Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, March 9, 2023 • 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1011 Western Avenue, Seattle, 98104

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1. Call to Order (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair
2. Communications and Public Comment
   Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item.
3. Report of the Chair
4. Director’s Report
5. Consent Agenda - Action Item (9:45)
   a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held February 9, 2023
   b. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
6. Action Item (9:50)
   a. Working Group Recommendation on FTA Funding Distribution Methodology -- Kelly McGourty, PSRC
7. Discussion Item (10:15)
   a. Washington State Department of Transportation Revive I-5 -- Tom Pearce, WSDOT
8. **Discussion Item (10:40)**  
   a. Public Participation Plan -- *Michele Leslie and Noah Boggess, PSRC*

9. **Discussion Item (11:00)**  
   a. Transportation Data Collection and Inventory Work Program -- *Jennifer Barnes & Gil Cerise, PSRC*

10. **Discussion Item (11:20)**  
    a. FHWA Targets and Project Delivery -- *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

11. **Information Items**  
    a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker  
    b. Stormwater Parks  
    c. Save the Date: Joint Board Session on ACT, Friday, April 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
    d. Save the Date: General Assembly, Thursday, May 25, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

12. **Next Meeting: April 13, 2023, 9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
    Major Topics for April:  
    -- Project Tracking and Delivery

13. **Adjourn (11:30)**

    Board members please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Casey Moreau, e-mail cmoreau@psrc.org; fax (206) 587-4825; or mail.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph announced that the 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.

Mayor Ralph welcomed new members and alternates to the board:

- Councilmember Strom Peterson, Snohomish County (alternate)
- Councilmember Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County (alternate)
- Robin Mayhew, WSDOT (change from alternate to member)
- Todd Lamphere, WSDOT (alternate)
- Shane Weber, Bremerton, PSRC RPEC Vice Chair (alternate)
- Sheri Call, Washington Trucking Associations, Business/Labor (non-voting member)
- Lorelei Williams, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Business/Labor (non-voting member)

A quorum was established by roll call.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- Alex Tsimerman, SUA

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ralph informed the board that PSRC will hold a joint board session Friday, April 28 that will cover how to apply ACT (Affirm, Counter, Transform) as a tool to address
challenging conversations about racial equity and educate others about the topic. RSVP information will be coming soon.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that a 2022 housing monitoring report and recent public opinion survey on housing is posted on PSRC’s [housing strategy webpage](https://www.psrc.org). Growth management staff provided presentations to the Executive Board in January and the Growth Management Policy Board in February. Agendas and recordings of those meetings are available on [PSRC’s Board Meeting Video Archive](https://www.psrc.org).

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, shared that on February 1st, the US Department of Transportation announced that PSRC will receive $4.9 million in grant funding through the USDOT’s new Safe Streets and Roads for All program, part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The grant will support the development of a regional safety plan, which is a priority identified in the Regional Transportation Plan. It will also fund six safety plans for the cities of Burien, Everett, Kent, Redmond, Tukwila and Pierce County. More information will be coming about how PSRC will collaborate with USDOT to begin that work. In addition, Mr. Bakkenta shared that PSRC is beginning to plan a regional safety convening tentatively scheduled for June. The intention is to have a one-day conference with local and national safety experts to identify different safety issues and explore best practices.

Robin Koskey, PSRC, shared she had recently visited Washington D.C. and met with members of PSRC’s congressional delegation. There was interest in the safety grant as well as the housing survey. Ms. Koskey shared updates on the current legislative session. She provided details of the Governor’s proposed budget and bills related to a road usage charge, DUI driving limits, climate change, housing, transit-oriented development, and real estate excise taxes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 12, 2023

b. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mayor Ralph noted the minutes should be listed as 2023 in the agenda packet.

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

**TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAM STATUS REPORT AND MILESTONES**

Ms. McGourty shared that the board has been briefed on PSRC’s transportation work
program and have discussed projects underway. Staff has developed a prototype tracking document to keep the board up to date on activities in the absence of full briefings.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that the work program tracker included in the agenda packet mirrors the work program Gantt chart previously seen by the board which identifies numerous implementation items covering major plan elements and policy focus areas. Mr. Cerise reviewed the draft tracking document, detailing how it was organized by project area and provides status information for each item related to the schedule and major milestones. Staff asked the board to provide feedback on the information presented and the frequency of including the tracker as an Information Item.

