



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

April 8, 2021  
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 9:32 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair. Chair Erickson shared that in accordance with the Governor's Proclamations, 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.

A quorum was established by roll call.

Chair Erickson made the following membership announcements:

- Councilmember Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Island, has been appointed as an alternate representing Kitsap County Other Cities and Towns.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Will Knedlik gave public comment.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Erickson reminded board members that comments in the chat are a public record. Chats do not show in the meeting livestream and the public can not see them. Chair Erickson asked members to share their comments verbally.

The PSRC General Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 9:00-11:30 am. The meeting will be held virtually.

Mayor Erickson shared that construction and growth is ongoing in local communities.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, noted that 2021 Project Extension requests were included in the consent agenda. PSRC updated the Project Tracking Policies in 2020 to further address delayed projects and their impact to the annual delivery target for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration funds. Policies were updated to allow more time for requested project extensions while also eliminating unnecessary reasons that effect delivery targets. In 2021, this resulted in fewer requests for extensions and for a lower total dollar amount than in previous years. The policies require the board to act on requests receiving a one-year extension. PSRC worked with WSDOT and the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee and the four countywide forums, who are recommending approval of the extensions on the consent agenda.

Per discussions at several previous board meetings, PSRC has met with representatives from the four health departments on the policy boards in an effort to improve the incorporation of health in PSRC's planning work. The meeting helped set up a plan for continued coordination.

On April 30, PSRC is hosting a Peer Networking Session on the incorporation of Equity into Transportation Planning, to include presentations from several other MPOs from around the country. Lastly, the Project Selection Task Force will have their first meeting today following the Transportation Policy Board from 12:30-2:00p.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held March 11, 2021**
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Jan Schuette and seconded by Councilmember Paul Roberts to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## **2021 DELIVERY AND CONTINGENCY FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, noted that in January, the board provided direction to staff regarding supplemental funding to be distributed to the adopted contingency lists. Ms. McGourty provided a summary of the available funding distributions.

Ms. McGourty shared the process for evaluating the contingency funding recommendations, which included an evaluation of each project in priority order compared to available funding, timeframes and eligibility.

In addition to the supplemental funding described above, PSRC is also working to achieve the 2021 annual delivery target for PSRC's FHWA funds. Ms. McGourty reviewed the adopted strategies that are followed to ensure that PSRC meets the annual target, and their application for 2021. The board was asked to approve funding

to the contingency lists for projects that are immediately ready to go. The board will be briefed in May on further work underway related to this topic that will require another funding action.

The board discussed communications improvements to the funding process.

**ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Kim Daughtry and seconded by Commissioner Rob Gelder that the Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve supplemental FHWA funding to the list of projects identified in Attachments 1 and 2.**

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN OUTREACH**

Maggie Moore, PSRC, shared how PSRC is reaching out to the policy boards, committees and the public for input on their priorities for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). PSRC is exploring new and innovative technologies for virtual engagement.

Ms. Moore highlighted details of the representative survey which is focused on understanding different transportation needs from the public. It also tries to capture what people think their travel patterns will look like following the pandemic. Results of the survey will be shared with the board at its May meeting.

In addition to the representative survey, PSRC will soon launch an online survey. The online survey will be open to the public. It will be available on the PSRC website and shared with the board for further distribution. The online survey captures the same topics as the representative survey and includes additional questions related to special mobility needs. Additional outreach is also being conducted with various interested stakeholders of special mobility needs, including facilitated online conversations using interactive tools.

Ms. Moore briefed the board on PSRC's efforts for youth outreach, noting the number of youth committees reached thus far and various online engagement techniques used. She asked the board for feedback on other groups that could be contacted.

Ms. Moore provided details of PSRC's new online engagement tool on the RTP. The webpage will provide people the opportunity to provide feedback on current PSRC work products. She noted next steps and schedule for outreach and board briefings.

## **FREIGHT BRIEFING**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that the board received a briefing on the freight work program in Fall 2020.

PSRC has been working to better reflect and address the freight system in regional planning products. This has included improved data collection of medium and heavy

truck movements, and information on the growth in the freight and goods movement throughout the region as well as the monitoring of changes in technology. Information on the freight system is also being incorporated into the transportation system data visualization tool.

PSRC has been working with the Freight Advisory Committee to understand needs and opportunities of the system as well as the key messages for freight in the RTP. Working groups of the committee will further explore system integration, preservation and maintenance, and truck parking.

Board members discussed equity related to freight corridors, safety for freight drivers, and preservation challenges.

### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: SAFETY BREAKOUT SESSION**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that the board has had several safety discussions over the past several years. Safety planning is happening at the national, state and local level, all aiming at zero fatalities and serious injuries. Ms. McGourty highlighted some of the elements of transportation safety issues and strategies utilized to address it.

