



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

October 14, 2021
Virtual Meeting

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph announced that in accordance with the Governor's Proclamations, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting would be held entirely remote. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Wes Mills, Share the Cities Action Fund, provided public comment.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph asked members to reserve chat for technical issues. Chair Ralph reminded the board that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 9:30 am.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that the summary of the equity breakout sessions from the September TPB meeting was included in the agenda packet. On October 8, PSRC held a Transit Oriented Development event that included walking tours of the three new Sound Transit light rail stations that opened at the beginning of October.

Ms. McGourty shared she attended the Climate Summit held by Office of the Insurance Commissioner of Washington State. She noted that the board will continue to be briefed on climate related activities at the state and regional levels.

Ms. McGourty reminded the board that they received a briefing from the Puget Sound Partnership earlier in the year. The Puget Sound Partnership is working on their action

agenda and will be hosting a series of workshops in November and December.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held September 9, 2021**
- b. **Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

ACTION: The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bryan Yambe and seconded by Mayor Becky Erickson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

WSDOT PRIORITIES BRIEFING

Assistant Secretary Julie Meredith, WSDOT, provided an overview of WSDOT's strategic plan. She discussed WSDOT's mega projects and their different phases, the Washington State Ferries Long Range Plan, and how WSDOT has partnered with Sound Transit on rail development.

Robin Mayhew, WSDOT, highlighted various planning efforts underway. She discussed challenges ahead noting WSDOT's priority focus areas and the importance of regional partnership with PSRC and member agencies.

Board members provided comments covering topics such as freight priority, the HEAL Act, active transportation planning, equity and overall staffing issues.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN OUTREACH REPORT

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, reminded the board of the overall approach to outreach for the Regional Transportation Plan, and the outreach conducted to date using surveys, interviews, and various virtual activities. Mr. Bakkenta provided a summary of key themes heard from respondents, including those related to the Coordinated Mobility Plan and the interests of people with special transportation needs. He also noted gaps in representation in online survey responses, which skews towards higher-income and predominately white respondents.

Maggie Moore, PSRC, shared plans to conduct community focus groups to better understand the needs of community members and increase representation. PSRC will also hold interviews with major employers and business interests and will conduct additional outreach for the Coordinated Mobility Plan. Board members suggested reaching out to businesses with non-traditional work hours, i.e., shift workers, and to strive to explain planning terminology to average citizens. Outreach to community colleges was also suggested.

Ms. Moore reminded the board that the draft plan comment period is scheduled for January – February 2022. PSRC will host an online open house and provide presentations to interested groups and PSRC committees. Feedback received will be shared with the board for their review.

CLIMATE CHANGE BRIEFING

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, highlighted a downward trend in emissions with the Regional Transportation Plan out to 2050. The region continues to maintain all air quality requirements. Ms. McGourty shared that PSRC adopted a four-part greenhouse gas strategy in 2010 and continues to monitor progress and advance the components of land use, transportation choices, user fees, and technology. The plan and the four-part strategy also result in a continued downward trend in greenhouse gas emissions.

Ms. McGourty shared that PSRC has joined with six other regional partner agencies on a Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project, led by King County. This will be a comprehensive update of the regional greenhouse gas inventory. It will also provide an opportunity to identify pathways for achieving emission reductions in an equitable manner utilizing traditional and innovative elements. The project is expected to conclude by December 2022.

Ms. McGourty highlighted the work of the Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration, a partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. There have been four forums hosted to date and the goal is to build a clearinghouse of data and best practices. The region's work will be done in coordination with state efforts to develop a mapping and forecasting tool. Future work will include development of a Regional Electric Vehicle / Zero Emissions Plan.

