Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Transportation Policy Board
October 8, 2026
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 9:31 a.m. by Vice Chair Mayor Rob Putaansuu. Mayor Putaansuu 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The board received one written comment.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Vice Chair Putaansuu welcomed the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the upcoming joint board session on community outreach.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held September 10, 2026
b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for City of Tacoma's Puyallup Avenue Transit/Complete Street Improvements Project

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

DISCUSSION ITEM: 2027 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Alyssa Quinn, PSRC, provided information on the federal government's proposed changes to the 2030 Census. She also reviewed the Federal Transit Administration's proposed changes to guidance for the Capital Investments Grants program. Robin Koskey, PSRC, provided information on state agency upcoming budget requests, the state revenue forecast and a potential highway use fee proposal. Ms. Quinn and Ms. Koskey then reviewed the process for developing PSRC's 2027 recommendations to the State Legislature. The 2026 recommendations were summarized, including the four key topic areas of Keep the Region Moving Safely, Increase Housing Choices and Affordability, Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Sustain a Strong Economy.

Board members commented on clean energy and data centers; a local option for the highway use fee and multimodal eligibility; bicycle and pedestrian needs; ferry needs; and regional transit bonding authority.

DISCUSSION ITEM: 2027 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the briefings to date to develop the process for the 2027 project selection process. Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an overview of the project selection process to distribute both Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funds. She described the Policy Framework that will be adopted by the board and that guides the process, based on VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Barnes summarized key features of the process, such as the policy focus and specific set-asides. She also provided a summary of the project evaluation criteria, which are guided by key VISION 2050 policy areas, and described significant improvements developed in the last process. Ms. Barnes then reviewed highlights of projects awarded funding in the 2024 process and their benefits correlated to regional priorities.

Ms. McGourty reminded the board of three areas of refinement for the next process, based on direction from the board and specific direction from the recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan. These areas of refinement include: prioritizing regional and local high injury networks per the Regional Safety Action Plan; incorporating facility typologies and level of traffic stress per the Active Transportation Plan; and aligning the process with current state and federal requirements. Ms. McGourty described each area and the specific refinements to be applied, including the updated Opportunity Index

developed in collaboration with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee to address the needs of underserved communities.

Ms. Barnes reviewed next steps including board discussion of the draft Policy Framework in December, followed by recommendation to adopt in January. The call for projects would then be released in February 2027.

Board members expressed support for the refinements and asked questions related to how land use is incorporated; requested more detail on topics the board can influence; coordination of the Opportunity Index with other state and federal efforts; and future incorporation of local data.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2026.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Attendance Roster – October 8, 2026

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Voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Teresa Mosqueda	
		CM Steffanie Fain	1
		Vacant Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck	
		CM Dionne Foster Alt	
Bellevue	1	CM Jared Nieuwenhuis	
		DEP MYR Dave Hamilton Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, **Chair**	
		CM Jay Arnold, Kirkland	1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1
		CP Ruth Pérez, Renton Alt	1
		CM Erika Boyd, Issaquah Alt	1
Local Transit	1	CM Claudia Balducci	
		Vacant Alt	
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root	1
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
		CM Jane Rebelowski Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1
		CM Britt Livdahl, Poulsbo Alt	
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, **Vice-Chair**	1
		MYR Clarence Moriwaki, Bainbridge, Alt	
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala	1
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Shannon Reynolds, Fircrest	
		CM Edward Wood, University Place Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Olgy Diaz, Tacoma	
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma, Alt	
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead	
		CM Strom Peterson Alt	
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek	1
		CM Yvonne Gallardo, Arlington, Alt	1
Local Transit	1	CM Susan Paine, Edmonds	1
		CM David Parshall, Lynnwood, Alt	
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	
		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 Gael Tarleton	
		Vacant Alt	
WSDOT	1	Vacant	
		JoAnn Schueler Alt	1
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)			
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt	
		REP Dan Griffey, R	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Liias, D	
		Vacant Alt	
		SEN Keith Goehner, R	
		Vacant, R Alt	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	16
		Total Voting members present	19

Non-voting Members			✓
Associate Members			
Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon	
		COMM Jill Johnson Alt	
Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey	
		Vacant Alt	
Public Agency Members			
Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Vacant	
		Brandy DeLange Alt	
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	CM Joe Bushnell	
		Christine Cooley Alt	1
Public Health	1	Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County	1
		Kim VanPelt, Snohomish County Alt	
WA Tran. Improvement Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
PSRC Committees			
Equity Advisory Cmte.	1	Autrina Martindale	1
		Jewel Shepherd-Sampson Alt	1
Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake	
		Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt	
Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
		Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt	
Transit Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
		Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt	
Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1	Sheri Call	
		Jeff DeVere Alt	
Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	
		Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
Puget Sound Partnership exp. 10/31/27	1	Jenn Grimm	1
		Paris McClusky Alt	1
Individual exp. 5/31/28	1	Kim Becklund	1
Non-voting	14	Non-voting members present	9

Abbreviations
CHRMN Chairman
CM Councilmember
CP Council President
COM Commissioner
DEP MYR Deputy Mayor
MYR Mayor
MYR Pro Tem
REP Representative
SEN Senator