual allocation amounts to the region each year. Mr. Cox provided a brief background of PSRC's FTA project selection process and noted that the award of 2026 funds occurred in 2023 based on estimates. The final 2026 FTA allocation is \$7.4 million lower than estimated. Mr. Cox then reviewed the process by which agencies identified adjustments to their projects.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Tarleton/Schneider) to recommend Executive Board approval of the 2026 annual adjustments of PSRC's FTA funds as summarized in Attachment B.

DISCUSSION ITEM: RURAL TOWN CENTERS AND CORRIDORS PROGRAM / TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Doug Cox, PSRC, provided background information on two funding competitions begun in February – the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program (RTCC) and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Mr. Cox provided details on each program, including funding amounts available, eligible activities and the recommendation process. He then briefly described the projects recommended under each program. The board released the recommended projects and prioritized contingency lists for public comment in June, and Mr. Cox reviewed the two comments received.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Walker/Arnold) to recommend the Executive Board approve Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program and Transportation Alternatives Program funding to the list of projects identified in Attachments A and B, respectively, along with the recommended prioritized lists of contingency projects.

DISCUSSION ITEM: 2025 SAFETY DATA

Craig Helmann and Gary Simonson, PSRC, provided a report on safety trends in the region through 2025. Specific data points included safety trends by mode, by demographics and by geography; per capita rates; and post-crash care statistics. Trends related to other factors such as roadway type, speed limits, distracted users, time of day and day of the week were also reviewed.

Board members had a robust discussion of the data and its implications. Comments included the relationship between the data and anticipated outcomes from interventions; how the region compares to other states and countries; how this work is incorporated into PSRC's project selection process; the role of enforcement; contributing factors other than distracted users; the possibility of more granular analysis; and the importance of addressing driver behavior.

DISCUSSION ITEM: UPDATED ST3 SYSTEM PLAN AND NEXT STEPS

Alex Krieg and Sandra Fann, Sound Transit, provided a briefing on the recent updates to Sound Transit's ST3 program. Sound Transit staff described the Enterprise Initiative, a comprehensive process to realign the program to deliver the greatest benefits within available financial capacity. Conclusion of the Enterprise Initiative led to the May 28, 2026 Sound Transit board adoption of an updated ST3 System Plan. Ms. Fann described the leading indicators driving the need for an enterprise approach, including growth in costs, rapid system expansion, lower revenue projections and other factors. She then described the principles guiding the Enterprise Initiative and walked through the updated ST3 System Plan components. This included the project categories of affordable within available resources (both fully funded and partially funded), projects with unfunded construction phases or funded through planning/design and deferred projects. Ms. Fann also described continued efforts included in the workplan to save costs, speed project delivery and add financial capacity to deliver ST3.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2026.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – July 9, 2026

Transportation Policy Board - July 9, 2026				5.b - Att. A			
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Teresa Mosqueda		Associate Members			
		CM Steffanie Fain	1	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 Alexis Mercedes Rinck				Vacant Alt	
		CM Dionne Foster Alt		Public Agency Members			
Bellevue	1	CM Jared Nieuwenhuis		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Vacant	
		DEP MYR Dave Hamilton Alt				Brandy DeLange Alt	1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair		Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	CM Joe Bushnell	
		CM Jay Arnold, Kirkland	1			Christine Cooley Alt	1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac		Public Health	1	Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County	1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1			Kim VanPelt, Snohomish County Alt	1
		CP Ruth Pérez, Renton Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Erika Boyd, Issaquah Alt	1			CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Claudia Balducci		PSRC Committees			
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1	Autrina Martindale	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root				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.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1			Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt	
		CM Gary McVey, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, Vice-Chair	1			Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt	1
		MYR Clarence Moriwaki, Bainbridge, Alt		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala	1	WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1	Sheri Call	
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt				Jeff DeVere Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt				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 exp. 10/31/27	1	Jenn Grimm	1
Local Transit	1	CM Olgy Diaz, Tacoma				Paris McClusky 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	Non-voting members present	11
		CM Strom Peterson Alt					
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	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					
		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)						Abbreviations	
House	2	Vacant				CHRMN Chairman	
Transportation Cmte.		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				CM Councilmember	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				CP Council President	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				COM Commissioner	
Senate	2	SEN Marko Liias, D				DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
Transportation Cmte.		Vacant Alt				MYR Mayor	
		SEN Keith Goehner, R				MYR Pro Tem	
		Vacant, R Alt				REP Representative	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	15			SEN Senator	
		Total Voting members present	16				