Board members discussed items listed with tentative schedules and asked if more information could be provided. Staff responded that some work program items are evolving and may not yet have clear start and end dates. As this information becomes available the tracker will be updated.

Board members asked that the updated progress report be included in the packet monthly. They also asked if there were triggers or dependencies for some items listed as tentative. Staff will consider how to elaborate more on projected time frames for those work programs. Board members discussed the item related to ADA transition plans and the potential outcomes of that work. Staff shared that per board direction, PSRC is conducting research on these plans in this initial phase, after which information will be brought back to the board for a discussion of the next steps for PSRC’s work program.

**PUGET SOUND REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE COLLABORATIVE**

Ms. McGourty reminded the board that for the past several years PSRC has partnered with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency on the Regional Electric Vehicle Collaborative. Work has been underway to develop a web-based clearinghouse, which is now launched and available online.

Erin Hogan, PSRC, shared that the purpose of the clearinghouse was to support local agencies as they work towards electrification in their communities. Ms. Hogan gave an overview of the clearinghouse, noting the “Where to Begin?” section will help visitors navigate content and learn about the steps toward electrification. The website is a work-in-progress and will continue to incorporate improvements.

Sara Hetrick, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, gave details of the maintenance plan for the website. Staff are continuing to consider ways to conduct outreach and broadly share information on the clearinghouse.

Board members discussed addressing freight vehicles in the clearinghouse, in particular commercial trucks, in addition to passenger vehicles. Ms. McGourty noted that freight is
an important element of this work, and future phases are expected to expand beyond passenger vehicles.

**REPORT ON PSRC 2024 OFFICE RELOCATION**

Nancy Buonanno Grennan, PSRC, provided the board with information on the search for a new office location for PSRC. PSRC worked with a commercial real estate broker and identified a very favorable lease in downtown Seattle with convenient access to transit.

Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC, gave an overview of the finances involved to secure the lease at 1201 3rd Avenue. He detailed the gross rate of the lease and savings over the terms of the lease. He also walked through the draft floor plan, highlighting configurations for the future boardroom.

Tsukuru Anderson, PSRC, gave examples of the new office graphics that will support the working environment and culture. Plans are to include digital displays to highlight data trends, planning projects, and photos of the region. He also shared expected décor for collaborative spaces, working areas, and meeting rooms, including plans for a more flexible boardroom. The project will continue through the spring and summer, with the move anticipated in January 2024. Staff will update the board throughout the project.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Dana Ralph noted that the agenda packet had a flyer on VISION 2050 Awards Nominations. Nominations are due April 1, 2023.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.

**TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT**

See attached attendance roster.

**GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING**

(As determined by staff)

Tsukuru Anderson, PSRC  
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC  
Josh Brown, PSRC  
Nancy Buonanno-Grennan, PSRC  
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
Piset Khuon, PSRC  
Robin Koskey, PSRC  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC

Attachments:
TPB February 9, 2023 Attendance Roster
### Transportation Policy Board - February 9, 2023

#### Voting Members
- **King County**
  - CM Girmay Zahilay
  - CM Dave Upthegrove
  - Vacant Alt
  - Vacant Alt

- **Seattle**
  - CM Alex Pedersen
  - CP Debora Juarez Alt
  - CM Jennifer Robertson
  - CM Janice Zahn Alt

- **Cities/Towns**
  - CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila
  - MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair
  - MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah
  - CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt

- **Local Transit**
  - CM Rod Dembowski

- **Kitsap County**
  - COM Robert Gelder
  - COM Charlotte Garrido Alt

- **Bremerton**
  - MYR Greg Wheeler
  - CP Jeff Coughlin Alt

- **Cities/Towns**
  - CM Robutaanu, Port Orchard
  - CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt
  - MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo
  - CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt

- **Local Transit**
  - CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair
  - CM Dave Morell Alt

- **Pierce County**
  - CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County
  - CM Tim Ceder, Milton
  - MYR Josh Penner, Renton Alt

- **Regional Transit**
  - CM Kim Schuette, Arlington Alt

- **Federally Recognized Tribes**
  - CM John Daniels, Jr.
  - CM Andrew Strobel
  - CM Luther (Jay) Mills

- **Statutory Members**
  - CM Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
  - CM Puyallup Tribe of Indians
  - CM Suquamish Tribe

