Executive Board  
Thursday, February 28, 2019 • 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.  
PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

The meeting will be streamed live over the internet at www.psrc.org.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (10:00) - Executive Dave Somers, President**
2. **Communications and Public Comment**
3. **President's Remarks**
4. **Executive Director's Report**
5. **Committee Reports**  
   a. Transportation Policy Board - Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair  
   b. Growth Management Policy Board - Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair  
   c. Operations Committee - Executive Bruce Dammeier, Vice President  
   d. Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board - Councilmember Terry Ryan, CPSEDD President
6. **Consent Agenda (10:20)**  
   a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held January 24, 2019  
   b. Approve Vouchers Dated January 10 through February 15, 2019 in the Amount of $1,179,880.18  
   c. Approve Contract Authority to Purchase Audio/Video Web-Streaming Service  
   d. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program  
   e. Approve Certification of the Lakewood Regional Growth Center Subarea Plan  
   f. Approve Full Certification of Comprehensive Plan for Puyallup
7. **Discussion Item (10:25)**  
   a. Update on Seattle’s Working Waterfront -- Steve Metruck, Executive Director, Port of Seattle; and Kurt Beckett, Deputy CEO, Northwest Seaport Alliance
8. **Discussion Item (10:55)**  
   a. Draft Biennial Budget and Work Program FY2020-2021 -- Diana Lauderbach, PSRC
9. **Discussion Item (11:10)**  
   a. VISION 2050 Environmental Review -- Paul Ingham, PSRC
10. **Other Business**
11. **Next Meeting: Thursday, March 28, 2019, 10 - 11:30 a.m., PSRC Board Room**
12. **Adjourn (11:30)**
Board members please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Sheila Rogers, e-mail srogers@psrc.org; fax 206-587-4825; or mail.

Sign language and communication material in alternate formats can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling (206) 464-7090 or TTY Relay 711. 中文 | Chinese, 한국 | Korean, Русский | Russian, Español | Spanish, Tagalog, Tiếng việt | Vietnamese Call 206-587-4819.
February 14, 2019

**Moving Washington Forward**

The Transportation Policy Board enjoyed a presentation on the State of Transportation in Washington from Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar.

Secretary Millar discussed the importance of the transportation system to the state’s quality of life, social equity and the economy. He also provided an overview of the system and discussed current and future challenges and priorities, including workforce development, inclusion and information on the needs for maintenance and preservation. Secretary Millar also described how WSDOT is using Practical Solutions to align investments with values, working with partners and communities to create a shared vision of transportation priorities. [View the presentation](#) or [watch the meeting video](#).

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at 206-971-3601 or [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org).

**Washington State Ferries Long Range Plan**

The board also enjoyed a briefing from Washington State Ferries (WSF) Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton.

WSF operates the largest ferry system in the United States, carrying 25 million
passengers annually. Ridership is expected to reach 32 million passengers by 2040. WSF recently completed its 2040 Long-Range Plan, which recommends actions and investments to pursue over the next 20 years, including service and terminal improvements. View the presentation or watch the meeting video.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.

In other business, the board recommended:

- Adoption of a routine amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program
- Certification of the Lakewood Regional Growth Center Subarea Plan
- Full Certification of the Puyallup Comprehensive Plan
February 7, 2019

**How can the region address equity?**

Recognizing the importance of equity today, the Growth Management Policy Board dedicated an extended meeting to this topic on February 7.

Between now and 2050, the central Puget Sound region is expected to grow by 1.8 million people and the region is expected to become increasingly diverse. This growth will bring many benefits, but it could also exacerbate challenges, including housing affordability and economic and cultural displacement.

Nora Liu, from Race Forward’s Government Alliance on Race and Equity, presented to the board on an approach for incorporating equity in decision-making. Board members broke into small groups to discuss how equity should be reflected in regional policy, how growth can benefit more of the region’s residents, and how to mitigate displacement and improve access to opportunity.

As part of its work on equity, PSRC has developed an updated Demographic Profile, an Equity Briefing Paper, and new analysis tools for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for VISION 2050.

