



Puget Sound Regional Council

## **MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD**

**November 12, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair. Chair Erickson shared that in accordance with the Governor's Proclamations 20-25.7 and 20-28.8, today's Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting would be held entirely remotely. The meeting was live streamed, and a call-in number provided for members of the public to listen.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Erickson shared that VISION 2050 was adopted by the General Assembly. Chair Erickson thanked PSRC staff for their work and acknowledged the contributions of members of the Growth Management Policy Board.

Chair Erickson shared that applications for non-voting seats are due Friday, November 13.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, PSRC, shared that PSRC staff member, Pavithra Parthasarathi, would be leaving December 1.

PSRC staff have been engaged with interagency committees related to the Washington State Department of Transportation Highway System Plan, Freight Stakeholder Committee and other forums. The board will be briefed on relevant information from those meetings.

PSRC staff are coordinating with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency on a Regional Electric Vehicle Coordination Group. The group has had two events to date and a third event is planned for January.

One of the key elements of the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which will be released for public comment in December 2021, is updating the financial strategy. Staff have been working with an expert review panel over the past few months and will provide the board with further information early in 2021.

It was confirmed that a quorum was established.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held October 8, 2020**

**ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Rob Gelder and seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## **REGIONAL EQUITY STRATEGY UPDATE**

Charles Patton, PSRC, provided an overview of the Regional Equity Strategy. VISION 2050 is a long-range planning document that has equity woven throughout it. It also calls for a Regional Equity Strategy that will inform PSRC's work moving forward. The purpose of the strategy is to center equity in PSRC's work and improve outcomes for marginalized communities and improve equity related practices within our agency. The strategy will allow PSRC to work with members and stakeholders to identify and address existing inequities so all communities can share in the opportunities associated with growth.

Mr. Patton shared the details of the key component categories of the Regional Equity Strategy: capacity building, data and research, community engagement, and best practices. Mr. Patton discussed the creation of an Equity Advisory Committee, how it will support planning for equity and its timeline. Mr. Patton informed the board how PSRC will work with PSRC boards and committees and next steps. The Regional Equity Strategy is scheduled to be adopted in the second quarter of 2021.

Board members asked for early drafts of the strategy to help inform their own plans. Board members provided feedback to contribute to this work.

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN OUTREACH**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan update. Maggie Moore, PSRC, shared goals for outreach and engagement on the Regional Transportation Plan. In addition to learning from the outreach conducted during VISION

2050, PSRC is building off other outreach and engagement work such as that being conducted for the Regional Equity Strategy and Regional Housing Strategy.

Ms. Moore shared tools and techniques that PSRC will use to engage with existing stakeholders and new voices in virtual formats. Mr. Cerise shared a timeline for outreach key dates and activities.

## **SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OUTREACH**

Mr. Cerise provided an overview of the types of specialized transportation services included in the federally required Coordinated Plan. He shared details of planning for specialized transportation services and the targeted outreach to people who experience transportation challenges due to age, income or disability.

Jean Kim, PSRC, shared demographic information of people with special transportation needs. Ms. Kim also shared how equity and inclusion will be incorporated into transportation planning for people with special transportation needs. PSRC will reach out to communities of color and people with limited English proficiency to inform and engage PSRC's Regional Transportation Plan update process. Ms. Kim shared the timeline for upcoming targeted outreach.

## **ANNUAL TRANSIT INTEGRATION REPORT**

Ms. Moore informed the board that the Annual Transit Integration Report meets the Executive Board and State Legislature requirements. Ms. Moore provided an explanation of the collective vision for the integrated transit system.

Mr. Cerise highlighted stories from the Transit Integration Report, including stories related to the impacts of COVID-19. Ms. Moore informed the board that the report will be finalized at the end of November.

## **PROJECT SELECTION TASK FORCE SCOPING**

Ms. McGourty provided background on the Project Selection Task Force and Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds. She shared key policy and administrative issues that the task force typically reviews, and issues identified for further discussion for the next upcoming cycle.

The 2021 Project Selection Task Force will start earlier than usual to accommodate requests to allow for more time and discussion on policy issues. The board discussed the potential task force schedule, meeting format and additional items for discussion. Board members were asked to send Ms. McGourty any additional feedback. The Policy Framework is scheduled for adoption in January 2022.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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**TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County  
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)  
Commissioner Cary Bozeman, Ports (Alt.)  
Dale Bright, Laborers Local Union 242 (Alt.)  
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports  
Sally Clark, University of Washington  
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club  
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County  
Councilmember Kim Daughtry, Local Transit – Snohomish County  
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council  
Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Chair  
Commissioner Rob Gelder, Kitsap County  
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee  
Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee  
Billy Hetherington, Laborers Local Union 242  
Alex Hudson, Transportation Choices Coalition  
Councilmember Cyndy Jacobsen, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County  
Councilmember Debora Juarez, City of Seattle  
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)  
Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County  
Councilmember Sam Low, Snohomish County  
Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Other Cities & Towns in King County  
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County, Vice Chair  
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board  
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County  
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
Darrell Rodgers, Public Health Seattle/King County  
Mayor Kim Roscoe, Regional Transit – Sound Transit  
Patty Rubstello, WSDOT (Alt.)  
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County  
Cynthia Stewart, League of Women Voters  
Councilmember Kristina Walker, Metropolitan Center–Tacoma  
Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)  
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton  
Councilmember John Wright, Lake Forest Park (Alt.)

**TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (\*alternate present)**

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County  
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission  
Councilmember John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County  
\*Anne Eskridge, University of Washington  
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board  
Councilmember Lorena González, City of Seattle  
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee  
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County  
\*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT  
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe  
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County  
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue  
Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable  
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, King County

**GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING -  
(As determined by staff)**

Carrie Avila-Mooney, Sound Transit  
Kelsey Beck, City of Seattle  
Bakkenta Ben, PSRC  
Gil Cerise, PSRC  
Harry Cheema, Port of Seattle  
Carolyn Downs, PSRC  
Susan Driver, Island County RTPPO  
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
Jean Kim, PSRC  
Brian Lee, PSRC  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC  
Maggie Moore, PSRC  
Casey Moreau, PSRC  
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC  
Charles Patton, PSRC  
Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek