



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, April 28, 2022
Hybrid Meeting, PSRC Board Room**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:01 AM by King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and will be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen live to the meeting. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:

Dan Bertolet, Vicky Clarke, Honorable Michael Fuller, Brock Howell, Tiernan Martin, Leah Missik, Jenny Mital, Marguerite Richard, Matthew Sutherland, and Alex Tsimmerman

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Claudia Balducci reported on the following changes in representation for Other Cities and Towns in King County: Duvall Mayor Amy Ockerlander has stepped down from the board, Bothell Councilmember James McNeal has moved from alternate to member, and North Bend Mayor Rob McFarland has been appointed as a new alternate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that at today's meeting the Operations Committee recommended approval of vouchers dated February 28, 2022 through April 6, 2022 in the Amount of \$974,548.22.

The committee reviewed a proposed update to PSRC's policy on compensating members of PSRC funded focus groups, committees, and/or community-based

organizations. She reported that the committee asked for more information from staff so this policy will not be before the Executive Board today for approval. This topic will come back before the committee in June.

The committee recommended approval of consultant services for a housing survey. The consultants will conduct a statistically valid public opinion poll to understand public interest and support of the implementation of the Regional Housing Study. The poll will be completed in coordination with the state Department of Commerce, with the state providing finance for polls conducted outside of the PSRC region.

The committee received an update on PSRC's office space plans. PSRC's current lease expires in May 2024. PSRC, in consultation with staff, property brokers and architects, conducted a space needs assessment. Many factors were considered, including employee needs and satisfaction, remote work options, hybrid meeting needs, price, central location for ease of access by transit as well as potential cost savings for relocating. Staff will continue to work with its team of consultants to make a recommendation for the Operations Committee and Executive Board to consider in June 2022 to either explore a lease option remaining at Waterfront Place or to explore relocation options.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda item C: Approve Updated Policy on Compensating Members of PSRC Funded Focus Groups, Committees, and/or Community Based Organizations was removed from the Consent Agenda by the Operations Committee to allow staff time to provide additional information, as requested.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (McNeal/Erickson) to: (a) Approve Minutes of Meeting held March 24, 2022 (b) Approve Vouchers Dated February 28, 2022 through April 6, 2022 in the Amount of \$974,548.22 (c) ~~Approve Updated Policy on Compensating Members of PSRC Funded Focus Groups, Committees, and/or Community Based Organizations~~ (d) Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for a Housing Survey (e) Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (f) Approve Allocation of Unprogrammed 2022 FTA Earned Share Funding to King County (g) Approve 2022 Project Extension Requests (h) Approve Certification of Canyon Park RGC Subarea Plan (i) Approve Certification of Snohomish County Countywide Planning Policies (j) Approve 2022 Project Delivery and Supplemental Funding Action.

The motion passed Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommend Adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan to the General Assembly

PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown provided opening remarks, followed by a brief overview of the Regional Transportation Plan process by Mayor Dana Ralph, TPB Chair and Councilmember Ryan Mello, TPB Vice Chair.

The Executive Board has been briefed periodically over the last two years on the development of the draft Regional Transportation Plan. This has included updates on expanded data collection efforts and the development of an existing conditions visualization tool; the key policy focus areas identified by the Transportation Policy Board; the plan's financial strategy; plan performance and outcomes; and the significant stakeholder and public outreach and engagement conducted throughout plan development.

After review of the draft plan, public comments, and a series of proposed amendments, the Transportation Policy Board unanimously has recommended adoption of an amended Regional Transportation Plan.

MAIN MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Ralph/Morales) that the Executive Board recommend adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, to the General Assembly.

Amendment E-F-1:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Millar/Serebrin) to approve Amendment E-F-1 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment E-C-1:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Robertson/Garrido) to approve Amendment E-C-1 as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Summary, p. 13. Climate:

Because of the urgency of reducing greenhouse gas levels as much and as soon as possible, the **RTP PSRC** will track progress toward both the 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas reduction goals. Following plan adoption PSRC will work with its partners to develop a 2030 transportation network and inputs corresponding to the Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy and conduct a 2030 analysis in alignment with the region's 2030 and 2050 climate goals.

Amendment E-C-2:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Birney/Sweet) to approve Amendment E-C-2 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment E-C-3:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Young/Birney) to approve Amendment E-C-3 as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds, p. 182:

Because of the urgency of the climate crisis and the importance of meeting the adopted VISION 2050 greenhouse gas reduction goal of 50% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, beginning with the 2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal funds, the framework will include a greenhouse gas ~~budget~~ report that will provide targets for how much the region's greenhouse gas levels must be reduced each year to meet the 2030 and 2050 goals. This greenhouse gas ~~budget~~ report will be ~~used as a factor~~ considered in future project selection processes.

Amendment E-IA-1:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Birney/Franklin) to approve Amendment E-IA-1 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment E-P-1:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Pauly/Birney) to approve Amendment E-P-1, as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Procedures and Processes, p. 180 – Updating the Regional Transportation Plan:

Per federal and state requirements, development of the RTP occurs every four years. By the time the next Regional Transportation Plan is due, the regional transportation system and the region's transportation needs will be significantly different than today. Specifically, the expansion of the high-capacity transit system, the changes in regional travel patterns due to the pandemic and the increase in remote work, continued regional growth, the climate crisis, and the significant changes in the federal and state funding environment mean that the next RTP will need to respond to a different set of challenges and opportunities. To do that, the next RTP should be prepared as a major update that includes environmental analysis. To prepare for the effort of preparing a major update, a Board work group should be convened ~~in 2022~~ following the adoption of this RTP, to develop a roadmap and timeline for the next RTP. In doing so, the Board work group should consider innovative approaches to regional planning, including surveying other national or international regional planning agencies. This roadmap and timeline should also consider the importance of aligning the RTP with state and federal funding cycles.

