



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Board

September 10, 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 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 and three online comments.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph deferred her report due to a full agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that she and colleagues attended the Governor's Highway Safety Association meeting in Minneapolis and discussed insights for PSRC's work program. Ms. McGourty also announced that PSRC received its required four-year federal planning certification. She then introduced Robin Koskey, PSRC, who provided a report on federal and state legislative activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held July 9, 2026
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Project Tracking / Contingency Funding Awards

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

DISCUSSION ITEM: CASCADIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AND I-5 PROGRAM

Ben Tripousis, WSDOT, provided an overview of the Cascadia High-Speed Rail and I-5 Program. Mr. Tripousis reviewed current system constraints and the need for a systemwide approach. He described the coordinated planning efforts across I-5, high-speed rail, Amtrak and air travel. Mr. Tripousis then provided additional details on the I-5 Master Plan, including the goals, needs and gaps analysis, and the prioritization approach. He provided background on the Cascadia High-Speed Rail Service Development Plan process and the analysis of route options. Jason Beloso, WSDOT, provided an update on the Amtrak Cascades service development plan and recent milestones including delivery of new Airo trainsets. Information was then provided on upcoming engagement opportunities.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSIT ACCESS ASSESSMENT TOOL

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided a report on the work to update PSRC's transit access tools and resources. He described the new Regional Transit Access Assessment, including an interactive online tool and updated strategies and guidance. Mr. Cerise reviewed high-level findings of regional transit access conditions and needs, and gave a preview of the new tool and story map that will be available on PSRC's website. He described outreach with member agencies and PSRC advisory committees leading to release of the final tool and materials later this year.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PREPARATION FOR THE 2027 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an overview of PSRC's project selection process for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. She described development of the *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds* prior to each funding cycle, and noted key details and elements included in the process. Ms. Barnes then provided highlights from the 2024 project selection process.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, described the three topic areas directed to inform the next project selection process related to safety, active transportation and alignment with current federal guidance. She described the collaboration with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee to develop an updated Opportunity Index to address the needs of underserved communities. Ms. McGourty then described the work over the next several months leading to adoption of the *Policy Framework* in January.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2026.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Attendance Roster – September 10, 2026

Transportation Policy Board - September 10, 2026					
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	
King County	2	CM Teresa Mosqueda	1	Associate Members	
		CM Steffanie Fain		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	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1 Vacant
		DEP MYR Dave Hamilton Alt			Brandy DeLange Alt
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1 CM Joe Bushnell
		CM Jay Arnold, Kirkland	1		Christine Cooley Alt
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac		Public Health	1 Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1		Kim VanPelt, Snohomish County Alt
		CP Ruth Pérez, Renton Alt		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
Kitsap County	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			Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt
		CM Gary McVey, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1 Peter Heffernan, King County
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, Vice-Chair			Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt
		MYR Clarence Moriwaki, Bainbridge, Alt	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala		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
		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
Local Transit	1	CM Olgy Diaz, Tacoma			Paris McClusky Alt
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma, Alt		Individual exp. 5/31/28	1 Kim Becklund
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		Non-voting	14 Non-voting members present
		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	1		
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			
		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 Liias, D			COM Commissioner
		Vacant Alt			DEP MYR Deputy Mayor
		SEN Keith Goehner, R			MYR Mayor
		Vacant, R Alt			MYR Pro Tem
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	15		REP Representative
		Total Voting members present	16		SEN Senator

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