



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Board

September 12, 2024

1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101

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<https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Councilmember Ryan Mello, Co-Chair. Co-Chair Mello stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen to the meeting live.

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Kunzler provided public comment to the board.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Councilmember Mello noted that the board's meeting is setting the foundation for important work over the next few months which includes the update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, congratulated Sound Transit and the regional partners for the August 30th event and the opening of the Lynnwood Link Line extension. Ms. McGourty noted that at their meeting the TPB Transit Caucus briefly discussed the restructuring of local service to feed into the light rail extensions. Ms. McGourty then drew the member's attention to the flyer in agenda item 10.a which provides information on the Regional Safety Action Plan public meetings. PSRC staff have been working to develop the Regional Safety Action Plan while engaging with the region during outreach events. The

Safety Engagement Hub is now live, and the State of the Region report and a map of the High Injury Network are both available.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held July 11, 2024
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Bellevue's Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: 142nd PI SE to I-90 Non-Motorized Overcrossing at 150th Ave

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Arnold/Schuetz) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: RELEASE OF THE DRAFT 2025-2028 REGIONAL TIP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, discussed the overall planning and programming framework that occurs before a new Regional TIP is adopted and ultimately submitted to WSDOT for inclusion into the statewide TIP. The new draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP has \$9.6 billion programmed and represents an estimated \$44 billion in total project investments. Ms. Barnes discussed the breakdown of programmed funds throughout the past seven years, noting that the total funds programmed for the new draft TIP are the highest they've ever been. Ms. Barnes then reviewed some highlights of project outcomes for the draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP. Over one third of the projects programmed are maintenance and preservation. Other key project outcomes include sidewalks, lighting, bike facilities, transit improvements, intersection improvements, stormwater improvements, removal of fish barriers, and planning studies. Ms. Barnes provided examples of key outcomes and discussed the safety countermeasures addressed in the TIP projects.

The next steps for the draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP include the release of public comment until October 14th with Executive Board approval on October 24th. The document will then be submitted for state and federal review and approval and will go into effect in January.

Members asked how staff identifies the safety elements in projects, which includes reviewing each project's scope and description against the 28 proven safety countermeasures. Members asked how information on the draft TIP will be shared with the public, and staff described the outreach process.

Members discussed improvements in the future to provide more details on projects submitted as part of the routine TIP amendment process included in the consent agenda each month, similar to the level of detail provided in the Draft TIP.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Daughtry/Arnold) that the Transportation Policy Board should authorize the release and distribution of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP for public review and comment from September 12 through October 14, 2024. The motion passed.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050):
DEVELOPMENT OF SCOPE**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the board engagement conducted to date for the development of the next RTP. Kelly McGourty, PSRC, identified the TPB work program for the next four months leading to adoption of the broad scope for the next RTP. This will include setting high level parameters for the financial strategy, identifying 'Big Picture' items, and identifying other major questions the Board has which will help guide staff work moving forward.

Members noted that ferries, health equity, a thriving economy and electrification should all be included in the next RTP.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050): LEVEL
SETTING**

Craig Helmann, PSRC, provided information on data trends related to key assumptions in the RTP, addressing growth, electric vehicles and travel behavior. He reported that PSRC's growth forecasts have remained consistent and within 3% of data trends. He reported that the region has seen rapid growth in electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. The RTP will delve deeper into both revenue and emissions impacts electric vehicles.

Mr. Helmann then discussed the changes in travel behavior in the region since the pandemic. He reported on vehicle miles traveled, work from home levels, total trips and transit ridership. Mr. Helmann then described next steps for PSRC's analyses, including upcoming sensitivity tests on a variety of factors.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050):
FINANCIAL STRATEGY POTENTIAL NEW REVENUE SOURCES**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, discussed the RTP financial strategy and current assumptions for new potential revenue sources. The Board will be asked to review each source for feasibility moving forward. Due to time constraints, staff will follow up with a more detailed survey to obtain board feedback.

Members commented on the need to identify challenges inherent in sources that require legislative action and be clear on necessary action steps for implementation.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2024.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – September 12, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - September 12, 2024				05.a - Att. A			
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	Associate Members			
		Vacant		Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon	
		Vacant Alt				COMM Jill Johnson Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey	
		CM Robert Kettle	1			Marc Daily	1
		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		Public Agency Members			
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt				Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair		Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	CM Megan Dunn	
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1			Christine Cooley Alt	1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1	Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County	1
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt				Dennis Worsham, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1			CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1	PSRC Committees			
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1	Annie Tran	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Christine Rolfes	1			Julius Moss Alt	1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		CP Jennifer Chamberlin Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl				Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt	
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt	1	Transit Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard				Melinda Adams, Everett Transit Alt	
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
Pierce County	1	CM Ryan Mello, Vice Chair	1	WA Trucking Associations	1	Sheri Call	
		CM Dave Morell Alt		exp. 12/31/26		Jeff DeVere Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		exp. 12/31/26		Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		TBD			
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		Non-voting	12	Non-voting members present	8
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma					
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead	1				
		CM Strom Peterson Alt					
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1				
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt					
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1				
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt					
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1				
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt	1				
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1				
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife 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					
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1				
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci	1				
		COM Nicole Grant Alt					
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1			Abbreviations	
		Todd Lamphere Alt				CHRMN Chairman	
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)						CM Councilmember	
House	2	Vacant				CP Council President	
Transportation Cmte.		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				COM Commissioner	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				MYR Mayor	
Senate	2	SEN Marko Lias, D				MYR Pro Tem	
Transportation Cmte.		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt				REP Representative	
		Vacant, R				SEN Senator	
		Vacant, R Alt					
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	22				
		Total Voting members present	24				