



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Board

January 9, 2025

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 9:32 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

No public comment was provided.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Ralph welcomed the board to the new year and reminded members of the large body of work to be done in 2025 to develop the Regional Transportation Plan.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the preliminary work conducted in 2024 that provided direction for the development of the draft Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. McGourty described the work ahead throughout 2025, beginning with the January presentations.

Robin Koskey, PSRC, provided a federal and state legislative update. Ms. Koskey provided information specifically on the state transportation budget forecast and key bills to watch in the legislature related to PSRC's work program.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held December 12, 2024
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL PRIORITY RANKINGS FOR THE WSDOT 2025-2027 CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM

Jean Kim, PSRC, provided an overview of the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program. Ms. Kim noted that this grant consolidates statewide funding to provide funds for a variety of mobility needs. The Consolidated Grant Program is one of the only funding competitions for private nonprofit and human service transportation providers.

Building from the overview briefing provided to the board in December, Ms. Kim described PSRC's role in this process which is to provide regional priority rankings for the projects submitted from the PSRC region. PSRC worked with the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee (CMAC) and Equity Advisory Committee to develop the factors used in the ranking process, derived from the adopted Coordinated Mobility Plan. PSRC evaluated each project using these factors and CMAC developed a recommended ranking of the projects. The rankings provide additional points within the state competition.

PSRC had 11 priority rankings to distribute amongst 24 projects submitted. The projects that were recommended include a variety of safety-net mobility services such as demand-response shuttles and volunteer transportation, projects operated by agencies with limited access to other tax or revenue resources, and projects that demonstrated strong coordination with other transportation programs.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Kwon/Hasegawa) to recommend approval of the regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program competition. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: PROJECT TRACKING EXCEPTION REQUEST

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided the board with an overview of the Project Tracking Program and Policies. The policies ensure efficient and timely project delivery, minimizing cost of delays and preserving federal funds coming to the region. If the annual delivery target for FHWA funds is not met, there is a risk of losing funds. These policies allow administrative fund transfer of up to \$50,000 between project phases, however, if a fund transfer request is above \$50,000 it will require board approval. For funds transfer above \$50,000, the policies allow consideration if the phase(s) involved in

the exception request remain fully funded, the applicable phase can be implemented within six months of PSRC Board action, and there is a compelling need for the exception.

The City of Sumner's Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge project is replacing an existing bridge and providing a separated shared-use path on the north side of the roadway. All three of the project's phases (preliminary engineering/ design, right-of-way (ROW) and construction) have received PSRC funding awards, however, construction funds had been granted a 1-year extension to deliver in 2025. The City notified PSRC in August that the project could deliver earlier and support the region's 2024 delivery target, however, due to ROW certification issues the federal ROW funds had to be returned. The city is requesting an exception to transfer the portion of funds deemed ineligible for the ROW phase to the construction phase.

PSRC worked with the Regional Project Evaluation Committee and the countywide chairs and concluded that the request is consistent with the adopted project tracking policies and recommends approval.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Daughtry/Kettle) to recommend approval of the City of Sumner's request for an exception under PSRC's Project Tracking Policies and allow the transfer of \$539,853 in PSRC's FHWA funds from the right-of-way phase to the construction phase for the Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge project. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN RELEASE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Simonson, PSRC, reviewed the draft Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) with the board. Mr. Simonson described each chapter of the plan, which includes: the problem statement and call to action; key findings based on crash data analysis, including regional emphasis areas, crash types, and contributing factors; public engagement and outreach efforts; a strategies toolbox organized by crash types and emphasis areas; and implementation and next steps.

The board was asked to authorize staff to release the draft RSAP for public comment, with online publication and outreach occurring the following week. Staff will come back to the board in March and April to review comments received and take action to recommend the final plan to the Executive Board. In May, the General Assembly will adopt the final plan.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Dembowski/Hasegawa) to authorize staff to release the draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment. The motion passed.

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

Paul Inghram, PSRC, provided an overview of VISION 2050 and the regional growth strategy, which focuses 65% of the region's population growth and 75% of employment growth in regional centers and high-capacity transit station areas. Mr. Inghram described the transportation goal and policies in VISION 2050 which guides the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Craig Helmann, PSRC, described where concentrations of people and jobs are today in the region and by 2050. Mr. Helmann further described PSRC's approach to using this data to identify places that are supportive of different levels and types of transit service and where gaps in those services might be discovered. Distinctions are made between high-capacity transit, frequent transit, all-day transit service and all other transit services.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, discussed the upcoming RTP development work. Mr. Cerise reminded the board of the regional transit access assessment being conducted to identify current and future access to transit needs. Mr. Cerise described the coordination work with the region's transit agencies and noted the upcoming work to review all aspects of the current transportation system for gap identification and assessment of future needs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2025.

ADJOURN

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

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – January 9, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - January 9, 2025				5.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	
		Vacant Alt		Public Agency Members			
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, Chair	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	CM Megan Dunn	
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1			Christine Cooley, Alt	
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1	Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County	-
		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	1	PSRC Committees			
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1	Shannon Turner	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root	1			Julius Moss, Alt	1
		COM Christine Rolfes, Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake	
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	1			Vacant Alt	
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
Pierce County	1	Vacant		WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1	Sheri Call	
		CM Dave Morell, Alt				Jeff DeVere, Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	-
		CM Olgy Diaz, Alt				Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership exp. 12/31/26	1	Bebhinn Dechery	1
Local Transit	1	Vacant				Larry Epstein, Alt	
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Non-voting	13	Non-voting members present	6
Snohomish County	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 Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt					
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1				
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt					
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	1				
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1				
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci					
		COM Nicole Grant, Alt					
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	-				
		Todd Lamphere, Alt					
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)						Abbreviations	
House	2	Vacant				CHRMN Chairman	
Transportation Cmte.		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				CM Councilmember	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				CP Council President	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				COM Commissioner	
Senate	2	SEN Marko Lias, D				DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
Transportation Cmte.		Vacant Alt				MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R				MYR Pro Tem	
		Vacant, R Alt				REP Representative	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18			SEN Senator	
		Total Voting members present	22				