



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

February 9, 2023

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 9:30 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](#). 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](#).

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					5.a.a				
Voting Members			ü	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 Council	1	CM Dani Madrone, Olympia	
Seattle	2	CM Dan Strauss		Public Agency Members		COMM Carolina Mejia, Thurston Co Alt			
		CM Alex Pedersen	1						
		CP Debora Juarez Alt			1	Christine Cooley		1	
Bellevue	1	CM Jennifer Robertson	1	Agency		Kathy Strange Alt		1	
		CM Janice Zahn Alt			1	Vacant			
Cities/Towns	3	CM Kate Kruller, Tukwila	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board		Vacant Alt			
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1		1	Vacant			
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah		WA Transportation Improvement Board		CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt			
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac Alt	1						
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt		PSRC Committees					
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jesse Hamashima, Pierce Co.		1	
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski				Chip Vincent, Renton Alt			
		Vacant Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.		1	
Kitsap County	1	COM Robert Gelder	1			Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt		1	
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		Transportation Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County		1	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Lindsey Sehmelt Alt, Pierce Transit			
		CP Jeff Coughlin Alt	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor					
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1	WA Trucking Association exp. 12/31/25	1	Sheri Call		1	
		CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl Alt	1			Vacant Alt			
Local Transit	1	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1	Vacant exp. 12/31/25	1	Vacant			
		CM John Clauson, Port Orchard Alt	1			Vacant Alt			
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/25	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA		1	
		CM Dave Morell Alt				Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt			
Tacoma	1	DEP MYR Kristina Walker	1	Master Builders of Pierce County exp. 12/31/23	1	Jessie Gamble			
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt				Jeremiah Lafranca Alt			
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment					
		MYR Josh Penner, Orting Alt	1	Seattle Aging & Disability Services exp. 12/31/23	1	Dinah Stephens			
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County	1			Vacant Alt			
		MYR Daryl Eidinger, Edgewood Alt	1	Vacant exp. 12/31/25	1	Vacant			
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead				Vacant Alt			
		CM Strom Peterson Alt		Public Health Seattle/ King County exp.12/31/23	1	Darrell Rodgers		1	
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1			Shawn Frederick, SNOHD Alt			
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt		Transportation Choices Coalition exp. 12/31/23	1	Hester Serebrin		1	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1			Alex Hudson Alt			
		CM Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek Alt	1	Non-voting		16	Non-voting members present		
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1	Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members					
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt		State Legislators	87	Districts within PSRC's boundary			
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 Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1						
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt							
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jerry Litt							
		COM Nicole Grant Alt							
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1						
		Todd Lamphere Alt							
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)									
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant				Abbreviations			
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				CHRMN Chairman			
		REP Dan Griffey, R				CM Councilmember			
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				CP Council President			
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant, D				COM Commissioner			
		SEN Mark Mullet, D Alt				MYR Mayor			
		Vacant, R				DEP MYR Mayor			
		Vacant, R Alt				SEC Secretary			
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	21			ASST SEC Assistant Secretary			
		Total Voting members present	28			REP Representative			
						SEN Senator			