



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

March 31, 2022

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<https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings>.]

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph announced that today's Transportation Policy Board meeting would be hybrid, allowing for remote and in-person attendance. Chair Ralph shared that the meeting was live streamed, and a call-in number provided for members of the public to listen.

Chair Ralph shared that chat has been turned off to avoid meeting distractions and to ensure the public can hear comments. Members may only send a chat to the meeting hosts for technical issues.

Chair Ralph announced board membership updates:

- Matthew Sutherland, Transportation Choices Coalition, new alternate

A quorum was established by roll call.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ralph shared that a form letter had been received for public comment. The letter had been included in the agenda packet. A total of 137 individuals had submitted the letter.

The board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- Andrew Kidde
- Robin Briggs
- Anna Zivarts, Disability Mobility Initiative
- Larry Leveen, ForeverGreen Trails
- Claire Martini, Leafline Trails

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph provided an overview of the process for reviewing RTP amendments.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW AND POTENTIAL REVISIONS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board that at its March 10 meeting, the board was provided with a summary of all public comments. Staff had provided an overview of how the comments had been categorized by type and collated by the themes of General Comment, Technical Correction, or Board Review. Staff had also summarized key themes for board review and the proposed amendments submitted by board members.

Ms. McGourty noted that staff had provided supplemental materials in advance of today's meeting. The materials summarized proposals, grouping them into technical corrections (Group 1) and board review (Group 2). Within these groups, proposals were further delineated by topic (e.g. bicycle/pedestrian; big ideas / technology; equity; etc.). Staff responses were provided for each package.

Ms. McGourty shared the process for board review and action. Staff would ask for action or other direction from the board after each package of proposals. The board would continue this process at its April meeting and then act on recommending Executive Board approval of the RTP. Staff would then incorporate board direction into the language of the draft plan. The General Assembly is scheduled to act on the plan at its May 26 meeting.

Ben Bakkenta presented group one proposals of board proposed technical corrections and reminded the board of all other technical corrections from public comment.

Technical Correction E-1 was removed from the technical corrections list and proposed to be addressed with group two amendments for equity.

ACTION: Group 1, BP1-2; BI-1-4: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Kate Kruller/Councilmember Jennifer Robertson) to recommend staff move forward to implement the suite of Technical Corrections for inclusion in the final draft plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty reviewed group two proposed amendments for RTP project amendments. The board discussed the timing of the project amendments as well as the overall process.

ACTION: Group 2, PA-1a-d: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Kristina Walker/Councilmember Ryan Mello) to direct staff to proceed with the proposed revisions and update analysis data for SEPA publishing. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bakkenta provided an overview of the proposed amendments and staff response for big ideas and technology. For BI-1, board members discussed that lidding freeways is one example of connecting communities and the language in the plan should be reflected as such.

ACTION: Group 2, BI-1, It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ryan Mello/Secretary Roger Millar) to direct staff to proceed with staff proposed technical correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bakkenta summarized the proposed amendment for the second proposal under big ideas, including the staff proposal for a two-tiered process. The first is a technical correction to the draft RTP language, and the second would be identifying a future work program discussion with the board.

ACTION: Group 2, BI-2: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ryan Mello/Secretary Roger Millar) to proceed with the staff recommended technical corrections and identify as a future element in the PSRC work program. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty summarized the proposed amendments for the Coordinated Mobility Plan / ADA Transition Plans. For CMP-1, she shared PSRC's process for development of the strategies and priorities included in the Coordinated Mobility Plan.

ACTION: Group 2, CMP-1: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ben Zarlingo/Councilmember Jennifer Robertson) to not amend the plan as proposed and to leave the existing plan as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGourty then summarized the proposal and staff response to the package of proposals under CMP-2. The board discussed the importance of ADA transition planning and implementation, as well as the existing requirements outside of the RTP.

ACTION: Group 2, CMP-2, 2a, 2b: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ryan Mello/Councilmember Marty Campbell) to direct staff to add a "What's ahead" section that would elevate ADA transition planning and implementation and identify future PSRC work on this topic. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bakkenta provided an overview of the first equity proposed amendment and the staff response. Group one, E-1 was pulled from the technical corrections and considered in tandem with E-1 in Group 2.

ACTION: Group 1, E-1 and Group 2, E-1: It was moved and seconded (Secretary Roger Millar/Councilmember Jennifer Robertson) to direct staff to proceed with the staff proposed technical corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bakkenta provided an overview of the second equity proposed amendment and the staff response.

ACTION: Group 2, E-2: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Ryan Mello/Councilmember Kate Kruller) that no action was needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bakkenta and Ms. McGourty provided an overview of the third equity proposed amendment and the staff response. The board discussed the need for greater exposure and clarity of the existing work.

