



## Puget Sound Regional Council

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

**November 10, 2022**

To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to:  
<https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.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. The meeting will be 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**

The board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- Alex Tsimmerman, SUA

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Ralph reminded the board that this is a rotation year for several non-voting members representing Business & Labor and Community & Environment. Applications are due November 18.

Chair Ralph also asked members to save the date for an upcoming joint board session on institutional and structural racism to be held on Wednesday, November 30 from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Information was included in the agenda packet.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that PSRC hosted students from Central Washington University to discuss key challenges in the region and had a tour of the waterfront. It presented an opportunity to hear from the next generation of planners.

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) has released its draft strategic plan. PSCAA is hosting an online open house for public comment through November 20.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held October 13, 2022

**ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Ryan Mello and seconded by Councilmember Jan Schuette to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

## TRANSIT INTEGRATION REPORT

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that the Transit Integration Report highlights examples of cross-agency transit coordination that prioritizes a seamless and easy customer experience and ensures effective and efficient use of public resources.

Erin Hogan, PSRC, reviewed the Transit Integration Report policy areas and three themes for this year's report: leveraging new resources and continuing ongoing coordination, evaluating and improving user experience and addressing shared challenges together to rebuild ridership. Ms. Hogan provided an overview of the stories that speak to each of the themes and highlighting coordination between transit agencies. Ms. Hogan provided further details about the Free Youth Transit Pass. Members were encouraged to review the report available on PSRC's website.

Mr. Cerise asked board members for feedback for future transit reports. Board members shared that anecdotal narratives are helpful and asked if there were measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the free youth transit pass. Mr. Cerise shared that the transit agencies did coordinate to work on tracking implementation, hoping that the distributed ORCA cards would provide data on the program's success. Mr. Cerise also noted the ongoing and varied coordination that occurs as part of the transit Mobility Partnership.

## CLIMATE CHANGE WORK PROGRAM

Ms. McGourty shared that the Regional Transportation Plan called for a 2030 interim year climate analysis to be completed by the end of this year and development of a climate implementation strategy. To support the analysis, PSRC worked with transit agencies to develop a 2030 transportation network.

Ms. McGourty reviewed progress on the work program item, noting that staff are conducting modeling and analysis to identify the gap to the region's 2030 climate goals. In alignment with PSRC's four-part greenhouse gas strategy, sensitivity testing will take place over the next two months to address the gap. Ms. McGourty reviewed each of the proposed sensitivity tests with the board.

Analysis results will be presented at the December Executive Board and Transportation Policy Board meetings.

## **TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Cerise shared that Transportation Demand Management (TDM) is a broad program, encompassing many different areas such as education, incentives and tools to change travel behavior.

Mr. Cerise provided an overview of the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) law, how it is administered by the state and how it affects trips. Mr. Cerise discussed common elements of CTR such as education, marketing programs, and how it is implemented through counties, cities, and transit agencies. He also shared trends in teleworking and key TDM issues from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Ricardo Gotla, WSDOT, shared a brief overview of the state CTR board and activities. Mr. Gotla shared details of WSDOT's outreach efforts and how it led to the proposal for the creation of a Mobility Partnership Grant Program. He reviewed potential achievements of the new grant program and eligible participants. Mr. Gotla provided a comprehensive overview of the grant proposal, noting that the program prioritizes equity and under-represented communities.

Mr. Cerise noted how this program aligns with priorities of the RTP. Board members asked questions on the proposed grant program and indicated support.

## **PROJECT TRACKING AND DELIVERY**

Ms. McGourty shared the results of the 2022 delivery target for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration funds. For the first time, PSRC did not meet the annual delivery target. However, Ms. McGourty noted that there is a two-year period and PSRC will not lose federal funds this year, but the gap will roll over into the 2023 target.

Ms. McGourty provided a history of delivery over time and the need for supplemental funding actions to ensure success. Ms. McGourty noted the challenges of the 2022 cycle such as higher funding allocations, but noted that this year there was an unexpected late return of funds and several projects that did not deliver. The board can expect future briefings on this topic to develop additional tools to deal with late breaking emergency actions.

