



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: October 27, 2023, from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)

Introductions and Announcements

Shane Weber, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He then took a roll call to confirm the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The September 22, 2023, RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on Thursday, October 12, 2023. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meeting is available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

Action: Project Tracking and Delivery Policy Updates

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, shared information and recommendations from the Project Delivery Working Group to help address project delivery issues. As a region, the objectives are to: achieve the delivery target with initially-awarded projects each year; stop having large supplemental funding actions; position the region to receive additional federal funds above our allocation; and return the contingency list process back to its original intent. The committee first was presented supporting information for recommendation #1: *In funding competitions, remove Project Readiness/Financial Plan from the scored evaluation criteria and convert to an eligibility threshold.* This is to address the trend that a high number of extension requests have been related to issues raised in screening form review but then not adequately resolved. After discussion, recommendation #1 was unanimously approved by the committee. The committee was next presented supporting information for recommendation #2: *In funding competitions, do not award PE+1 phases; award only one project phase per competition.* This is to address the issue that there is a high correlation between two-phase awards and the rate of extensions and returns. There was suggestion that if this is adopted, that forums consider giving credit for previous awards when a project comes back to request funds for a future phase. After discussion, recommendation #2 was unanimously approved by

the committee. Due to time constraints, deliberation and action on the other two working group recommendations-- #3, reordering the contingency fund and increased federal shares in the annual rebalancing process, and #4, adjusting the rebalancing schedule to allow earlier obligation deadlines for some of actions, was deferred to the December meeting.

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at jbarnes@psrc.org.

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#) and the handout can be found [here](#).

Discussion: 2024 Project Selection Process

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an overview of the biennial project selection process, policies, criteria, and updates implemented in the last competition. She reminded that the 2024 update is a board-driven process, but that all feedback provided by the committee will be shared with the boards at their meetings in November. She shared a summary of projects that were funded in 2022, that reflect a diversity of project types. The two levers where the board may consider adjustments are in the distribution of funds/set-asides, and in the criteria. Regarding the distribution of funds, so far there have been no board proposals but the discussion is ongoing. Regarding the criteria, the board has focused on the topics of safety, climate, and safety. For safety, the options under consideration are revisiting the scoring, updating the criteria to more closely align with FHWA's Safe System Approach, and/or considering a requirement that each agency commit to development of a safety plan. Committee members expressed general support for emphasizing safety. Feedback included suggestion that safety is reflected in other elements throughout the applications beyond just the safety section. Suggestion was also made to broaden the language to allow for more than FHWA-defined safety policies. For climate, the options discussed to date are to revisit scoring values, and/or to set limits on the types of projects eligible for funding – specifically, if projects that would increase general purpose vehicle capacity should be eligible. Feedback included concern that some vehicle capacity projects, such as streets that break up superblocks, or improve freight transportation/reduce freight truck emissions, are consistent with the region's climate goals. Updates to the equity criterion will be based on recommendations to the board by the Equity Advisory Committee after review of the results of the Equity Pilot Program, and will be shared with the committee when available. The committee was encouraged to email Kelly any additional thoughts on these topics after the meeting. There will be opportunity for further discussion in December, with intent for the board to adopt updates to the policy framework in January.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

Discussion: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Update

This presentation was deferred due to time constraints. Kelly McGourty, PSRC, emphasized that the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program is going to be an effective means to help the region achieve its climate goals, and will send follow-up via email.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org

The presentation can be found on the PSRC website [here](#).

Other Business: It was proposed that the December meeting be extended to allow additional time for discussion of these topics.

Information Items:

- a. PSRC Safety Program Update*
- b. PSRC Information Items – October 2023*

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

***PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present**

Brian Parry; SCA; Catherine Lander, City of Shoreline; David Paine, City of Kent; Desiree Winkler, City of Federal Way; Eric Irelan, King County; Gunnar Fridriksson, City of Bremerton; Jakeh Roberts, City of Monroe; Kai Pope; Kim Scrivner, City of Kirkland; Matt Ojala, SnoCo; Mia Waters, City of Bellevue; Michael Kosa, City of Sumner ; Monica Overby, Sound Transit; Serena Lehman, SDOT; Stephanie Tax, WSDOT; Tyler Benson, Sound Transit; Wesley Rhodes, City of Tacoma

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Jennifer Barnes, Alexa Leach, Kelly McGourty, Kalon Thomas, Josh Brown, Jean Kim, Miles Stapleton

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

RPEC Attendance Roster - Designated Members

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NOTE: Members are invited to sit at the table and vote. Alternates may sit at the table and vote when the member is absent. Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting. All other Alternates and Guests are invited to attend and sit in the gallery. This roster is for attendance purposes only and should be marked by all members and alternates present at the table, regardless of voting status.

