



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Transportation Policy Board**

**February 13, 2025**

**1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to

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

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph 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**

Alex Tsimerman provided public comment to the board.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mayor Ralph acknowledged Port Orchard Mayor Rob Putaansuu as the new TPB Vice Chair.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, noted that certifications of comprehensive plans will be on the consent agenda throughout 2025, and PSRC Growth Department staff are available in case of questions. Ms. McGourty also reported on the webinar PSRC hosted with the Association of Washington Cities to discuss recent federal activities, which is recorded and available on PSRC's website.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 9, 2025
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace, Stanwood and Steilacoom

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Hamilton/Pauly) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Robin Koskey, PSRC, reported on various executive orders and other federal updates that may result in impacts throughout the region, as well as ongoing uncertainty. Ms. Koskey shared information that PSRC is providing to our Congressional delegates regarding federal funds to projects and the risks of delay. Ms. Koskey then provided information on the state legislative session, noting key bills and upcoming cutoff dates. She shared information on the state transportation budget forecast and key transportation-related bills.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Jennifer Keene, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, discussed the work underway to develop a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the Puget Sound Region and described it as a usable guide to implementing identified climate actions at the local level. The CCAP is one of several deliverables under a planning grant provided by the federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

The scope of the CCAP is to update the regional inventory of all significant greenhouse gas sources and sectors, define near-term and long-term emission reduction targets and projections, compile a comprehensive list of potential strategies and actions to achieve greenhouse gas reductions, analyze community benefits and prioritize benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities, and consider workforce development needs to implement the proposed action. The goal of the CPRG program is to foster a collaborative effort around the region to achieve the aligned goals of regional partners.

Ms. Keene described the CCAP Steering Committee and the partnerships forged across sectors and jurisdictions around the region. She described the current emissions inventory and the work to develop and quantify detailed greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies and actions to meet the reduction targets. She then described the community engagement process, including workshops in each of the four counties scheduled in March and April. Ms. Keene described the process timeline and encouraged board members to engage in the process and spread the word about the community workshops.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT:  
CURRENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

PSRC staff reported on the work to evaluate the current transportation system and identify gaps to supporting people and jobs throughout the region, beginning with the elements of transit and active transportation. Staff shared key trends and highlights of the current system.

Craig Helmann, PSRC reported that the region's transit system is experiencing continued recovery from the pandemic and people rely upon transit for a variety of needs, not just to go to work. Mr. Helmann shared that the team is looking deeper into transit service needs, evaluating four categories of transit-supportive densities for high-capacity transit, frequent service, all day service and all other local transit. He then provided examples of how the analysis will highlight gaps in service for those areas under the current system, and again once the future system is identified. Mr. Helmann also provided information on ferry ridership recovery and uses.

Jean Kim, PSRC reminded the board that the Coordinated Mobility Plan addresses the specific needs of individuals with mobility and accessibility needs due to their age, income, or ability. The priority populations in the region are growing and specifically there is an increasing population of older adults who are more likely to have a disability. PSRC conducted an inventory survey to inform the next Coordinated Mobility Plan and received information on 44 programs throughout the region. Ms. Kim highlighted that ADA-complementary paratransit services have steadily rebounded in ridership since the pandemic, however, operational costs and gaps in service have increased with higher demand. Ms. Kim then reviewed Mobility On Demand (MOD) which is a group of transportation options such as bike or scooter sharing, ride hailing or microtransit. This is an emerging field with limited data, however MOD options are expanding and are available across the region.

Nick Johnson, PSRC, shared that the inventory of pedestrian and bicycle facilities was also updated and reminded the board that the regional system focuses on those facilities on arterials and regional shared use paths. Mr. Johnson reviewed the levels of coverage of these facilities by county and various regional geographies. He also noted that bicycle facilities are further delineated by type, such as protected, buffered, striped or shared lanes and paved shoulders. Mr. Johnson then reported on the new bicycle level of traffic stress analysis developed with PSRC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, using factors such as roadway speed, number of lanes, bicycle facility type and the slope of the roadway. Mr. Johnson then provided high level findings of the gap analysis for the current bicycle and pedestrian system.

Board members were supportive of the gap analysis approach and the further delineation of data across regional geographies.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025, and will be extended to noon, with lunch following

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – February 13, 2025.

Transportation Policy Board - February 13, 2025				Item 5.a - Att. A			
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	<b>Associate Members</b>			
		Vacant		Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon	1
		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 Alexis Mercedes Rinck Alt		<b>Public Agency Members</b>			
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt				Brandy DeLange Alt	1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	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 Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1			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		<b>PSRC Committees</b>			
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1	Shannon Turner	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root	1			Julius Moss Alt	1
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		CM Eric Younger Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1			Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt	
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	1			Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt	
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>			
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Rosie Ayala		WA Trucking Associations	1	Sheri Call	
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt		exp. 12/31/26		Jeff DeVere Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		exp. 12/31/26		Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>			
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership	1	Bebhinn Dechery	1
				exp. 12/31/26		Larry Epstein Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Doug Fagundes, Fife		Non-voting	13	Non-voting members present	12
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma					
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead					
		CM Strom Peterson Alt					
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1				
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt					
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1				
		CM Jacob Walker, Monroe, Alt	1				
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1				
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt					
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1				
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt					
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.					
		Vacant Alt					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant					
		Robert Barandon Alt					
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills					
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt					
<b>Statutory Members</b>							
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1				
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1				
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci					
		COM Nicole Grant Alt					
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1				
		Todd Lamphere Alt	1			Abbreviations	
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>						CHRMN Chairman	
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant				CM Councilmember	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				CP Council President	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				COM Commissioner	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Liias, D				MYR Mayor	
		Vacant Alt				MYR Pro Tem	
		Vacant, R				REP Representative	
		Vacant, R Alt				SEN Senator	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18				
		Total Voting members present	24				