- **Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)**
  - CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens
  - CM Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek Alt

- **Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members**
  - CM Kim Roscoe, Fife

- **Cities/Towns**
  - CM Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek Alt

- **Local Transit**
  - CM Tim Ceder, Milton
  - CM Jane Zahn, Arlington Alt

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  - CM Tim Ceder, Milton

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CONSENT AGENDA

March 2, 2023

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

IN BRIEF

Four agencies submitted five projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various funding processes, such as the Connecting Washington funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339). While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to
the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

**Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan**

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

**Air Quality Conformity**

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

**Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available**

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

**PSRC’s Project Tracking Policies**

Detailed below is a request from King County Metro for modifications to PSRC’s FTA funds for this amendment. The modifications were found to be consistent with PSRC’s project tracking policies and were reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Operations Committee (TOC) after an online vote, completed on December 2, 2022.

King County Metro requests a redistribution of $928,576 in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 FTA earned share funds from the "West Seattle Terminal Replacement" project to the “Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024” project. The redistribution is needed because the agency decided it is not moving forward at this time with work on the West Seattle Terminal Replacement Project. The "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024" project will use the additional funds for further preventative maintenance activities.
Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

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For more information, please contact Jennifer Barnes at 206-389-2876 or jbarnes@psrc.org.

Attachments:
Exhibit A
### Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2023-2026 TIP

**Exhibit A**

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<td>New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases to make accessibility improvements at the Seattle Center Monorail Station. These are previously awarded funds not yet programmed.</td>
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ACTION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Working Group Recommendation on FTA Funding Distribution Methodology

IN BRIEF

For the past six months, a working group consisting of Transportation Policy Board members and transit agency leadership has been convened to review the methodology by which PSRC’s Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding is distributed. This working group was formed at the request of PSRC’s Executive Committee.

A recommendation for revisions to PSRC’s FTA funding process will be presented for action at the March 9 Transportation Policy Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the recommended revisions to the methodology used to distributed PSRC’s FTA funding, as described in this memo and summarized in Attachments A and B.

DISCUSSION

PSRC has project selection authority over certain funding programs under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which are apportioned by FTA to urbanized areas around the country. There are three urbanized areas (UZAs) in the region, as designated by the U.S. Census. These are the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA, the Bremerton UZA, and the Marysville UZA. Kitsap Transit and Community Transit are the sole transit agencies within the Bremerton and Marysville UZAs, respectively. In the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA, there are multiple transit agencies, including three agencies that provide service
within the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA but are located outside of it. These include Kitsap Transit in Kitsap County, Intercity Transit in Thurston County, and Skagit Transit in Skagit County.

The national FTA distribution formula allocates transit funds to UZAs using U.S. Census data and transit system performance and operating data obtained from the National Transit Database (NTD), which is populated with annual data submitted by each transit agency. Information is provided below on the distribution process utilized in the region since 2004, including how the NTD data has been used in the methodology. Following that section, the deliberations of the working group and the resulting recommendations for revisions to the process are described.

**Historic Distribution Process**

Since Kitsap Transit and Community Transit are the only transit agencies operating in the Bremerton and Marysville UZAs, FTA funds within those UZAs are distributed directly to those two agencies. Given the multiple transit agencies operating within the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA, a more complex methodology has been developed. The majority of funds (approximately 86%) have been allocated to the UZA based on the service and operating characteristics of each transit agency as identified in the NTD. Per adopted regional policy since 2004, a detailed Excel tool is utilized to disaggregate the federal formula and identify the amount of funds attributable to each agency. Historically, these funds have then been distributed to each transit agency based on this data, called the “earned share” distribution. Per the adopted regional policy, the three external agencies noted above are able to access the FTA funds earned from the service they provide within the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA. The remaining funds, approximately 14%, have been allocated to the UZA based on regional attributes such as population density. This portion of funds has historically been split between a regional competition and a preservation set-aside. In addition, a small proportion of the regional funds has been used to provide a minimum floor adjustment to those agencies whose earnings are less than 1% of the total earned share funding in the UZA.