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, shared an overview of PSRC's project tracking program and policies. Ms. Barnes covered the 5-step process for rebalancing and supplemental funding actions when needed.

Kalon Thomas, PSRC, gave an overview of project trends and funding. Mr. Thomas reviewed historical requests for extensions, highlighting a drop in the number of

extensions over time. He provided information on project completions and the funding sources contained in PSRC-funded projects by agency type.

Ms. Barnes shared next steps for the 2023 delivery process and discussed action steps to be taken to address delivery challenges. This includes heightened monitoring and communication and convening of a project delivery working group to review policies to further support project delivery. Recommendations from this working group will be shared with the board in 2023.

Mayor Ralph announced the next meeting is scheduled December 8.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

## **TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT**

See attached attendance roster.

## **GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING**

(As determined by staff)

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC  
Josh Brown, PSRC  
Gil Cerise, PSRC  
Craig Helmann, PSRC  
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
Nick Johnson, PSRC  
Robin Koskey, PSRC  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC  
Casey Moreau, PSRC  
Kalon Thomas, PSRC  
Jennifer Barnes, PSRC

Attachments:

TPB November 10, 2022 Attendance Roster

Transportation Policy Board - 2022				5.a.a	
Voting Members		✓	Non-voting Members		
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Girmay Zahilay	<b>Associate Members</b>		
		CM Dave Upthegrove	Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon
		Vacant Alt			COMM Jill Johnson Alt
		Vacant Alt	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	CM Dani Madrone, Olympia
Seattle	2	CM Dan Strauss			COMM Carolina Mejia, Thurston Co Alt
		CM Alex Pedersen	1	<b>Public Agency Members</b>	
		CP Debora Juarez Alt		Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1 Christine Cooley
Bellevue	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1		Kathy Strange Alt
		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, <b>Chair</b>	1	WA Transportation Improvement Board	1 Vacant
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1		CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt		<b>PSRC Committees</b>	
		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		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1 Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.
		Vacant Alt			Vacant Alt
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Robert Gelder	1	Transportation Operators Cmte.	1 Peter Heffernan, King County
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt			Lindsey Sehmel Alt, Pierce Transit
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>	
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt		Laborers Local Union 242 exp. 12/31/22	1 Billy Hetherington
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard			Dale Bright Alt
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	1	WA Roundtable exp. 12/31/22	1 Neil Strege
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo			Vacant Alt
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/22	1 Lorelei Williams, WSP USA
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Ryan Mello, <b>Vice Chair</b>	1		Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt
		CM Dave Morell Alt		Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1 Jessie Gamble
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1		Jeremiah Lafranica Alt
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Bryan Yambe, Fife		Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1 Dinah Stephens
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt			Vacant Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County	1	League of Women Voters of WA exp. 12/31/22	1 Cynthia Stewart
		DEP MYR John Palmer, Puyallup Alt			Vacant Alt
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead		Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1 Darrell Rodgers
		CM Sam Low Alt			Shawn Frederick, SNOHD Alt
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1	Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23	1 Hester Serebrin
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			Alex Hudson
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1	Non-voting	16 Non-voting members present
		CM Jeffrey Beeler, Sultan Alt 1		<b>Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members</b>	
		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			
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife	1		
		Vacant Alt			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>					
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			
<b>Statutory Members</b>					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1		
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jerry Litt	1		
		Vacant Alt			
WSDOT	1	SEC Roger Millar			
		ASST SEC Julie Meredith Alt 1			
		Brian Nielsen Alt 2			
		Steve Roark Alt 3			
		Robin Mayhew Alt 4	1		
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	REP Emily Wicks, D			CHRMN Chairman
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt			CM Councilmember
		REP Dan Griffey, R			CP Council President
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt			COM Commissioner
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant, D			MYR Mayor
		SEN Mark Mullet, D Alt			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	18		SEN Senator