



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: February 28, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)

Introductions and Announcements

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m

Josh Brown, PSRC, updated the committee on efforts to track happenings at the federal level and facilitate ongoing coordination communication between PSRC member agencies and other partners. Robyn Koskey, PSRC, then briefed the committee on coordination with the region's federal delegation to communicate details and the magnitude of federally funded projects in the region. She shared maps that were developed by PSRC staff to show the projects that obligated federal funds in 2024 and 2025, provided [here](#) and [here](#).

Jennifer then took a roll call to confirm the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The January 24, 2025, RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on February 13. 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>.

Discussion: Project Delivery

Jay Drye, WSDOT, gave an update on federal project delivery from the state perspective. The state is continuously monitoring federal directives, and he shared that some recent programs have been pulled back for federal review, which is not uncommon when there are changes in administration. However, he stressed the importance that the agencies need to keep moving forward on federally funded transportation projects and avoid the risk to federal funds that could come with delays. He confirmed that the routine STIP approval process is moving forward, as well as federal reimbursements to projects that have obligated.

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an update on funds that have been voluntarily returned and can be awarded to eligible projects on the contingency list, outside of the 5-step

rebalancing process. There is about \$13 million of 2025 funds available for contingency list award; PSRC coordinating with sponsors of eligible projects to confirm if any are ready to go for 2025. Any funds not awarded will be added to the redistribution pot for the 2025 rebalancing process. Kalon Thomas, PSRC, then provided an update on the current delivery status. He shared that there have been five requests for 45-day extensions; these projects, if approved, will have their obligation deadline moved to July 15 but will still deliver in FY25. He then provided an overview of the 1-year extensions requested, and the extension review and approval process that will be completed at the April board meetings. He then provided estimates to date of the elements that add to the delivery gap, as well as the elements that reduce the gap. While details are still being confirmed by staff, this year's delivery gap is estimated at up to ~\$26 million. He provided an overview of the 5-step rebalancing process and confirmed that implementation of step 1 (project advancements) and step 3 (increased federal shares) are expected to be sufficient to fill this year's delivery gap. PSRC is currently confirming contingency projects, exchanges, and increased federal shares with sponsors; all will be included in the March TIP amendment. Supplemental funding to contingency list projects will require a TIP application for inclusion in the April amendment. PSRC will continue to monitor delivery status and adjust as needed. Jennifer and Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reaffirmed the importance of timely submittal of obligation paperwork to help facilitate WSDOT review and avoid risk to delivery of the region's federal funds, and requested that if agencies do experience unexpected issues, to let PSRC know.

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

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at JBarnes@psrc.org or Kalon Thomas at KThomas@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan / Regional Safety Plan

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an update on the work happening on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development. Current efforts are focused on the development of a Current Transportation System report, which is planned for completion in late April. Staff is completing inventory and assessments in the areas of transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, streets & highways, ITS, freight facilities, and maintenance & preservation. The RTP will include assessment of where people and jobs are today and planned for in 2050—at varying densities—and identify potential gaps in the transportation system supporting those places. She presented an example of how this type of information has been compiled for transit, bicycle and pedestrian modes, which were presented to the board in February. The March board presentation will focus on streets & highways, freight, and ITS. The report will provide information on key trends and uses of the system, the effects of congestion, the High Injury Network, and recognizing different contexts around the region. Upcoming efforts include the call for Regional Capacity Projects, which is planned to go out in late March, and ongoing work to develop estimates of investments in support of the RTP financial strategy, which will be the focus of the May

and June board discussions. She then discussed how the Regional Safety Action Plan and Comprehensive Climate Action Plan will inform the RTP. Committee members are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions related to safety, and it is planned to be a focus of continuing discussion in March and April.

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

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

Adjourn

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

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

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

Alisa O'Haver-Ayala, City of Sumner; David Paine, City of Kent; Ellen Talbo, City of Renton; Eric Irelan, King County; Jay Drye; Jeff Raker, City of Shoreline; Jim Kelly, City of Arlington; Joe Rutan, Kitsap County; Kenneth Wilson, Sound Transit; Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit; Kim Scrivner, City of Kirkland; Laura Gurley, Port of Everett; Micah Ross, City of Redmond; Mike Randall, Snohomish County; Mehrdad Moini, WSDOT

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Ben Bakkenta, Jean Kim, Mikayla Svob, Jennifer Barnes, Kalon Thomas, Kelly McGourty, Olivia Ng, Erin Hogan, Josh Brown, Robin Koskey, Miles Stepleton

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