**TPB FTA Working Group Discussions and Recommendation**

During the distribution of pandemic relief funds to the transit agencies in 2020 and 2021, questions were raised at the Executive Board regarding whether the earned share methodology as described above is the most equitable way to distribute funds across the region. As such, the Executive Board directed PSRC staff to continue the work to review the distribution methodology, and in June 2022, the Transportation Policy Board directed the development of a small working group to be comprised of board members and transit agency leadership. Representation on the working group included the following members:

- Councilmember Ryan Mello, Pierce County and TPB Vice Chair
- Mayor Becky Erickson, Poulsbo
The working group met six times between September 2022 and February 2023 and held robust discussions on the various aspects of the current system, as well as principles regarding an equitable funding distribution. As part of these discussions, there was agreement on several key foundation principles, including the need to revisit and evaluate the long-standing distribution methodology against current needs and key policy issues such as equity.

There was strong agreement among working group members on the need to improve transit service for historically underserved populations and to equitably distribute federal funding, in line with PSRC’s equity focus populations – people of color, people with low incomes, seniors, youth, people with disabilities and people with limited English proficiency.

In addition, working group members felt the methodology should honor the fiscal needs and commitments already made by the region’s transit agencies. For example, transit agencies have built assumptions about FTA funding into their budgets and made commitments to the public based on those assumptions; as such, the funding methodology should focus on equity while preserving the fundamentals of the earned share distribution.

The working group also discussed the various transit services provided throughout the region and agreed the funding methodology should focus on local service needs and not just high-capacity transit.

The final recommendation of the working group is provided in Attachment A. In summary, the recommendation retains the earned share distribution but modifies the distribution methodology of the regional portion of PSRC’s FTA funds. Whereas before these funds were distributed via a regional competition and a preservation set-aside, the working group recommendation would instead distribute these dollars entirely via an equity formula. The working group conducted a deep dive into the underlying data and methodology proposed for the equity formula, and the resulting recommendation is described in Attachment A.
The last FTA funding process conducted by PSRC distributed 2023-2024 funding. This revised methodology would apply to PSRC’s 2025-2026 FTA funding, as well as to any increases in final 2023-2024 funding that would be processed during the annual adjustments process.

The working group recommendation will be presented as an action item at the March 9 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board. This is a majority recommendation, and a minority opinion is expressed in Attachment A. Each working group member has signed on to the recommendation as described, to reflect their endorsement of the proposal and their commitment to the underlying equity principles. While equity was previously incorporated in the evaluation criteria for the FTA regional competition, this recommendation reflects a significant new focus on equity for PSRC’s FTA funding, equal to 14% of the total amount available.

For additional information, please contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org or (206) 971-3601.

Attachments:
A - TPB FTA Working Group Recommendation
B - Recommendation for Revised FTA Funding Distribution Methodology
ATTACHMENT A: TPB FTA WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION

Details of the TPB FTA Working Group recommendation on revisions to the methodology for distributing PSRC’s FTA funds in the future are provided below. This recommendation is relevant only to the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett UZA, which contains multiple transit agencies. A summary table illustrating the differences between the historic process and the recommended process is also provided in Attachment B.

Earned Share Funding

The recommended distribution methodology maintains the existing earned share distribution process, which calculates the dollars earned in the region from the service and operating characteristics of each transit agency and distributes funds according to those percentages. This amount has historically been approximately 86% of the total funds.

The earned share distribution supports equity by reinvesting in and maintaining the current system. Equity policies are embedded in current transit agency decisions regarding the allocation of resources.

Equity Formula Distribution

The remaining 14% of the funding earned in the region is based on regional attributes such as population density. A new approach is recommended to focus the distribution of this funding more precisely on equity.

An equity formula distribution is proposed, using a focused and intentional methodology that looks at all transit service being provided to the region’s equity focus populations and distributing funds accordingly. The six equity focus populations referenced in PSRC’s planning work include people of color, people with low incomes, seniors, youth, people with disabilities and people with limited English proficiency. Funds would be distributed not based on the type and amount of service provided by each transit agency, as is done in the earned share distribution, but rather by the proportion of the region’s equity focus populations being served.

The methodology would calculate the percentage of equity focus populations within a ½ mile walkshed of all bus stops and a 1-mile walkshed of all rail stops for each transit agency. Due to the unique nature of their waterfront service locations, ferry providers would be provided funding based on what they would have received in formula-based funding under the existing methodology.