Based on the board’s comments, staff will draft policies that will be brought back to the board to ensure equity is addressed in all aspects of VISION 2050. [View the presentation](#)
For more information, contact Ben Bakkenta at 206-971-3286, BBakkenta@psrc.org, or Maggie Moore at 206-464-7143, MMoore@psrc.org.

**Housing policies in VISION 2050**

The board discussed proposed draft changes to the housing chapter in VISION 2050.

Rising costs for housing and growing homelessness are top concerns of people in the region, and housing has been consistently identified as a key topic to address in VISION 2050.

The board reviewed potential revisions and new policies and actions. Based on the discussion, staff will prepare proposed draft changes for board feedback prior to review of the draft plan in summer 2019. [View the presentation](#).

For more information, contact Laura Benjamin at 206-464-7134, LBenjamin@psrc.org, or Paul Inghram at 206-464-7549, PInghram@psrc.org.

**Accountability and implementation in VISION 2050**

The board was briefed on approaches and tools for implementing VISION. Staff recommended continuing to support local plan updates with technical assistance and data and to improve the plan review process.

For more information, contact Paul Inghram at 206-464-7549, PInghram@psrc.org.

**Certification for Downtown Lakewood center plan**

The board recommended certification of Lakewood’s subarea plan. The city envisions the center transitioning to a vibrant pedestrian-oriented urban area with civic amenities, public gathering spaces, and mix of uses.
Certification for Puyallup comprehensive plan

The board recommended full certification of the Puyallup comprehensive plan.

During the last update cycle, the City of Puyallup anticipated additional planning work for its downtown and the South Hill regional centers, and the city’s plan was conditionally certified. Since then, the city has completed extensive planning work that satisfies the certification conditions. The new plan for South Hill calls for increased development, greater densities, and opportunities to leverage available transit.

For more information, contact Andrea Harris-Long at 206-464-6179, AHarris-Long@psrc.org, or Liz Underwood-Bultmann at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org, 206-464-6174.
New Economic Analysis of Washington’s Global Trade and Supply Chain Management Sector

The Center of Excellence for Global Trade & Supply Chain Management will release a sector analysis this month. The sector employs an estimated 94,200 workers and includes the state’s robust intermodal, air cargo, road and rail infrastructure and the extensive network of service providers and logistics operations that support the movement of commodities through Washington to domestic and international markets. The analysis will evaluate the size, breadth, geographic diversity, and economic impacts of this sector in Washington. View the [presentation](#) or watch the [discussion](#).

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau at (206) 389-2879 or jthibedeau@psrc.org.

New Washington State Global Health Landscape Study

The Washington Global Health Alliance released a new study that tells the story of Washington-based organizations working in global health. The study reports that Washington’s global health community is over 250 organizations strong and contributes $8.8 billion in economic impact for the state. Global health organizations currently employ more than 14,000 people in Washington working to solve some of the world’s most complex problems. View the [presentation](#) or watch the [discussion](#).
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For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau at (206) 389-2879 or jthibedeau@psrc.org.

In other business, the board:

• Ratified the Executive Committee for the 2019-2020 Term.
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Executive Bruce Dammeier, Vice President. The signatures on the Attendance Sheet, as well as documentation by staff, determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to: http://psrcwaiqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx.]

Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included: (**participated via teleconference)

Executive Bruce Dammeier, PSRC Vice President, Pierce County
**Executive Dave Somers, PSRC President, Snohomish County
Commissioner Glen Bachman, Port of Everett
**Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
Executive Dow Constantine, King County
Mayor Becky Erickson, Poulsbo, Kitsap County Other Cities & Towns
Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County
Commissioner Courtney Gregoire, Port of Seattle
Mayor Dave Hill, Algona, King County Other Cities & Towns
Councilmember Rob Johnson, City of Seattle
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Councilmember Mike O'Brien, City of Seattle
**Mayor Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, King County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor Dana Ralph, City of Kent
Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, King County Other Cities & Towns
Ms. Patty Rubstello, WSDOT
**Councilmember Terry Ryan, Snohomish County
**Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, King County Other Cities & Towns
Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton
**Mayor Barbara Tolbert, Arlington, Snohomish County Other Cities & Towns
Councilmember Mike Todd, Mill Creek, Snohomish County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor Greg Wheeler, City of Bremerton
**Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County**
Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County

