



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Board

June 12, 2025

1201 3rd 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 9:35 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph. 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 a quorum was not present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment provided.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Ralph welcomed the board and reviewed the agenda items.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, thanked the members who joined the PSRC General Assembly meeting on May 22 and noted that the Regional Safety Action Plan was approved. Ms. McGourty also announced that the Current Transportation System report is published and available on PSRC's RTP Engagement Hub. Ms. McGourty introduced Marc Daily as PSRC's new Director of Administration, who was previously a member of TPB in his role as Executive Director of the Thurston Regional Planning Council.

Robin Koskey, PSRC, reported on federal updates and activities, including an update on the budget reconciliation process and the President's 2026 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held May 8, 2025
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Edmonds, Federal Way, Index, Issaquah, Lynnwood, Newcastle, and Sumner
- d. Recommend Conditional Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Lake Forest Park and Renton
- e. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Kitsap County's Ridgetop Boulevard NW, Mickelberry Road to NW Myhre Road Project

ACTION: Although the Policy Board did not have a quorum, the consensus among members present was to approve the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Noah Boggess, PSRC, described the upcoming outreach and engagement activities planned as part of the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). PSRC has partnered with Uncommon Bridges who have helped to find innovative ways to connect to the region's communities. Mr. Boggess discussed the formation of a subcommittee of the Equity Advisory Committee that will help to support this work and assist in efforts like the regional public meetings planned for the fall.

Mr. Boggess discussed the complete scope of planned RTP public engagement efforts including the regional public meetings noted above, community events, the online engagement hub, focus groups and stakeholder interviews, briefings with PSRC's committees and boards, a public opinion survey and finally the public comment process for the draft RTP. Mr. Boggess then outlined community events PSRC will participate in over the summer, and invited board members to let him know of other events that PSRC should attend.

Mr. Boggess then described the outreach efforts for the Coordinated Mobility Plan, which is part of the RTP and focuses on the needs of individuals with mobility and accessibility challenges. He then discussed the schedule of upcoming engagement efforts.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND INVESTMENTS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the building blocks that create the RTP financial strategy, including revenues and proposed expenditures encompassing regional capacity projects, other system improvements, and maintenance, preservation and operational expenditures.

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, described what regional capacity projects are and the application and review process they follow for entering the RTP. She described the 314 projects submitted, totaling \$72.7 billion, including a summary of their scopes of work and the evaluation of the projects for consistency with regional policy priorities.

Ms. McGourty described the other category of system improvements which are programmatic and below the threshold of a regional capacity project. She then described the information submitted to estimate maintenance, preservation and operational expenditures through 2050. Ms. McGourty reminded the board that the current assumption for the plan is that the full system will be brought up to a state of good repair and maintained, preserved and operated at that level through 2050.

Criag Helmann, PSRC, discussed the details of the newly adopted state budget, which increased the region's current law revenue forecast through 2050 by about \$5 billion. He then reviewed the financial figures that indicate a 21% gap between available revenues and proposed expenditures.

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, described the available levers to address the 21% gap, which are to pursue potential new revenue sources or reduce the level of investment. Mr. Bakkenta reminded the board of the parameters previously discussed by the board related to new revenue sources, which are to provide fewer but more impactful revenue sources for consideration in the RTP financial strategy.

Mr. Helmann described low, medium and high revenue scenarios for consideration pertaining to the five specific revenue sources that have been previously discussed with members for consideration in the RTP financial strategy.

Ms. McGourty provided more details on options to reduce the level of investment across the three investment categories. She asked the board for initial feedback on the two levers to address the gap, or a combination of the two. She noted that these discussions will continue in July when the board will be asked to provide direction on one or more plan scenarios to move forward into modeling and analysis over the summer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Attendance Roster – June 12, 2025.

Transportation Policy Board - June 12, 2025				5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón		Associate Members	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			COMM Melanie Bacon
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle			COMM Jill Johnson Alt
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck Alt			MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton			Vacant Alt
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt		Public Agency Members	
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah			Vacant
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1		CM Joe Bushnell
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt		Public Health	1
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1		Christine Cooley Alt
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
		Vacant Alt			Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root	1		Dennis Worsham, Snohomish Co. Alt
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt		PSRC Committees	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
		CM Eric Younger Alt			Shannon Turner
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1	Regional Staff Cmte.	1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt			Julius Moss Alt
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, Vice-Chair	1	Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton			Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala	1	Transit Operators Cmte.	1
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt			Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton			Lorelei Williams, WSP USA
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Local Transit	1	CM Doug Fagundes, Fife		Puget Sound Partnership exp. 10/31/27	1
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma			Bebhinn Dechery
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		Individual exp. 5/31/28	1
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			Larry Epstein Alt
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo		Non-voting	14
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			Non-voting members present
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington			5
		CM Jacob Walker, Monroe, Alt	1		
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	Vacant			
		Robert Barandon Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt			
Statutory Members					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle			
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt			
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci			
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		Todd Lamphere Alt			
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)				Abbreviations	
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant			CHRMN Chairman
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt			CM Councilmember
		REP Dan Griffey, R			CP Council President
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt			COM Commissioner
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Lias, D			DEP MYR Deputy Mayor
		Vacant Alt			MYR Mayor
		SEN Keith Goehner, R			MYR Pro Tem
		Vacant, R Alt			REP Representative
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	13		SEN Senator
		Total Voting members present	14		