Monitoring and Reporting

It is further recommended that each transit agency will identify how the funds being allocated will be used to support equity, and to monitor equity outcomes over time. Per existing practice, once the distribution formula is determined each agency will identify specific projects to be awarded funding which are then forwarded to the PSRC.
boards for final approval. It is proposed that at the point of project submittal, each agency will include a description of how each project will support and improve equity. PSRC will work with the Transportation Operators Committee to develop guidelines for these submissions and the specific level of detail that should be provided for each project. At the time the 2025-2026 project list is ready for recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board, this information will be made available for review.

In addition, it is proposed that PSRC continue to monitor transit and equity-related data such as transit ridership and service across the six equity focus areas to the extent feasible, to be reported in the RTP Performance Dashboard. Further, information related to improving equity and equity trends may be incorporated into future Transit Integration Reports, which are developed annually and describe coordination efforts amongst the region’s transit agencies. It is further proposed that PSRC work with the Transportation Operators Committee to identify a baseline and specific metrics against which future success will be monitored. At the time of the project recommendations noted above, a recommendation on this process will be made to the Transportation Policy Board.

Lastly, it is recommended that the reporting and monitoring identified above also be provided to the TPB Transit Caucus. In addition, as is the current practice, prior to any future funding distributions these procedures will be revisited and an assessment conducted.

Minority Report

The recommendation above was made by the majority of members but was not unanimous. Three working group members – Councilmember Mello from Pierce County, Councilmember Walker from Tacoma, and Councilmember Zarlingo from Everett - would prefer that a larger share of the funding (24% vs 14%) be distributed via the equity formula rather than the earned share formula. Key points from the minority opinion are summarized below.

PSRC distributes funding to projects approximately every two years based on estimates of future FTA funding allocations. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) passed in 2021 provided a large and unexpected increase in FTA formula funding, which provides an opportunity to reinvest in new ways.

The earned share distribution formula rewards established transit agencies and services and does not support smaller agencies seeking to grow that need additional funding to do so. A higher share of the funding distributed via an equity formula would provide a greater opportunity to invest more in local transit.

In addition, a higher share of funding distributed via an equity formula would provide more funding for local transit services that will a) provide better access to regional and high-capacity transit, and b) include a greater focus on equity focus populations.
Signatories

The Working Group members have committed to sign the recommendation report; signatures are being gathered and when complete will be included in the final recommendation to the Executive Board.

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Councilmember Ryan Mello, Pierce County and TPB Vice Chair

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Mayor Becky Erickson, Poulsbo

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Councilmember Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens

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Councilmember Ben Zarlingo, Everett

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Deputy Mayor Kristina Walker, Tacoma

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Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila

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Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah

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Michelle Allison, King County Metro

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Kimberly Farley, Sound Transit

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Patty Rubstello, Washington State Ferries

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Hester Serebrin, Transportation Choices Coalition
**ATTACHMENT B: RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISED FTA FUNDING DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY**

The table below illustrates the impacts of the recommendation compared to the existing process, as applied to draft estimates of expected 2025-2026 funding.

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| Regional Distribution (14% of Total)*            | $77.9            | $77.9          | 0.0%                   |

| Regional Competition                             | $41.7            | n/a            | --                     |

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* The existing process also included a modest minimum floor adjustment taken from the regional portion of funds, to bring those agencies earning less than 1% of the earned share total up to 1%.
To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: Washington State Department of Transportation Revive I-5

IN BRIEF

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has developed a series of projects related to the preservation of Interstate 5 through King and Snohomish Counties. Referred to as “Revive I-5,” projects are planned, and in some cases, underway to repair or replace pavement and expansion joints, and to conduct seismic work to strengthen bridges.

At the March 9 meeting representatives from WSDOT will present an overview of the Revive I-5 project and schedule of activities.

DISCUSSION

Interstate 5 was built in the 1960s and is in need of significant preservation and renovation work. Given the importance of I-5 to moving people and goods on a daily basis throughout the region, projects must be planned in sections over the course of many years.

WSDOT has developed a draft 10-year plan of more than two dozen projects that would extend between now and 2032, with three currently active projects. There is an additional list of unfunded projects.

During the construction of these projects, it is expected there will be nighttime lane, ramp and directional closures, construction over weekends, and potential multi-week lane reductions or closures. WSDOT is coordinating with jurisdictions and transit agencies on the timing of these impacts.
At the March 9 Transportation Policy Board meeting, representatives from WSDOT will provide an overview of the full Revive I-5 project, including schedule, funding, and expected impacts.