Members absent included:
(*alternate present)
Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, King County Other Cities & Towns
*Commissioner Cary Bozeman, Port of Bremerton
Mayor John Chelminiak, City of Bellevue
Mayor Jenny Durkan, City of Seattle
Mayor Cassie Franklin, City of Everett
Mayor Jim Ferrell, City of Federal Way
Mayor Denis Law, City of Renton
Mayor Ron Lucas, Steilacoom, Pierce County Other Cities & Towns
Commissioner Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma
*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, City of Seattle
Commissioner Hester Serebrin, Washington State Transportation Commission
Mayor Amy Walen, City of Kirkland
Mayor Victoria Woodards, City of Tacoma

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person addressed the board:
  - Alex Tsimerman

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Executive Bruce Dammeier, Acting Chair, announced that the board has two new members:
  - **Councilmember Derek Young** has been appointed as 2nd representative for Pierce County
  - **Councilmember Scott Murphy** has been appointed as the new alternate for City of Everett

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Bruce Dammeier, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that the Operations Committee met this morning and recommended approval of vouchers dated November 26 through December 31, 2018, in the amount of $1,189,552.62; recommended that the Executive Board approve the 2019 Title VI Plan; recommended approval of the Indirect Cost Plan for FY19; and recommended that the Executive Board maintain current representatives at 33 members. The Operations Committee will review the city and county board representatives again in the fall of 2019.
Executive Dammeier then called on Thu Le, HR Manager, who introduced new employee Catherine Kato, Transportation Planning Data Technician.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded (Johnson/Garrido) to: (a) Approve Minutes of Meeting held December 6, 2018; (b) Approve Vouchers Dated November 26 through December 31, 2018 in the Amount of $1,189,552.62; (c) Approve PSRC Executive Board Representatives; (d) Adopt 2019 Title VI Plan; (e) Approve PSRC’s FY 2019 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal; (f) Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); (g) Adopt Regional Transportation Plan Project Amendment and Approval Request: WSDOT I-90 / Eastgate to SR 900 Corridor Improvements Project; (h) Approve Certification of the Sumner-Pacific Manufacturing/Industrial Center Subarea Plan and (i) Approve Certification of the Metro Everett Regional Growth Center. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Regional Aviation Baseline Study Update**

Jason Thibedeau, PSRC Principal Economic Development Manager and Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director, provided an update on the Regional Aviation Baseline Study. The Executive Board is overseeing a two-year study, funded by a $1.6 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, to provide a clear picture of the region’s aviation system activities and needs in the region and set the stage for future planning efforts. The project kicked off in October 2018 with WSP selected as the consultant.

PSRC has been meeting with regional airports and airport communities to discuss the objectives of the project and learn more about the aviation needs of these communities.

**Puget Sound Data Trends**

Craig Helmann, PSRC Director of Data, briefed the board on 2018 data covering several trends that highlight how the region is growing with a focus on the continued changes that occurred this past year.

Key points included:

- The region gained 63,000 jobs from 2017 to 2018.
- Average weekly income grew in all counties.
- Passenger volumes at Sea-Tac reached 45.9 million, up by 6% in 2018.
- Rents and home sale prices are stabilizing.
- Home sales are declining.
- Commute trip times are increasing.
• Region’s drive alone share is the 5th lowest in the nation.
• Region led the nation in transit boardings for the fifth year in a row.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 10 - 11:30 a.m., PSRC Board Room.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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Adopted this 28th day of February, 2019

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Executive Dave Somers, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

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Josh Brown, Executive Director
CONSENT AGENDA

February 21, 2019

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Bruce Dammeier, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: Approve Vouchers Dated January 10 through February 15, 2019 in the Amount of $1,179,880.18

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080, following the Operations Committee’s review, the Executive Board approves the vouchers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

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For additional information, please contact Diana Lauderbach at 206-464-5416; email dlauderbach@psrc.org.
CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Bruce Dammeier, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: Approve Contract Authority to Purchase Audio/Video Web-Streaming Service

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter into a contract in excess of $10,000 per year. A request is being made to authorize the purchase of new equipment and services for streaming of sound and video of board meetings from the Boardroom.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more contracts to purchase audio/video web-streaming equipment and service not to exceed $60,000 total for three years.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program includes sufficient funds within the overhead/information systems budget for this project for the current fiscal year. The proposed FY 2019-20 budget contains sufficient funds for the next biennium.

