Regional Transportation Plan
Public Comments

Executive Board
March 22, 2018

Puget Sound Regional Council
Public Comments

- Formal public comment period ran from December 14, 2017 – January 31, 2018
  - *Comments will still be accepted through plan adoption in May*
- 152 respondents
- 25 PSRC member agencies
- 19 other organizations – non-profits, community groups, advisory boards, chambers of commerce, business groups, state agencies, etc.
- 108 individuals
- 842 individual coded comments
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Public Comments – Locations
Public Comments - Themes
Public Comments – Breakdown of Comments

842 Comments coded into 26 separate categories

- Analysis results - 12
- Analysis tools and documentation - 13
- Aviation - 33
- Bicycle / pedestrian - 84
- Climate change / air quality - 36
- Congestion / roadway capacity - 38
- Emerging technology / Intelligent Transportation Systems - 37
- Equity - 52
- Ferries - 8
- Financial strategy - 132
- Freight - 50
- General plan support - 19
- Growth management / VISION - 54
- Health - 1
- Maintenance and preservation - 10
- Miscellaneous / other - 45
- Multimodal system - 11
- Parking - 3
- Performance measures - 19
- Project specific - 99
- Public engagement - 11
- Safety - 8
- Special needs transportation - 15
- TDM and CTR - 8
- Transit - 43
- Water quality - 1
Public Comments – Three Groups

General Comments – 723 comments
• No plan changes necessary.

Technical Corrections – 98 comments
• Minor changes, corrections, clarifications to plan. No policy implications.

Board Review – 21 comments
• Potential plan or work program implications. Board direction sought.
Public Comments – Key Themes

Financial Strategy

• general opposition to tolls / road usage charge (15%)

• general support of tolls / road usage charge (14%)

• concerns or suggestions for implementation of the road usage charge and other aspects of the financial strategy (23%)

• miscellaneous comments on other aspects of the financial strategy (e.g., local options, specific funding needs) (48%)
Public Comments – Key Themes

Bicycle / Pedestrian

• general opposition to bicycle / pedestrian planning and investments (11%)

• general support of bicycle / pedestrian planning and investments (17%)

• addressing safety (17%)

• corrections and miscellaneous comments (55%)
Project Specific

• general support of existing projects

• requesting new or additional investments in specific areas
Public Comments – Key Themes

**Equity**

- general support for equity lens approach in performance measures
- work to integrate equity more fully in plan – people and geographies
- address equity in implementation of future user fees
Public Comments – Key Themes

Freight

• broad diversity of comments on variety of topics, from rail to trucks to technical corrections

• in general, continue to support freight networks & recognize importance
1. Passenger only ferries
2. Technology
3. Climate change
4. Freight
5. Special Needs
6. Roadway capacity
7. Bicycle/Pedestrian
8. Multimodal
9. Analysis & Documentation
10. Equity
1. Passenger only ferries
   - Note emerging role of fast ferries, call for PSRC to do further planning
     - Staff recommendation:
       - incorporate language in final plan
       - consider as part of future work program in next biennial budget process

2. Technology
   - Support for continued technology work, interest in stakeholder committee
     - Staff recommendation:
       - draft plan includes a recommendation to establish an advisory committee, and to move forward on policy and modeling research
3. Climate change

- Request to create a regional forum to coordinate on emission reductions
  - **Staff recommendation:**
    - continue to work with PSCAA and other partner agencies and report back to the Board at regular intervals

4. Freight

- Note key freight issues in plan and explore emerging trends
  - **Staff recommendation:**
    - continue to work with the Regional Freight Mobility Roundtable and the staff freight committee on identifying issues and the next freight work program
5. Special Needs Transportation

• Address common digital standards and exchange protocols among transportation providers

  • Staff recommendation:

    • work with the Special Needs Transportation Committee on this topic and whether to incorporate into next Coordinated Transit Human Services Plan

6. Roadway Capacity

• Work with WSDOT to ensure state, local and transit systems are integrated

  • Staff recommendation:

    • the State Facilities Action Plan addresses this issue; staff will be coming back to the Board later this year with more information
7. Bicycle / Pedestrian

- Request to adopt Vision Zero and a Complete Streets Policy
  - **Staff recommendation:**
    - begin work with the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee to explore the distinction between Target Zero and Vision Zero, for potential future recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board regarding safety performance measures & targets
    - discuss Complete Streets as part of the VISION 2050 MPP reviews
8. Multimodal

- Identify a target mode split
  - Staff recommendation:
    - Transportation Policy Board to discuss part of ongoing performance targets and in preparation for the 2022 plan

9. Analysis and documentation

- Be more explicit in the plan regarding the region’s congestion and mobility challenges
  - Staff recommendation:
    - provide more clarity in the final plan document
10. Equity

- Identify performance targets and improve overall outcomes for minority, low income, and historically marginalized groups

  - Staff recommendation:
    - *Transportation Policy Board to discuss as part of ongoing performance targets and in preparation for the 2022 plan*
Next Steps

March

• Initial Board review of draft staff responses to comments
• All comments and responses posted online at https://www.psrc.org/our-work/rtp
• Staff will begin work on technical and administrative corrections for final plan

April

• Transportation Policy Board recommendation on plan to Executive Board
  • Any further direction to staff on edits / amendments to plan
• Executive Board recommendation to General Assembly
Thank you.