Welcome and Introductions and Public Comment

Public Comments
Alex Tsimerman and Marguerite Richard approached the committee with a public comment.

The minutes were adopted without corrections.

Information Item: Committee Reports
Kimberly reported on the updates to VISION 2050, including the development of regional growth scenarios, Growth Management Policy Board briefing papers (housing, equity, etc.), Regional Staff Committee updates to federal performance targets for climate change, and Transportation Policy Board’s work on the regional Transportation Improvement Plan. She instructed the members that detailed information can be found on the PSRC website.

Discussion Item: Free-Floating Bike Share (Joel Miller, City of Seattle)
Joel gave a presentation on the Free-Floating Bike Share pilot that was launched in July 2017. He provided an overview of the pilot program, evaluation methods, and annual permit recommendations resulting from the pilot program.

Seattle Department of Transportation permitted three vendors to operate in the city of Seattle. Between July 21st and December 31st approximately 1.4 million rides were recorded. The city saw better than expected results in the Rainier Valley, Industrial District, and Georgetown. The evaluation reported that the biggest area for improvement needed is bicycle parking.

Five key recommendations resulted from the pilot program: 1) allow for more growth; 2) create a proactive compliance and enforcement program; 3) create a bike share parking area program; 4) align permit with desired SDOT equity outcomes; and 5) adjust permit fees to remain cost-neutral to the city.

For complete details, visit the SDOT Free-Floating Bike Share website.
Discussion Item: Electric Bikes *(Alex Alston, Cascade Bicycle Club and Mike Ullmer, King County Parks)*

Alex and Mike updated the committee on e-bike policy for regional trails in King County. In May 2018, Bellevue, Kent, Renton, Seattle Parks, SDOT, WSDOT, Redmond, King County Parks, Maple Valley, Kirkland, Cascade Bicycle Club, and Mountains to Sound participated in a working session to align policy across the regional trails.

The work session focused on updating current codes to permit Class 1 and 2 e-bikes to operate on regional trails, modify trail hours to 5a-10p, and permit e-bikes on other park facilities. Additionally, the session looked at trailside educational signage and public outreach.

Information Item: WA State CTR Board – 2019-2023 Strategic Plan *(Ricardo Golta, WSDOT)*

Ricardo provided information on the recent updates to the Commute Trip Reduction plan. The plan was last updated in 2005.

From spring 2017 to spring 2018, the CTR Board, together with statewide partners, identified the best opportunities to increase the use of high-efficiency transportation options, expand the availability and use of TDM funding, and streamline metrics, best practices and alternatives for implementers. In July 2018, the CTR Board published “Expanding Travel Options: Faster, Smarter and More Affordable – A 2019-2023 Strategic Plan.”

Information Item: Update on Voting Member Appointments *(Gil Cerise, PSRC)*

Gil spoke about the changes to the BPAC operating procedures, which included formalizing it as an advisory committee and implementing a voting structure. PSRC staff have been reaching out to jurisdictions and agencies to officially appoint voting members.

Information: Bicycle and Pedestrian Data Collection Program *(Jean Kim, PSRC and Kimberly Scrivner, PSRC)*

Kimberly and Jean reviewed with the committee the data collection and consistency pilot. The purpose of the pilot is to better assess pedestrian connectivity in the central Puget Sound region using a regionally consistent data collection process that can be shared with PSRC members. Jean provided information on the tools being used and standards and best practices.

For additional details, visit the BPAC webpage.

Information: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities

Jean White announced that the King County Parks is hosting a regional trails summit on October 18th.

Next meeting:
January 8, 2018: 10am – Noon

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:52am