



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: February 23, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)

Introductions and Announcements

Doug McCormick, 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 January 26, 2024 RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meetings held on February 8, 2024. 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>.

Discussion: Project Tracking and Delivery Policy Updates

Kalon Thomas, PSRC, provided update on 2024 project tracking and delivery. He first summarized the extension requests that had been received. He noted that the one-year extension requests, totaling about \$36 million, are on the high side of what has been requested historically, but the reasons are similar, including a high number related to NEPA and ESA consultations. He provided an estimate of the delivery gap to date of about \$38 million, taking extension requests into consideration but also recognizing that the 2024 federal delivery target has not yet been confirmed and additional returns or de-obligations will also affect this total. He then reminded the committee of the annual five-step process implemented to fill the region's delivery gap each year and provided the timeline for this year's process, with advancements, exchanges, and increased federal shares planned for inclusion in the March TIP amendment, with obligation deadlines of June 1.

For more information, contact Kalon Thomas at kthomas@psrc.org.

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

Discussion: 2024 Project Selection Process

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an update on the 2024 project selection process, reminding everyone that the call for the Regional process went out on February 9, with screening forms for submitted projects due on March 6, and applications due on April 8. The Countywide forums have either released their calls or will be soon, with screening forms due for all four forums on March 11. She reminded that screening forms will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, and that any review comments about eligibility, project readiness, or financial readiness will need to be addressed before the full funding application may be completed. She mentioned the regional workshops that had recently been conducted, with a video recording and the slide deck posted on PSRC's website. She pointed out updates to the guidance that are intended to make it easier to follow and affirmed that it provides useful information for the countywide processes as well as the regional process and encouraged sponsors to take full advantage of the resources provided. The PSRC website is dynamic and will continue to be updated as the processes progress. Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an overview of the funding levels available for award this year, which include CRP funds in addition to the STBG and CMAQ funds, and also includes funds available in 2025 and 2026, in addition to the 2027 and 2028 funds. Kelly also reminded that there are a couple of policy proposals for which no changes were recommended for the 2024 process, for which staff has received board direction to further explore in the fall (1) whether to limit or prohibit projects adding general purpose vehicle capacity, and (2) whether scoring thresholds should be established below which projects would not receive funding award. These topics will be brought to the committee later this year after the 2024 process is complete.

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

Discussion: 2026 Regional Transportation Plan

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided a briefing on the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan update, which is currently underway. She discussed the requirements that must be met with the plan, and its connection to VISION 2050. She also provided an overview of the six key focus areas of the current plan, its multimodal focus, and also programs reflected from all of PSRC's state, regional, and local agency partners. The last plan included extensive data collection efforts that were brought into a new map-based visualization tool, which will be updated for the 2026 plan. The current plan reflects \$300 billion in transportation investments through year 2050, over half of which is related to maintenance and preservation. Of the system improvement investments, 70% are related to expansion of local and regional transit, which is the most aggressive transit expansion in the country. Areas of focus since adoption of the 2022 plan have been safety, equity, climate, transit access, and transportation system inventory updates, all of which will be incorporated into the 2026 plan. Kelly then presented a general schedule, by which the beginning of engagement and identification of plan priorities is happening in 2025, the bulk of analysis and the draft plan development

planned in 2025, and plan finalization and adoption in 2026. She provided a work clouds summary of priorities identified by board members to date, which include the safety, climate, and equity topics, and others include ferries, transit, and congestion mitigation. Other topics of interest shared by board members, which include better linkages to land use, understanding disparities, micro-transit, electrification, and the financial strategies. Discussions about the 2026 RTP will be ongoing. Kelly discussed RPEC's role as a touchpoint on topics before they are brought to the TPB, but that there is also potential to provide more in-depth input to support analysis or discussion of some of the key topics.

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

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

Other Information Items

Kelly discussed ongoing funding opportunities from FHWA for safety funds, including the third round of the Safe Streets for All funding grant, which includes funds for both planning and implementation. Under the planning grants, there is a demonstration component that is less stringent than the requirements for the implementation grants, and could provide some opportunities for agencies. PSRC will continue to monitor and share information with members as it becomes available.

Doug and Jennifer pointed out the call for submissions for PSRC's VISION 2050 awards is out, and additional information items that were included in the agenda packet.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Andie Parnell, SCA; Catherine Lander, City of Shoreline; Catrien de Boer, City of Tukwila; David Paine, City of Kent; Emilie Pilchowsk, KRCC; Jeff Hamlin, City of Snoqualmie; Julie Wilchins, King County Roads; Kai Pope, Atwell; Mia Waters, City of Bellevue; Michael Kosa, City of Sumner; Ryan Medlen, Port of Tacoma; Ryan Packer; Wesley Rhodes, City of Tacoma

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Jennifer Barnes, Alexa Leach, Kelly McGourty, Kalon Thomas, Josh Brown, Miles Stepleton, Doug Cox

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

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