Jurisdiction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Jurisdiction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name
King County (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Bourguignon	WSDOT-NW Region (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cameron Kukes
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Heffernan			<i>Mehrdad Moini (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Vander Sluis	WSDOT-Oly Region (1)		JoAnn Schueler
		<i>Ruth Harvey (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>John Ho (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Sarah Green (Alt.)</i>	WSDOT-MoM (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Kenna
	<i>Ivan Miller (Alt.)</i>			<i>April Delchamps (Alt.)</i>	
Seattle (3)		Sarah Strand	WSDOT-WS Ferries (1)		John Bernhard
		Jim Storment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Krishan Aggarwal (Alt.)</i>
		Joanna Valencia			<i>Todd Lamphere (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Bill LaBorde (Alt.)</i>	Kitsap Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steffani Lillie
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Serena Lehman (Alt.)</i>			<i>Edward Coviello (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Benjamin Smith (Alt.)</i>			<i>Jeff Davidson (Alt.)</i>	
Bellevue (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Miller	Pierce Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tina Lee
	<i>Mia Waters (Alt.)</i>			<i>Wendi Gephart (Alt.)</i>	
Other Cities/Towns (5)		Chad Bieren, Kent			<i>Darin Stavish (Alt.)</i>
		Joel Pfundt, Kirkland	Community Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nick Roach
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larissa Grundell, Duvall			<i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Seitz, Renton	King County Metro (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chester Knapp
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nytasha Walters, Shoreline			<i>Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Ingrid Gaub, Auburn (Alt.)</i>			<i>Lisa Shafer (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Jeff Hamlin, Snoqualmie (Alt.)</i>	Sound Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Wolterink
		<i>Kamal Mahmoud, SeaTac (Alt.)</i>			<i>Tyler Benson (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Doug McIntyre, Sammamish (Alt.)</i>			<i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>John Mortenson, Issaquah (Alt.)</i>			<i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>	
Kitsap County (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Forte	Port of Seattle (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geri Poor
	<i>Joe Rutan (Alt.)</i>			<i>Robert Giacometti (Alt.)</i>	
Bremerton (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shane Weber, Vice Chair	Port of Tacoma (1)		Deirdre Wilson
	<i>Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1)</i>			<i>Christine Wolf (Alt.)</i>	
	<i>Vicki Grover (Alt. 2)</i>	Port of Everett (1)		Garrett Jensen	
Other Cities/Towns (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diane Lenius, Poulsbo		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Maija Lampinen (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>	Port of Bremerton (1)		Arne Bakker	
Pierce County (2)		Leticia Neal			<i>James Goodman (Alt.)</i>
		Melissa McFadden	PSCAA (1)		VACANT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Kathy Strange (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Clint Ritter (Alt.)</i>	Suquamish Tribe (1)		VACANT	
Tacoma (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan Hansen		<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan Kidd	Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)		VACANT
	<i>Josh Diekmann (Alt.)</i>			<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>	
	<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>	Puyallup Tribe (1)		VACANT	
Other Cities/Towns (1)		Mark Burlingame, Steilacoom		<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jeremy Metzler, Edgewood (Alt.)</i>	NON-VOTING		Eric Goodman, Cmty. Transit-BPAC Chair
Snohomish County (2)		Doug McCormick, Chair			<i>Thomas Noyes, WSDOT - BPAC Vice-Chair (Alt.)</i>
		Kelly Snyder			VACANT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Steve Dickson (Alt.)</i>			<i>Mohammad Uddin, Sno Cty-RTOC Co-Chair (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Janice Fahning (Alt.)</i>			Jennifer Hass, Cmty. Transit-TDM Co-Chair
Everett (1)		Tom Hood, City Engineer			Sarah Spicer, City of Seattle-TDM Co-Chair
	<i>Melinda Adams (Alt.)</i>				
Other Cities/Towns (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob English, Edmonds			
		VACANT			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Jim Kelly, Arlington (Alt.)</i>			
	<i>Jakeh Roberts, Monroe (Alt.)</i>				

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