PSRC Executive Board and Transportation Policy Board Members/Alternates:

At last week's Executive Board meeting, PSRC President Claudia Balducci read out an abbreviated list of potential amendments that she wanted for consideration as part of the Regional Transportation Plan. The full list of potential amendments from President Balducci is attached for your reference.

The Transportation Policy Board worked through a number of amendments at its March 31st board meeting. Further amendments and action to advance the Regional Transportation Plan will be taken up by the Transportation Policy Board at its next meeting on April 14th.

While there is overlap between President Balducci's proposed amendments and amendments being considered by the Transportation Policy Board, the Executive Board may be asked to take up additional amendments by President Balducci at its April 28th meeting.

Best,

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Proposed RTP Amendments
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Climate

Interim Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Goal

- **Add interim GHG reduction goal for 2030 and 2040:** Include Vision 2050-adopted 2030 interim GHG reduction goal because existing Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) text/figure only references 2050 goal*, as well as 2040 interim goal to continue to track GHG reduction progress
- **Model the plan to show how it meets the 2030 climate goal identified in Vision 2050.** Include analog chart to Figure 33 "Steps to Meet Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals" for 2030 reductions, in addition to 2050 climate emissions reductions.

Develop Climate Implementation Strategy

- **Track and monitor climate progress in RTP.** Add information about 2030 interim climate goal* plus plans to track and monitor progress and report regularly to Board annually and via the project selection process.
- **Develop climate implementation plan**. Collaborate with PSCAA, regional and state partners to develop an implementation plan to achieve regionally- and state-adopted goals.

Update PSRC federal funding framework

- **Include requirement to update federal funding framework to require GHG analysis and priorities to support meeting adopted GHG goals. included**. First, identify a method by which the GHG impact of individual PSRC-funded projects can be measured and then require all projects seeking PSRC funding to show anticipated GHG emissions and to establish funding priorities that emphasize projects that support meeting adopted GHG goals.

Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Reduction

- **Update Plan for Transparency about VMT.** Include total numbers, not just per capita or percentages throughout.
- **Develop VMT reduction plan**. Collaborate with regional and state partners to develop an implementation plan to identify and achieve VMT reduction goals.

Safety

- **Adopt a goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2030; adopt a Safe Systems Approach**
- **Develop Regional Safety Plan**. Include in RTP that PSRC will seek funding from USDOT to develop a regional safety plan to achieve goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on Washington's roadways by 2030 through safety in the design, planning and funding of projects. Include a regularly updated work plan that identifies actions, targets and performance indicators.
- **Development of regional safety maps** in the RTP that look at fatal and serious injury collisions on freight routes, key transit corridors, arterials, etc. This analysis can then inform prioritization of funding for projects to address regional safety issues.

- **Publish an annual regional safety progress report** to provide updates on the actions, targets and performance indicators.
- **Pursue resources for safety projects and programs**, including newly-allocated federal funds from the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and other sources.

Equity

- **Analyze the impacts to equity in the RTP.** Add language committing to analysis of the equity benefits and impacts of VISION 2050 and the RTP, including a plan for project-level analysis, on transportation impacts to BIPOC communities, including air quality and pollution exposure, safety risks, displacement effects, including potential mitigation measures.
- **Continue to empower Equity Advisory Committee work.** Add language committing to continue to build depth in analysis from Equity Advisory Committee and that this will lead to change in processes at PSRC, that EAC feedback will be incorporated into project selection framework.
- **Equitable transportation funding.** Include a future work program commitment to analyze the equity of all funds and all modes and develop clear criteria for the policy boards for determining whether transportation funding is distributed equitably (racial equity, low-income communities and geography).

Active Transportation & Mobility

- **Add a "Regional Active Transportation Network" section** to Chapter 4 outlining value of completing active transportation spines and networks, regional needs, work to date, and PSRC's role.
- **Update the region's active transportation plan**, include a regional bicycle network, and incorporate the needs that are being identified by local agencies associated with the ADA transition plans.
- **Strengthen implementation of ADA transition plans in RTP.** Via funding, staffing and implementation, refine RTP to further develop ADA transition plans regionally.
- **Create a formal policy for the inclusion of adequate bike/walk/transit/roll infrastructure in regional capacity projects**. An "all ages & abilities" minimum standard (such as trails, barrier-protected bike lanes, neighborhood greenways, and protected intersections) should also be considered in place receiving ad hoc guidance from individual PSRC members or advisory committees.
    - **Recategorize projects in plan after evaluating which meet the minimum standard to be considered "multimodal" or not.**

Accountability (including Future Work)

- **Improve data transparency throughout plan**. Update the data to be consistent and use absolute numbers in all cases, not just per capita or percentages. Percentage changes are not helpful without the broader context. Use a standard metric for breaking down population access and use of transportation modes; not percentages. Absolute trip numbers, VMT or mode share are standard metrics that give a real picture of the overall transportation system, how it is used, and how both will change over the plan lifetime.

- **Develop performance measures.** for GHG emissions, safety, reduction of gaps in active transportation system, implementation of financial strategy, VMT trends and transit ridership.
- **Dashboard performance reporting.** At the end of the description of the major plan deliverables, add a new paragraph that states that PSRC will develop a dashboard that will track performance for all major plan deliverables (including above bulleted items) and will use the dashboard as a regular tool to communicate progress to the Board on implementing the plan.
- **Immediately begin plans for major plan update.** Because this RTP does not constitute a major plan update, the board is unable to examine and consider multiple plan scenarios to determine which would be best for the region. PSRC must begin immediately planning for major plan update by 2024 to include updated climate, safety, equity, active transportation and access goals, policies, project list updates, etc.
- **Update project selection framework prior to allocation of any additional IIJA funds.** In the description of the work plan item to re-sequence the RTP and Federal Funding Processes, add language to "commence an immediate update to the Regional Project Selection Policy Framework, consistent with the new RTP and VISION 2050".
- **Sequence the RTP and federal funding processes**. Address alignment of RTP development and federal funding processes.
- **Review how projects meet Vision 2050 growth and transportation objectives**. In the "Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds" section (p. 177), add language to "commit to a plan to revisit prioritization and how it should be used to ensure our dollars are spent only on projects that meet our regional objectives."

Additional

- **Strengthen implementation sections** with more detail on next steps, actions and timelines, e.g., Road Usage Charge.
- **Review Vision 2050's transportation actions to ensure they are all carried into RTP**.