For more information, please contact Tom Pearce, WSDOT, at (206) 492-9555.
DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: Public Participation Plan

March 2, 2023

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff have been working with the Equity Advisory Committee to update the Public Participation Plan. A draft version is being reviewed by PSRC boards this month with the goal of releasing the plan for public comment from March 23 to May 8, 2023.

DISCUSSION

The Puget Sound Regional Council maintains a Public Participation Plan to establish consistent procedures to ensure people have reasonable opportunities to be involved in the regional planning process and to provide examples of the types of tools and techniques the agency may use to communicate with the public. Public Participation Plans are a federal requirement for Metropolitan Planning Organizations. PSRC last updated the Public Participation Plan in 2018.

Staff engaged with the Equity Advisory Committee to update the Plan’s goals and strategies. In addition, staff incorporated suggested changes from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

The new draft Public Participation Plan has an enhanced focus on equity, updated goals, desired outcomes and guiding principles, as well as a suite of new techniques and tools for engagement. Past versions of the Public Participation Plan have been focused on the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, since the mandate for the plan is derived from PSRC’s MPO planning requirements. The new participation plan features an expanded emphasis on public participation related to VISION 2050 and the Regional Economic Strategy.
The draft Public Participation Plan is available on PSRC's website.

For more information, contact Michele Leslie at mleslie@psrc.org or Noah Boggess at nboggess@psrc.org.
DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: Transportation Data Collection and Inventory Work Program

IN BRIEF

During the development of the adopted Regional Transportation Plan, extensive data collection efforts were undertaken on a variety of topics, culminating in the creation of a new transportation system visualization tool. The plan calls for continued data collection and monitoring of the transportation system and maintenance and updates of the visualization tool.

At the March 9 meeting, staff will provide a report on the work program being developed to update these inventories and other ongoing research efforts related to key areas of the plan.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was developed with a greatly enhanced set of data resources, captured in the Transportation System Visualization Tool. This tool features data on various aspects of the transportation system with other regional information, such as demographic data and the location of regional centers.

The underlying data illustrated in the tool was the result of over a year of new and expanded data collection efforts in partnership with every jurisdiction throughout the region. Key facilities and assets are captured from a broad spectrum of the transportation system, including:

- Freight
- Transit
- Bicycle and Pedestrian
• Traffic Signals
• Transportation Demand Management
• Specialized Transportation Services
• Streets and Highways
• Aviation

Other data is collected outside of these efforts related to performance of the system, for example, in the areas of safety, climate, and equity. However, this particular work program is focused on maintaining an inventory of the various components of the transportation system.

At the March 9 Transportation Policy Board meeting, staff will provide a report on the work program being developed to update these data sets. Staff will also provide information on the various uses of this data and incorporation into the visualization tool.

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or (206) 971-3053, or Jennifer Barnes at jbarnes@psrc.org or (206) 389-2876.
DISCUSSION ITEM  
March 2, 2023

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: FHWA Targets and Project Delivery

IN BRIEF

PSRC’s adopted project tracking policies are designed to ensure the timely use of PSRC’s federal funds and to increase the delivery of transportation investments that support the region’s long-range plans. Among other things, the policies address the required annual delivery target of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds, as well as the parameters by which project sponsors may request extensions to their delivery deadlines. Each year a rebalancing process is conducted to address any gaps in delivery, following a specific set of procedures identified in the project tracking policies.

The Transportation Policy Board will be briefed at their March 9 meeting on the status of PSRC’s 2023 delivery target and the rebalancing exercise currently underway, prior to requested action by the board in April.

DISCUSSION

PSRC’s project tracking program has evolved over the years to ensure successful delivery of projects, by addressing issues caused by project delays and the potential risk of losing unused funding. This evolution has included responding to the annual delivery target requirement for FHWA funds begun in 2013. Regions must meet their delivery target for that year’s FHWA funds or risk losing the unused portion of funds to other parts of the state.

The current adopted project tracking policies include an allowance for sponsors to request up to a one-year extension, if warranted due to unforeseen delays. These extensions result in a gap to meeting the current year’s delivery target, and other factors
such as higher allocations than estimates and returned funds due to project cancellations or other issues also impact delivery. The policies therefore further include a five-step approach to filling the delivery gap each year, including the advancement of funds in later years and parameters around supplemental funding actions for immediately ready to go projects.