ACTION: Group 2, E-3: It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rod Dembowski/Councilmember Alex Pedersen) to adopt the amendment. The motion passed with one no vote.

Ms. McGourty briefed the board on the water quality proposals from public comment. No amendment was proposed by board members on this topic.

Ms. McGourty shared that staff would summarize actions taken today and include in the April 14 meeting packet. At its April 14 meeting, the board will review the remaining amendment packages (Group 2) and is scheduled to make a final recommendation on the RTP to the Executive Board.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster.

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING

(As determined by staff)

Andrew Kidde
 Robin Briggs
 Anna Zivarts, Disability Mobility Initiative
 Larry Leveen, ForeverGreen Trails
 Claire Martini, Leafline Trails Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
 Josh Brown, PSRC
 Carolyn Downs, PSRC
 Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
 Craig Helmann, PSRC
 Paul Inghram, PSRC
 Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
 Piset Khuon, PSRC
 Kelly McGourty, PSRC
 Casey Moreau, PSRC
 Sheila Rogers, PSRC

Attachments:

TPB March 10, 2022 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - March 31, 2022				5.b.a	
Voting Members			✓ Non-voting Members		
King County	2	CM Girmay Zahilay	1 Associate Members		
		CM Dave Upthegrove	1 Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon
		Vacant Alt			COMM Jill Johnson Alt
		Vacant Alt	Thurston Regional Planning	1	CM Dani Madrone, Olympia
Seattle	2	CM Dan Strauss	1 Council		COMM Carolina Mejia, Thurston Co Alt
		CM Alex Pedersen	1 Public Agency Members		
		CP Debora Juarez Alt	Puget Sound Clean Air	1	Cynthia Wang
Bellevue	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1 Agency		Kathy Strange Alt
		CM Janice Zahn Alt	Freight Mobility Strategic	1	Dan Gatchet
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila	1 Investment Board		Brian Ziegler Alt
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1 WA Transportation	1	Dave Ramsay
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1 Improvement Board		CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt	1 PSRC Committees		
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt	Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jesse Hamashima, Pierce Co.
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt			Chip Vincent, Renton Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1 Regional Project Evaluation	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.
		Vacant Alt	Cmte.		Russ Blount, Fife Alt
Kitsap County	1	COM Robert Gelder	1 Transportation Operators	1	Peter Heffernan, King County
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt	Cmte.		Lindsey Sehmelt Alt, Pierce Transit
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor		
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt	Laborers Local Union 242	1	Billy Hetherington
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	exp. 12/31/22		Dale Bright Alt
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	WA Roundtable	1	Neil Strege
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	exp. 12/31/22		Vacant Alt
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	1 Seattle Met. Chamber of	1	Rob Berman, HDR Engineering
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1 Commerce exp. 12/31/22		Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt
		CM Dave Morell Alt	Master Builders of Pierce	1	Jessie Gamble
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	County exp. 12/31/23		Jeremiah Lafranca Alt
		CM Conor McCarthy Alt	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment		
Cities & Towns	1	CM Bryan Yambe, Fife	Seattle Aging & Disability	1	Dinah Stephens
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt	Services exp. 12/31/23		Jon Morrison Winters Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County	1 League of Women Voters of	1	Cynthia Stewart
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt	WA exp. 12/31/22		Vacant Alt
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead	Public Health Seattle/ King	1	Darrell Rodgers
		CM Sam Low Alt	County exp. 12/31/23		Shawn Frederick, SNOHD Alt
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1 Transportation Choices	1	Alex Hudson
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt	Coalition exp. 12/31/23		Matthew Sutherland Alt
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1 Non-voting	16	Non-voting members present
		CM Jeffrey Beeler, Sultan Alt 1	Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members		
		CM Michael Stevens, Marysville Alt 2	State Legislators	87	Districts within PSRC's boundary
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens			
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt			
Regional Transit	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife			
		Vacant Alt			
Federally Recognized Tribes					
Muckleshoot	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
Indian Tribe		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel			
		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			
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jerry Litt			
		COM Hester Serebrin Alt			
WSDOT	1	SEC Roger Millar			
		ASST SEC Julie Meredith Alt 1			
		Mike Cotton Alt 2			
		Steve Roark Alt 3			
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4			
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
House	2	REP Emily Wicks, D			CHRMN Chairman
Transportation		REP Jake Fey, D Alt			CM Councilmember
Cmte.		REP Dan Griffey, R	1		CP Council President
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt			COM Commissioner
Senate	2	Vacant, D			MYR Mayor
Transportation		SEN Mark Mullet, D Alt			DEP MYR Mayor
Cmte.		Vacant, R			SEC Secretary
		Vacant, R Alt			ASST SEC Assistant Secretary
					REP Representative
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	20		SEN Senator
		Total Voting members present	25		