Ms. McGourty shared the work to date conducted by PSRC and reminded the board that safety has been identified as one of the key policy focus areas for the 2022 RTP.

Gary Simonson, PSRC, provided information on safety trends in the region, including factors associated with reported accidents. Mr. Simonson also shared details of a PSRC Peer Networking session on safety held July 2020.

Ms. McGourty summarized details of the board discussion on safety in September 2020. She also noted how safety is planned to be reflected in the RTP, including monitoring trends and sharing best practices.

The board split into three groups for smaller discussion on the topic of safety. Summaries of the breakout groups will be included as an information item in the May agenda packet.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD**  
**April 8, 2021**  
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**\*TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC  
Jennifer Barnes, PSRC  
Gil Cerise, PSRC  
April Delchamps, City of Kent  
Carolyn Downs, PSRC  
Craig Helmann, PSRC  
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
Taylor Jones, City of Fife  
Will Knedlik  
Negheen Kamkar, City of Seattle  
Piset Khuon, PSRC  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC  
Maggie Moore, PSRC  
Casey Moreau, PSRC  
Gary Simonson, PSRC  
Kalon Thomas, PSRC  
Joanna Valencia, City of Seattle

Attachments:

TPB April 8, 2021 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - April 2021							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Kathy Lambert	1	<b>Associate Members</b>			
		CM Girmay Zahilay	1	Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon	
		Vacant Alt				COMM Jill Johnson Alt	
		Vacant Alt		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	Doug DeForest	1
Seattle	2	CM Lorena González	1			COMM Carolina Mejia Alt	
		CM Debora Juarez	1	<b>Public Agency Members</b>			
		CM Alex Pedersen Alt		Puget Sound Clean Air	1	CM Paul Roberts, Everett	1
Bellevue	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1			Craig Kenworthy Alt	1
		CM Janice Zahn Alt	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Dan Gatchet	
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila	1	WA Transportation Improvement Board	1	Dave Ramsay	1
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Vice Chair</b>	1			CM Sam Low Alt	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1	<b>PSRC Committees</b>			
		DEP MYR Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jesse Hamashima, Pierce Co.	1
		DEP MYR Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt	1			Chip Vincent, Renton Alt	
		CM John Wright, Lake Forest Park Alt	1	Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1			Russ Blount, Fife Alt	1
		Vacant Alt		Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Robert Gelder	1			Alex Krieg Alt, Sound Transit	
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>			
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Laborers Local Union 242 exp. 12/31/22	1	Billy Hetherington	1
		CM Kevin Gorman, Alt				Dale Bright Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Bek Ashby, Port Orchard	1	WA Roundtable exp. 12/31/22	1	Neil Strege	
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt				Vacant Alt	
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo <b>Chair</b>	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/22	1	Rob Berman, HDR Engineering	1
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	1	Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1	Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Ryan Mello	1			Jessie Gamble	
		CM Dave Morell Alt		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>			
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker		Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1	Brent Butler	1
		CM Conor McCarthy Alt				Jon Morrison Winters Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	DEP MYR Bryan Yambe, Fife	1	League of Women Voters of WA exp. 12/31/22	1	Cynthia Stewart	1
		CM Cyndy Jacobsen, Puyallup Alt				Vacant Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County	1	Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1	Darrell Rodgers	
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt				Shawn Frederick, SNOHD Alt	1
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead		Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23	1	Alex Hudson	1
		CM Sam Low Alt	1			Kelsey Mesher Alt	
Everett	1	CM Paul Roberts	1	Non Voting	16		15
		CM Scott Bader Alt		<b>Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members</b>			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1	State Legislators	87	Districts within PSRC's boundary	
		CM Jeffrey Beeler, Sultan Alt 1					
		CM Michael Stevens, Marysville Alt 2					
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1				
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt					
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife	1				
		Vacant Alt					
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.					
		Vacant Alt					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel					
		Robert Barandon Alt					
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills					
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt	1				
<b>Statutory Members</b>							
Ports	1	COM Ryan Calkins, Seatte	1				
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt					
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jerry Litt					
		COM Hester Serebrin Alt	1				
WSDOT	1	SEC Roger Millar	1				
		ASST SEC Julie Meredith Alt 1					
		Mike Cotton Alt 2					
		John Wynands Alt 3					
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4	1				
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted 4 Quorum)</b>							
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant, D				CHRMN Chairman	
		Vacant, D Alt				CM Councilmember	
		Vacant, R				COM Commissioner	
		Vacant, R Alt				MYR Mayor	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Steve Hobbs, D				DEP MYR Mayor	
		SEN Mark Mullet, D Alt				SEC Secretary	
		Vacant, R				ASST SEC Assistant Secretary	
		Vacant, R Alt				REP Representative	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	25			SEN Senator	
		Total Voting members present	30				