In addition to addressing the annual delivery targets for PSRC’s FHWA funds, the project tracking program also encompasses regular monitoring of all projects awarded PSRC funds, through to final completion. Twice a year project progress reports are requested from sponsors and a variety of data is collected on the overall status of each project, including completion of project milestones, changes in total cost, and any issues causing delays to the schedule.

The Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing at their March 9 meeting on the status of the 2023 annual delivery target and the rebalancing exercise underway. Action will be requested of the board in April on the current year’s requested project extensions and a supplemental funding action if necessary to achieve the target.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Barnes at (206) 389-2876, jbarnes@psrc.org or Kalon Thomas at (206) 389-2877, kthomas@psrc.org.
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INFORMATION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Erika Harris, AICP, SEPA Responsible Official

Subject: Stormwater Parks

IN BRIEF

PSRC has developed a guidance document on planning stormwater parks. Stormwater parks are community facilities that provide both stormwater management and recreation.

DISCUSSION

Puget Sound recovery is one of the key strategies of VISION 2050. Stormwater pollution and changes in the hydrology of runoff patterns are among the biggest threats to Puget Sound water quality. Land use and transportation development practices have the potential to either degrade or improve water quality and hydrology. Policy MPP-T-32 seeks to reduce stormwater pollution from transportation facilities and improve fish passage through retrofits and updated design standards. The policy also calls for integrating these with other improvements to achieve multiple benefits and cost efficiencies where feasible.

Developing stormwater parks is one innovative and cost-effective strategy for Puget Sound recovery that can fix legacy stormwater problems by both treating stormwater from a larger area and providing recreational opportunities for surrounding communities. Since stormwater parks are regional facilities, they can help treat stormwater from surrounding transportation facilities. For example, Manchester Stormwater Park in Kitsap County doubles as a regional stormwater treatment facility and a public park in the heart of Manchester.
PSRC was awarded a Puget Sound National Estuary Program grant to help catalyze the development of new stormwater parks. The project had 3 main components:

- Sharing lessons learned from already-built stormwater parks
- Identifying opportunities for stormwater park retrofits regionwide and providing technical assistance for planning 6 new stormwater parks
- Developing a guidance document on planning stormwater parks

PSRC prepared fact sheets on seven stormwater parks in the region, highlighting their approach to integrating water quality and park features. A summary document is available on PSRC’s stormwater parks webpage.

Kirkland, Kitsap County, Lynnwood, Marysville, Puyallup, and Woodinville received assistance from AHBL, Inc. in planning new stormwater parks. Services provided included community engagement, feasibility studies, alternatives development, conceptual design, graphics development for community meetings, and cost estimates. This work allows the jurisdictions to apply for funding to further design and construct stormwater parks. These six parks could have the combined potential to treat runoff from approximately 400 acres and would provide amenities such as new or improved trails, play areas, benches, sport courts, picnic tables and shelters, gardens, wildlife habitat, and educational signage.

PSRC and AHBL developed a guidance document on planning stormwater parks. The guidance provides information on:

- Steps in planning a stormwater park
- Integrating equity
- Maintenance considerations
- Stormwater parks built to date and lessons learned from them
• Funding for planning, construction, and maintenance

It is hoped the guidance will assist jurisdictions in planning and constructing additional stormwater parks in the region and lead to improved water quality and recreational opportunities. Information on planning stormwater parks is also recorded in the video: TOOLBOX: Peer Networking session on Stormwater Parks.

Jurisdictions are encouraged to review the Planning Stormwater Parks guidance and consider opportunities to create stormwater parks.

For more information, contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org.
Joint Board Session on ACT
Affirm, Counter, Transform

Friday, April 28
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

The joint board session will cover how to apply ACT (Affirm, Counter, Transform) as a tool to address challenging conversations about racial equity and educate others about the topic. The session will provide board members with the opportunity to practice applying ACT to racial equity issues impacting our region today.

All PSRC board members are highly encouraged to attend. You do not need to have attended a past session to participate.

RSVP information coming soon.
Registration will open in early April.

The full Assembly includes all mayors, county executives, and council and commission members from member jurisdictions, tribes, and representatives of statutory members. Each elected representative is a voting member of the General Assembly.