

# **Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary**

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

**Location: Remote - Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)** 

#### Introductions and Announcements

Doug McCormick, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He then took roll call to confirm the members and alternates present.

# **Approval of Meeting Summary**

The February 28, 2025, RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

#### **Transportation Policy Board Debrief**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board meeting held on March 13. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <a href="https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board">https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board</a>.

# **Discussion: Legislative Update**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared information on the tracking of federal and state legislative activities being led by PSRC's Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey. She shared direction from WSDOT that projects with federal formula funds should continue to move forward and submit paperwork as early as possible. She discussed a resolution that was adopted by the Executive Board at their March meeting acknowledging the importance of transportation, acknowledging that there are major projects that need to be completed, encouraging a budget that seeks cuts where logical but maintains a sustainable transportation system. She then walked through where to find the legislative updates and other board presentations are posted, including for the March Executive Board meeting, and shared a form now available on PSRC's website for local agencies to share information if they experience any delays or challenges accessing federal funding.

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

#### **Discussion: 2025 Project Delivery**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an update on the most recent efforts and current status of the region's delivery of 2025 FHWA funds. She shared information on three eligible projects recommended to receive contingency funds, and also the extension requests that are currently under review by staff, WSDOT, and the chairs of RPEC and the four countywide forums. Recommendations on contingency awards and extensions will go to the boards for approval at their April meetings. \$35 million in increased federal shares were awarded to 36 eligible projects with 2025 delivery, approved by the boards at their March meetings. She reaffirmed WSDOT's direction that sponsors submit obligation paperwork as early as possible, and that submittals late in the fiscal year cannot be guaranteed approval in time to meet the deadline. PSRC staff will continue to monitor delivery status and make adjustments as needed. If needed, any final actions in the annual rebalancing process will be brought to the boards in May or June. If anything unexpected causes a delivery gap late in the fiscal year, "emergency" measures as defined in PSRC's Project Tracking Policies would be required.

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at <a href="mailto:JBarnes@psrc.org">JBarnes@psrc.org</a>.

## **Discussion: Call for Regional Capacity Projects**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an overview of the Call for Regional Capacity Projects, which was an abbreviated version of an online workshop held on March 25. She discussed the reasons the Regional Capacity Project list is needed, the prerequisites for submitting a project, and thresholds that define them. She then walked through the application elements and resources available to assist applicants. The Call was released on March 24 and is open for four weeks until April 18. PSRC staff and board review of the submitted projects is planned April through June, and modeling and analysis is planned from June through September. The Regional Capacity Projects will be included in the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan, scheduled for the public review draft to be released in December 2025, and the final plan adopted in May 2026.

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at <a href="mailto:JBarnes@psrc.org">JBarnes@psrc.org</a>.

#### **Discussion: Regional Safety Action Plan**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an update on the work happening on the Regional Safety Action Plan. The draft was released for public comment from January 9 through February 14, with outreach conducted through board and committee presentations, PSRC and member newsletters, social media, and direct email to interest parties. 62 commentors, distributed throughout the region, provided a total of 203 comments. The most common themes from individual commenters were related to engineering &

infrastructure, driver awareness, implementation, and enforcement. The most common themes from member jurisdictions were related to engineering & infrastructure, implementation, and data. She shared the staff proposals developed for board review, which include recommended elements to be included in future work programs; language recognizing local and state safety planning and High Injury Networks; discussion of issues with impairment data and potential for underreporting; discussion of unique needs of freight corridors and areas in applying safety strategies; and incorporation into project selection policy framework and RTP consistency review criteria. Updates will be brought to the April board meetings, and the final plan adopted at the General Assembly in May.

