



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Board

July 10, 2025

1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 waived her remarks in the interest of time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that recruitment is being conducted for new members to the Equity Advisory Committee and information may be found in the agenda packet.

Robin Koskey, PSRC, reported on federal and state updates and activities. Ms. Koskey shared information on the President's 2026 budget and the appropriations process. She also reported on the state's revenue forecast, including information specific to transportation.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held June 12, 2025

- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Algona, Auburn, Gig Harbor, Maple Valley, Mukilteo, King County, Pierce County, and Snohomish County
- d. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Bothell's Bothell Way NE Multimodal Improvements Project
- e. Recommend Approval of a Project Tracking Exception Request for Sultan's US-2 / Main Street Roundabout Project

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

DISCUSSION ITEM: WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2025-2027 CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS

Jean Kim, PSRC, reminded the board that WSDOT streamlines a variety of state and federal funding sources into this grant program to support diverse mobility needs. It is often one of the only funding competitions for private nonprofit and human service transportation providers. WSDOT seeks input from regional organizations such as PSRC on project applications through a grading process. PSRC works with the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee to allocate grades of A through D to projects using an established set of regional priority ranking factors. PSRC then submits the regional rankings to WSDOT for inclusion in the final awards process. Ms. Kim shared the final results of the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program and reviewed the projects in the PSRC region that were awarded funding.

Ms. Kim also reminded the board that a new Coordinated Mobility Plan is currently being developed and will be included as a part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Coordinated Mobility Plan will highlight the transportation needs of people with accessibility and mobility challenges, prioritize strategies to address those needs, and include a regional inventory of existing programs. Ms. Kim reviewed the tasks PSRC has completed thus far regarding data collection and stakeholder engagement. She then shared community feedback received to date on transportation needs. Ms. Kim reviewed the next steps for the Coordinated Mobility Plan, including stakeholder engagement on priorities and strategies and development of the draft plan to be released with the draft RTP.

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2025 ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF PSRC'S FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

Doug Cox, PSRC, described the FTA Annual Adjustment Process as a routine process which adjusts funding awarded to projects based on estimates with the actual allocation of FTA funding each year. Mr. Cox provided details on PSRC's process for distributing and adjusting FTA funds. For federal fiscal year 2025, the allocation of FTA funds to the region was \$8.5 million lower than the amount estimated as part of the original

distribution to projects in 2023. Mr. Cox then described the adjustments recommended by the Transportation Operations Committee across agencies and projects to align funding amounts with the final allocation.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Barõn/Putansuu) to recommend the Executive Board approve the 2025 annual adjustments of PSRC's FTA funds. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND INVESTMENTS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the previous discussions held on the proposed investments and available revenues for the next RTP. At the June meeting, the board was briefed on the various categories and levels of proposed investments submitted for consideration into the plan – including both system improvements as well as maintenance, preservation and operations – and the gap between these investments and available revenues. The board has discussed at length the parameters for identifying potential new revenues, and in June provided preliminary feedback on whether to pursue new revenues, a lower level of investment or both to bridge the funding gap.

Ms. McGourty reviewed the agenda for the discussion which will cover the various building blocks within each scenario to address the funding gap between proposed investments and available revenues. Ultimately, the board will be asked to provide direction on one or more scenarios to move forward into analysis over the summer.

Each building block, or lever, was described, including their cost and opportunities for reduction, covering regional capacity projects; programmatic system improvements; maintenance, preservation and operations; and growth in local transit service. A reminder of potential new revenue sources was also provided, highlighting the larger gap in funding for cities and local transit. A poll taken by the board indicated a majority preference to look at a mix of new revenues and reduced investments to achieve a financially balanced plan.

Ms. McGourty then provided information on three staff scenarios for discussion: scenario 1 constrains investment levels to current law revenues; scenario 2 has a mix of reduced levels of investment and new revenues; and scenario 3 includes all submitted investments with the funding gap filled entirely with new revenues. Ms. McGourty described the various levels of investments across categories within each scenario and a high-level assessment of their costs and impacts.

Board feedback suggested a preference to pursue a balanced approach between new revenues and reduced levels of investments from the maximum submittals. The board further discussed developing an additional scenario with modifications to scenario 2. To facilitate that, the board responded to poll questions related to preferred levels within each category of investment. Staff were given direction to proceed with analysis of the

three scenarios plus an additional scenario that would be based on the results of these poll questions.

ACTION: Through board consensus staff was directed to move forward with modeling and analysis of the scenarios as noted above.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2025.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Attendance Roster – July 10, 2025.

Transportation Policy Board - July 10, 2025				Item 5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	Associate Members	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle	1		1
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck Alt		Public Agency Members	
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt			1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah			1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt			1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1		1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		PSRC Committees	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root	1		1
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1		1
		CM Eric Younger Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, Vice-Chair	1		1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala		WA Trucking Associations	1
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt	1	exp. 12/31/26	1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		exp. 12/31/26	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership	1
Local Transit	1	CM Doug Fagundes, Fife		exp. 10/31/27	1
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Individual exp. 5/31/28	1
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		Non-voting	14
		CM Strom Peterson Alt	1		10
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington			
		CM Jacob Walker, Monroe, Alt	1		
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens			
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt	1		
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	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci	1		
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew			
		Todd Lamphere Alt	1		
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant		Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		CP Council President	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Lias, D		COM Commissioner	
		Vacant Alt		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		SEN Keith Goehner, R	1	MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	21	REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	23	SEN Senator	