Ms. McGourty provided an overview of the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative. It is a multi-agency partnership that has been in place for several years to advance resilience and climate preparedness. The Collaborative has hosted workshops and webinars on various topics. PSRC is partnering with the Collaborative to develop guidance for local comprehensive plan updates and addressing resilience work related to the Regional Transportation Plan.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, reviewed the work conducted to date to develop the Regional Transportation Plan, including data collection and board briefings on various plan elements. She shared that from October to December the board will receive summaries of the major plan elements to allow additional opportunity to review and provide feedback on key messages.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, summarized the key messages drafted to date related to transit, Transportation Demand Management, and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure and policies. Mr. Cerise then shared the upcoming work, including a board briefing in

November on the forecast visualization conditions tool and a board breakout session on future visioning. Summary data for the draft plan will be posted on PSRC's website.

Chair Ralph noted that an information item on the September equity breakout session was included in the agenda packet.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster. All attendees remote.

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING

(As determined by staff)

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Jennifer Barnes, PSRC
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Brian Lee, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Wes Mills, Share the Cities Action Fund
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC

Attachments:

TPB October 14, 2021 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - October 14, 2021							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			
King County	2	CM Kathy Lambert		Associate Members			
		CM Girmay Zahilay	1	Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon	1
		Vacant Alt				COMM Jill Johnson Alt	
		Vacant Alt		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	Vacant	
Seattle	2	CM Lorena González				COMM Carolina Mejia Alt	
		CM Debora Juárez		Public Agency Members			
		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		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Dan Gatchet	
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila	1			Brian Ziegler Alt	
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	WA Transportation	1	Dave Ramsay	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1	Improvement Board		CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		DEP MYR Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt		PSRC Committees			
		DEP MYR Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt	1	Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jesse Hamashima, Pierce Co.	1
		CM John Wright, Lake Forest Park Alt				Chip Vincent, Renton Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
		Vacant Alt				Russ Blount, Fife Alt	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Robert Gelder		Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt				Alex Krieg Alt, Sound Transit	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
		CM Kevin Gorman, Alt		Laborers Local Union 242 exp. 12/31/22	1	Billy Hetherington	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Bek Ashby, Port Orchard	1			Dale Bright Alt	
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt		WA Roundtable	1	Neil Strege	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1	exp. 12/31/22		Vacant Alt	
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/22	1	Rob Berman, HDR Engineering	1
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair		Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1	Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
		CM Dave Morell Alt				Jessie Gamble	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1			Jeremiah Lafranca Alt	
		CM Conor McCarthy Alt		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
Cities & Towns	1	DEP MYR Bryan Yambe, Fife	1	Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1	Vacant	
		CM Cyndy Jacobsen, Puyallup Alt				Jon Morrison Winters Alt	1
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		League of Women Voters of WA exp. 12/31/22	1	Cynthia Stewart	1
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt				Vacant Alt	
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead	1	Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1	Darrell Rodgers	1
		CM Sam Low Alt				Shawn Frederick, SNOHD Alt	
Everett	1	CM Paul Roberts	1	Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23	1	Alex Hudson	1
		CM Scott Bader Alt				Kelsey Mesher Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington		Non-voting	16	Non-voting members present	15
		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	1				
Regional Transit	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife	1				
		Vacant Alt					
Federally Recognized Tribes							
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					
Statutory Members							
Ports	1	COM Ryan Calkins, Seattle					
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1				
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jerry Litt	1				
		COM Hester Serebrin Alt					
WSDOT	1	SEC Roger Millar					
		ASST SEC Julie Meredith Alt 1	1				
		Mike Cotton Alt 2					
		John Wynands Alt 3					
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4	1				
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)							
House Transportation Cmte.	2	REP Emily Wicks, D	1			Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				COM Commissioner	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Steve Hobbs, D				MYR Mayor	
		SEN Mark Mullet, D Alt	1			DEP MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R				SEC Secretary	
		Vacant, R Alt				ASST SEC Assistant Secretary	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	17			REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	22			SEN Senator	

Attachment: TPB October 14, 2021 Attendance Roster (3254 : Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held Oct 2021)