



Puget Sound Regional Council

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

**February 11, 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 9:31 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:

- WSDOT recently reorganized their leadership, and Patty Rubstello will no longer be serving on TPB as she is now the new Assistant Secretary of WSF
- Now serving as alternate is Julie Meredith, who is the new Assistant Secretary of Urban Mobility and Access at WSDOT
- Councilmember Sam Low, Snohomish County, will also serve as a non-voting alternate for the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board.
- Commissioner Jerry Litt, Washington State Transportation Commission, has been appointed as a member. He's replacing Commissioner Shiv Batra.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Erickson welcomed all to the meeting.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that the visualization tool that was previously presented to the board is available on PSRC's website. The third regional electric vehicle collaboration event, "Electrifying Your Comprehensive Plan," was held February 10. The focus was on the challenge and opportunities for PSRC member jurisdictions to advance electrification in their communities and how PSRC and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency can provide assistance. PSCAA will host a resource clearing house.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 14, 2021**
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

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

## **DRAFT FY2022-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM**

Diana Lauderbach, PSRC, shared that the draft FY2022-2023 budget was prepared under the guidance of the Operations Committee and covers the two-year period beginning July 1, 2021. Ms. Lauderbach summarized the basic budget assumptions. The draft budget is a balanced and sustainable budget that supports ongoing planning work.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed key work tasks from the budget for Regional Planning, Growth Management Planning, Transportation Planning, Economic Development and Data.

Ms. Lauderbach provided an overview of estimated revenues and related expenditures for the biennium. Written comments on the budget can be submitted via email to Ms. Lauderbach; comments are due March 12, 2021. The Operations Committee will finalize and recommend the draft budget to the Executive Board. At its March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Executive Board is scheduled to take action and recommend General Assembly approval of the budget. The General Assembly is scheduled to adopt the budget at its April 29 meeting.

## **CONSOLIDATED GRANT COMPETITION REGIONAL RANKINGS**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an introduction to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Consolidated Grant Program and PSRC's role, which is not to fund projects but to provide priority rankings on projects submitted from the region.

Jean Kim, PSRC, shared with the board that the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program provides funding for specialized transportation programs. Ms. Kim highlighted the types of specialized transportation programs and the populations they serve. Ms. Kim noted that PSRC partners with WSDOT but that WSDOT is responsible for project selection.

Ms. Kim gave an overview of the grant selection process. PSRC staff and the Special Needs Transportation Committee have reviewed the region's project applications and submitted regional rankings to TPB for approval. Ms. Kim outlined the allocation of regional rankings available for this year. She then summarized projects recommended for priority rankings, highlighting project types. Mr. Cerise provided details of how the Special Needs Transportation Committee assigned rankings to the applications received.

**ACTION: The motion was made by Mayor Kim Roscoe and seconded by Councilmember Bryan Yambe to recommend that the Executive Board approve regional priority rankings for the WSDOT Consolidated Grant competition as found in Attachment 1. The motion passed.**

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, noted that last month the board received a presentation on the purpose of the financial strategy and the background on developing estimates of current law revenue over the timeframe of the plan. The financial strategy identifies available revenues to fund systemwide investments across program areas and includes both current law revenue and potential new revenue sources that may be necessary.

Mr. Bakkenta shared information on the Transportation Futures Task Force which met in 2015. The group convened regional leaders and produced a report and series of recommendations for new revenue sources.

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, shared that new revenue sources included in the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) financial strategy detail a menu of options for funding. She provided a high-level overview of new revenue potential sources.

The board will receive a presentation on the Road Usage Charge at its meeting in March. Ms. McGourty shared the proposed schedule for the board to discuss the financial strategy in the upcoming months through the summer. Ms. McGourty discussed principles for guidance on developing the financial strategy.

## **STATE OF THE SYSTEM**

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the work done to expand data collection of the regional transportation system and produce a new visualization tool. The board previewed the data visualization tool at its meeting December 2020.

Craig Helmann and Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided key findings and preliminary data analysis from this work, on elements such as signalized corridors, bridge conditions, and bicycle / pedestrian access to transit. They also shared areas of where the data could be expanded. PSRC will continue to gather and report on traditional data metrics but will also try to provide more interactive data and scenarios.

Mr. Helmann shared that PSRC will be conducting a Regional Household Travel Survey this spring. The survey has been expanded and will gather data specific to COVID-19 travel behaviors. Jurisdictions can partner with PSRC to further expand the survey.

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, shared that continued assessment of the tool will be ongoing, including more detailed analyses related to specific population groups, areas and future conditions.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 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.)  
Brent Butler, Seattle-King County Aging and Disability  
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports  
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County (Alt.)  
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council  
Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County  
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 Debora Juarez, City of Seattle  
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)  
Alex Krieg, Transportation Operators Committee (Alt.)  
Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County  
Deputy Mayor Peter Kwon, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)  
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County  
Commissioner Jerry Litt, WA State Transportation Commission  
Councilmember Sam Low, Snohomish County (Alt.)  
Doug McCormick, Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Pierce 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 Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue  
Darrell Rodgers, Public Health Seattle/King County  
Mayor Kim Roscoe, Regional Transit – Sound Transit  
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County  
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.)  
Councilmember Bryan Yambe, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County

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

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County  
Councilmember John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
Councilmember Kim Daughtry, Local Transit – Snohomish County  
Jessie Gamble, Master Builders of Pierce County  
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board  
Councilmember Lorena González, City of Seattle  
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee  
Councilmember Jared Mead, Snohomish County  
Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT  
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe  
Cynthia Stewart, League of Women Voters of WA  
Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable  
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, King County

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

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC  
Gil Cerise, PSRC  
Erica Chung, Port of Seattle  
Carolyn Downs, PSRC  
Craig Helmann, PSRC  
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
Evan Koepfler, Pierce County  
Jean Kim, PSRC  
Piset Khuon, PSRC  
Diana Lauderbach, PSRC  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC  
Casey Moreau, PSRC  
Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC