Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: October 25, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)

Introductions and Announcements

Shane Weber, City of Bremerton, 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 27, 2024, RPEC meeting summaries were approved as presented.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on October 10, 2024. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meetings are available on the PSRC website at: https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board.

Action: Project Selection Policy Recommendations

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, presented a summary of data and feedback on two project selection policy topics directed by the board for further exploration and discussed at the July and September meetings: (1) potential scoring thresholds, and (2) potential restriction or limit of awards to projects that increase general purpose vehicle lane capacity. She presented a summary of the discussion to date, including the results of a follow-up survey conducted after the September meeting.

The committee first reviewed information gathered to date on the scoring threshold question. After discussion, RPEC recommended no policy change related to potential scoring thresholds. This recommendation was based on the following key conclusions: (1) The data shows that existing policies, criteria and recommendation processes are working and relatively few low scoring projects are being funded; (2) Awards to lower scoring projects in project selection processes have primarily been under the set-aside categories; and (3) The application of a scoring threshold may add complications out of proportion to the potential benefit, for example, undermining efforts to meet the set-asides. Further, the recent revisions to the adopted Project Tracking policies reordered the steps by which funding is distributed when supplement funding is required to meet the annual delivery target. Before seeking immediately ready to go projects, funding is now distributed to increase the federal share of previously awarded projects. These

revisions are expected to mitigate potential awards to lower scoring projects during future supplemental funding processes.

The committee then reviewed information gathered to date on the general-purpose lane capacity question. After discussion, RPEC recommended no policy change related to restricting the eligibility of projects including general purpose roadway capacity. This recommendation was based on the following conclusions: (1) The data shows that existing policies, criteria and recommendation processes are working and a modest number of projects adding general purpose roadway capacity are being funded; (2) Projects that have been funded have received competitive scores due to the provision of multiple outcomes consistent with the adopted criteria; and (3) The application of this eligibility restriction may add complications out of proportion to the potential benefit. For example, the transportation system is complex and interconnected, and broadly limiting this one type of improvement could impede projects that would benefit multiple modes. RPEC also considered whether to include additional questions on the funding applications for projects adding general purpose roadway capacity that would highlight the underlying reasons for the capacity. Ultimately this was not supported because it was felt that the current applications and the adopted criteria adequately address project scope elements and potential outcomes, and that applications are already quite lengthy and complex. Staff will present summaries of the data and the RPEC discussions and recommendations at the November 14 Transportation Policy Board meeting.

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

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

Discussion: Regional Safety Action Plan Development

Gary Simonson, PSRC, updated the committee on work to date on the Regional Safety Action Plan. He discussed the status n within the context of the overall schedule, with the draft plan expected to be released for public review and comment in early 2025. He provided an overview of the public engagement efforts to date, including participation in community events, conduct of public meetings within each of the counties in the region, and development of an online engagement hub that included a survey for which over 1,200 responses have been received. He then discussed the key feedback provided so far, including reinforcement that safety is a big concern, particularly the effect on vulnerable users, driver behavior, and funding challenges for safety improvements. He then provided an overview of a menu of strategies being developed, based upon five emphasis areas and different contributing factors.

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at GSimonson@psrc.org.

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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*Members and Alternates Present

See attached attendance roster.

*PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present

Catherine Lander, City of Shoreline; Corey Hert, WSP; David Paine, City of Kent; Emilie Pilchowski, KRCC Staff; Gunnar Fridriksson, City of Bremerton; Hans Hunger, City of Puyallup; Jolena Missildine, WSOT; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit; Kimberly Scrivner, City of Kirkland; Kizz Prusia; Micah Ross, City of Redmond; Nick Deshais; Ryan Packer; Sarrah Superville, City of Everett; Stevan Gorcester; Vangie Garcia, City of Redmond

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Jennifer Barnes, Alexa Leach, Kelly McGourty, Kalon Thomas, Nick Johnson, Miles Stepleton, Gil Cerise, Jean Kim, Gary Simonson, Josh Brown, Doug Cox, Craig Helmann, Olivia Ng

*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)	☒	Mary Bourguignon	WSDOT-NW Region (1)		Cameron Kukes
	☒	Peter Heffernan			*Mehrdad Moini (Alt.)*
	☒	John Vander Sluis	WSDOT-Oly Region (1)		JoAnn Schueler
		Andrew Kim (Alt.)		☒	*John Ho (Alt.)*
		Sarah Green (Alt.)	WSDOT-MoM (1)	☒	Matthew Kenna
		Ivan Miller (Alt.)			*April Delchamps (Alt.)*
Seattle (3)	☒	Sarah Strand	WSDOT-WS Ferries (1)		John Bernhard
	☒	Jim Storment			*Krishan Aggarwal (Alt.)*
	☒	Joanna Valencia			*Todd Lamphere (Alt.)*
		Bill LaBorde (Alt.)	Kitsap Transit (1)		Steffani Lillie
		Serena Lehman (Alt.)			*Edward Coviello (Alt.)*
		Benjamin Smith (Alt.)			*Lindsay Cook (Alt.)*
Bellevue (1)	☒	Eric Miller	Pierce Transit (1)		Tina Lee
		Mia Waters (Alt.)		☒	*Darin Stavish (Alt.)*
Other Cities/Towns (5)	☒	Chad Bieren, Kent	Community Transit (1)		VACANT
	☒	John Mortenson, Issaquah		☒	*Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)*
		Larissa Grundell, Duvall	King County Metro (1)	☒	Chester Knapp
	☒	Jim Seitz, Renton			*Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)*
		Nytasha Walters, Shoreline			*Lisa Shafer (Alt)*
	☒	*Ingrid Gaub, Auburn (Alt.)*	Sound Transit (1)		Lisa Wolterink
		Jeff Hamlin, Snoqualmie (Alt.)			*Tyler Benson (Alt.)*
	☒	*Dan Marcinko, North Bend (Alt.)*			*Kirste Johnson (Alt.)*
		Kimberly Scrivner, Kirkland (Alt.)			*Monica Overby (Alt.)*
		Vangie Garcia, Redmond (Alt.)	Port of Seattle (1)		Geri Poor
Kitsap County (1)	☒	David Forte		☒	*Robert Giacopetti (Alt.)*
		Joe Rutan (Alt.)	Port of Tacoma (1)		Deirdre Wilson
Bremerton (1)	☒	Shane Weber, Vice Chair		☒	*Ryan Medlen (Alt.)*
		Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1)	Port of Everett (1)	☒	Brandon Whitaker
		Vicki Grover (Alt. 2)			*Laura Gurley (Alt.)*
Other Cities/Towns (1)	☒	Diane Lenius, Poulsbo	Port of Bremerton (1)	☒	Arne Bakker
		Vacant (Alt.)			*James Goodman (Alt.)*
Pierce County (2)	☒	Bekah Osterhaus	PSCAA (1)	☒	Kathy Strange
	☒	Peter Lewis-Miller			*Jennifer Keene (Alt.)*
		Jen Tetatzin (Alt.)	Suquamish Tribe (1)		VACANT
		Letticia Neal (Alt.)			*VACANT (Alt.)*
Tacoma (2)	☒	Dan Hansen	Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)		VACANT
	☒	Brennan Kidd			*VACANT (Alt.)*
		Josh Diekmann (Alt.)	Puyallup Tribe (1)		VACANT
		Darius Thompson (Alt.)			*VACANT (Alt.)*
Other Cities/Towns (1)	☒	Mark Burlingame, Steilacoom	**NON-VOTING**		VACANT - BPAC Member
		Jeremy Metzler, Edgewood (Alt.)			*VACANT - BPAC Alternate*
Snohomish County (2)		Doug McCormick, Chair			
	☒	Kelly Snyder			
		Janice Fahning (Alt.)			
		Glynda Steiner (Alt.)			
	☒	*Matt Ojala (Alt.)*			
Everett (1)		Tom Hood, City Engineer			
		Melinda Adams (Alt.)			
Other Cities/Towns (2)	☒	Rob English, Edmonds			
	☒	Gael Fisk, Mukilteo			
		Jim Kelly, Arlington (Alt.)			
		Steve Morikawa, Bothell (Alt.)			

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