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at McGourty@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

Brianne Ross, HDR; Cassandra de Kanter, Northwest Seaport Alliance; Courtney Littrell, City of Sumner; Dan Marcinko, City of North Bend; David Burgesser, SDOT; Ellen Talbo, City of Renton; Emilie Pilchowski, KRCC; Emily Reardon, SDOT; Eric Irelan, King County; Katie Lyle, SDOT; Kimberly Scrivner, City of Kirkland; Mia Waters, City of Bellevue; Micah Ross, City of Redmond; Robert Dahn; Ryan Packer; Tricia Juhnke, Shoreline

#### **PSRC**

Alexa Leach, Jennifer Barnes, Kelly McGourty, Olivia Ng, Miles Stepleton, Doug Cox \*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)	X	Mary Bourguignon	WSDOT-NW Region (1)	X	Cameron Kukes
	X	Peter Heffernan			Mehrdad Moini (Alt.)
	X	John Vander Sluis	WSDOT-Oly Region (1)		JoAnn Schueler
		Andrew Kim (Alt.)		X	John Ho (Alt.)
		Sarah Green (Alt.)	WSDOT-MoM (1)	X	Matthew Kenna
		Ivan Miller (Alt.)			April Delchamps (Alt.)
Seattle (3)	X	Sarah Strand	WSDOT-WS Ferries (1)	X	John Bernhard
	X	Jim Storment			Krishan Aggarwal (Alt.)
	X	Joanna Valencia			Todd Lamphere (Alt.)
		Bill LaBorde (Alt.)	Kitsap Transit (1) Pierce Transit (1)		Steffani Lillie
		Emily Reardon (Alt.)			Jeff Davidson (Alt.)
		Katie Lyle-Beshai (Alt.)			Tina Lee
Bellevue (1)	X	Eric Miller	$\dashv$	X	Darin Stavish (Alt.)
		Mia Waters (Alt.)	Community Transit (1)	+ -	VACANT
Other Cities/Towns (5)	XI	Chad Bieren, Kent	King County Metro (1)		Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)
	X	John Mortenson, Issaquah		IΣI	Chester Knapp
	×	Larissa Grundell, Duvall			Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)
	_	Ingrid Gaub, Auburn	<del> </del>		Lisa Shafer (Alt)
		,	Cound Transit (1)	ISI	Lisa Wolterink
		VACANT	Sound Transit (1)		
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	-	Kimberly Scrivner, Kirkland (Alt.)	<b></b>		Kirste Johnson (Alt.)
		Dan Marcinko, North Bend (Alt.)		_	Monica Overby (Alt.)
		Ellen Talbo, Renton (Alt.)	Port of Seattle (1)	IXI	Geri Poor
	<u> </u>	Vacant (Alt.)			Robert Giacopetti (Alt.)
Kitsap County (1)	X		Port of Tacoma (1)	_	Deirdre Wilson
		Joe Rutan (Alt.)			Ryan Medlen (Alt.)
Bremerton (1)		Shane Weber, Vice Chair	Port of Everett (1)	X	Brandon Whitaker
	X	Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1)			Laura Gurley (Alt.)
		Vicki Grover (Alt. 2)	Port of Bremerton (1)	$\boxtimes$	Arne Bakker
Other Cities/Towns (1)	X	Diane Lenius, Poulsbo			James Goodman (Alt.)
		Vacant (Alt.)	PSCAA (1)	X	Kathy Strange
Pierce County (2)	X	Bekah Osterhaus			Jennifer Keene (Alt.)
	X	Peter Lewis-Miller	Suquamish Tribe (1)		VACANT
		Letticia Neal (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)
		Clint Ritter (Alt.)	Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)		VACANT
Tacoma (2)	X	Dan Hansen			VACANT (Alt.)
	X	Brennan Kidd	Puyallup Tribe (1)		VACANT
		Josh Diekmann (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)
		Darius Thompson (Alt.)	NON-VOTING	1	VACANT - BPAC Member
Other Cities/Towns (1)		Mark Burlingame, Steilacoom			VACANT - BPAC Alternate
		Hans Hunger, Puyallup (Alt.)			
Snohomish County (2)	X	Doug McCormick, Chair	$\dashv$		
		Kelly Snyder	$\dashv$		
		Janice Fahning (Alt.)	$\dashv$	$\vdash$	
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5 II (4)	X	Matt Ojala (Alt.)	-		
Everett (1)		Tom Hood, City Engineer			

Angelique Thompson (Alt.)

Rob English, Edmonds

Gael Fisk, Mukilteo

Jim Kelly, Arlington (Alt.)

Steve Morikawa, Bothell (Alt.)

Other Cities/Towns (2)