Per federal and state requirements, development of the RTP occurs every four years. The policies and goals in the RTP play a vital role in guiding the allocation of federal funding to regional transportation projects. To ensure alignment between the RTP and federal funding processes, a Board work group should be convened ~~in 2022~~, following the adoption of this RTP, to ~~develop a plan~~ ~~make recommendations~~ for aligning the schedules between the development of the next RTP and future project selection processes.

Amendment E-P-2:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Young/Garrido) to approve Amendment E-P-2 as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Procedures and Processes, p. 180:

Per federal and state requirements, development of the RTP occurs every four years. The policies and goals in the RTP play a vital role in guiding the allocation of federal funding to regional transportation projects. To ensure alignment between the RTP and federal funding processes, a Board work group should be convened ~~in 2022~~, following the adoption of this RTP, to ~~develop a plan~~ make recommendations for aligning the schedules between the development of the next RTP and future project selection processes.

Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds, p. 182:

A Project Selection Task Force is convened prior to each project selection process, to make recommendations on the Policy Framework. Prior to the next process the Task Force will take into consideration the adopted RTP and any guidance or emphasis areas included. To ensure alignment between the RTP and federal funding processes, a Board work group should be convened ~~in 2022~~, following the adoption of this RTP, to ~~develop a plan~~ make recommendations for aligning the schedules between the development of the next RTP and future project selection processes.

Amendment E-TC-1:

ACTION: It was moved and second (Robertson/McNeal) to approve Amendment E-TC-1 as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

As noted in information provided to the TPB, PSRC staff will incorporate ~~all~~ technical corrections and comments that were submitted through public comment ~~and approved by the Transportation Policy Board.~~

Amendment E-TC-2:

Amendment E-TC-2 was dropped.

Amendment E-TC-3:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Constantine/Birney) to approve Amendment E-TC-3 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment E-TC-4:

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Constantine/Morales) to approve Amendment E-TC-4 as presented. Following a roll call vote the motion passed 60 percent yes/ 40 percent no.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Following a roll call vote, the main motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Included in the agenda packet was an update on the Regional Equity Strategy and a new Employee Status Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board will not meet in May. PSRC's General Assembly will meet on Thursday, May 26, 2022, 10 AM – 12 PM. This will be a hybrid meeting.

The Executive Board will next meet on Thursday, June 23, 2022, 10 – 11:30 AM. This will be a hybrid meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Adopted this 23rd day of June 2022.



Councilmember Claudia Balducci, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:



Josh Brown, Executive Director

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Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:

1=Attend

King County	2	EXC Dow Constantine	
		CM Claudia Balducci	1
		CM Joe McDermott Alt	
		CM Jeanne Kohl Welles Alt	
Seattle	4	MYR Bruce Harrell	1
		CM Andrew Lewis	1
		CM Tammy Morales	1
		CM Dan Strauss	
		CM Teresa Mosqueda Alt	
		CM Alex Pedersen Alt	
Bellevue	1	MYR Lynne Robinson	
		CM Jennifer Robertson Alt	1
Federal Way	1	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
		Vacant Alt	
Kent	1	MYR Dana Ralph	1
		CM Toni Troutner Alt	
Kirkland	1	MYR Penny Sweet	1
		DP MYR Jav Arnold Alt	1
Renton	1	MYR Armondo Pavone	1
		CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	
Redmond	1	MYR Angela Birney	1
		CM Jessica Forsythe Alt	
Auburn	1	MYR Nancy Backus	
		Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
		MYR Allan Ekberg, Tukwila	1
		CM James McNeal, Bothell	1
		CM David Baker, Kenmore Alt	
		MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington Alt	
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah Alt	
		MYR Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw 2nd Alt	1
		MYR Rob McFarland, North Bend 2nd Alt	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Charlotte Garrido	1
		COM Robert Gelder Alt	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
		CM Michael Goodnow Alt	
Port Orchard	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu	1
		CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
		MYR Joe Deets, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
Pierce County	2	EXC Bruce Dammeier	
		CM Derek Young	1
		CM Dave Morell Alt	
Tacoma	1	MYR Victoria Woodards	
		CM Keith Blocker Alt	1
Lakewood	1	CM Don Anderson	1
		CM Linda Farmer Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Doug Fagundes, Fife	1
		MYR Pro Tem Javier Figueroa, University Place Alt	
Snohomish County	2	EXC Dave Somers	1
		CM Sam Low	1
		CM Stephanie Wright Alt	
Everett	1	MYR Cassie Franklin	1
		CM Don Schwab Alt	
Cities/Towns	2	MYR Barbara Tolbert, Arlington	1
		MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
		CM George Hurst, Lynnwood Alt	
		MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
Port of Bremerton	1	COM Axel Strakeljahn	
		COM Carv Bozeman Alt	
		COM Gary Anderson Alt	
Port of Everett	1	COM Glen Bachman	1
		COM Tom Stiger Alt	
Port of Seattle	1	COM Ryan Calkins	1
		COMM Sam Cho Alt	
Port of Tacoma	1	COM Dick Marzano	1
		COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
WSDOT	1	Secretary Roger Millar	1
		Julie Meredith Alt	
		Mike Cotten Alt	
		Steve Roark Alt	
		Robin Mayhew Alt	1
WA Transportation Comm.	1	COMM Hester Serebrin	1
		COMM Jerry Litt Alt	