DISCUSSION

The PSRC Technology Plan includes as one of its strategies “Leverage technology to make PSRC board meetings available beyond 1011 Western Avenue.” Implementing that strategy, PSRC has been streaming live audio and video of board meetings (Executive Board, Transportation and Growth Management Policy Boards, and Central...
Puget Sound Economic Development District Board) over the Internet since 2008 using in-room camera and sound systems in the Boardroom.

The current contract for web-streaming and agenda management services expires March 31, 2019. New contract authorization is needed to secure the services of one or more firms to provide these services. The recommended action will provide this authorization so that PSRC may continue to make board meetings available to the public on the Internet. Costs are estimated at $16,000 to 20,000 per year based on recent contract costs.

For more information, please contact Jerry Harless at 206-464-5325 or jharless@psrc.org.
CONSENT AGENDA

February 21, 2019

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program

IN BRIEF

Two agencies submitted two projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. These projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various processes, such as the National Highway Performance Program. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan. At its meeting on February 14, the Transportation Policy Board recommended adoption of the amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt an amendment to the 2019-2022 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339), and Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310).
While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2040, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is described further below.

Consistency with VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC’s Project Tracking Policies

This month’s amendment includes no Project Tracking actions.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions

The following is a list of state and federal funding sources that are referenced in Exhibit A.

NHPP Provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS).
For more information, please contact Ryan Thompto at 206-464-7122 or rthompto@psrc.org.

Attachments:
Exhibit A 19-02
## Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2017-2020 TIP

**Exhibit A**

### Month: February  
**Year:** 2019

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<td>New project adding preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction funds to design and establish a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system from the south Shoreline light rail station at I-5 along the SR 522 corridor to UW Bothell with connecting service at lower frequencies to Woodinville. The project will include new and upgraded transit centers, new park-and ride capacity, and access improvements to the stations.</td>
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CONSENT AGENDA

February 21, 2019

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board
       Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair, Growth Management Policy Board

Subject: Approve Certification of the Lakewood Regional Growth Center Subarea Plan

IN BRIEF

The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board recommend that the Executive Board certify the Lakewood Downtown subarea plan. The certification report further describes how the plan meets applicable requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should certify the Lakewood Downtown subarea plan addresses planning expectations for regional growth centers.

DISCUSSION

A major emphasis of the Washington State Growth Management Act is the need to coordinate local, regional, and state planning efforts. Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and the Puget Sound Regional Council have worked together to develop an overall process for reviewing local, countywide, regional, and transit agency policies and plans for compatibility and consistency.

VISION 2040, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the Adopted Policy and Plan Review Process call for PSRC to review and certify subarea planning efforts of jurisdictions with designated regional centers. VISION 2040 includes an action (DP-Action-17, p. 98) for jurisdictions with regional growth centers and/or
manufacturing/industrial centers to develop subarea plans for those centers. This expectation has been in place since the PSRC Executive Board adopted its Plan Review Process in 2003. Review of center subarea plans provides an opportunity to coordinate and share information related to local and regional planning.

Lakewood adopted the Lakewood Downtown Regional Growth Center Subarea Plan in October 2018. Downtown Lakewood consists of 315 acres and is largely comprised of retail and limited residential uses. The city envisions the center transitioning to a vibrant pedestrian-oriented urban area with civic amenities, public gathering spaces, and mix of uses. Downtown Lakewood was designated as a regional growth center in 1995. The city completed the subarea plan to address regional growth center subarea plan requirements and submitted the plan to PSRC.

PSRC staff has reviewed the subarea plan and finds that it addresses the planning expectations for regional growth centers. PSRC staff coordinated with city staff in the review of the plan and drafting of the certification report. The newly adopted Regional Centers Framework (2018) calls for review of centers and center planning again in 2025, and PSRC may provide additional comments or guidance for center planning as part of that work.

For more information, please contact Andrea Harris-Long at 206-464-6179 or aharris-long@psrc.org or Liz Underwood-Bultmann at 206-464-6174 or LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org.

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1 The specific requirements for center planning are provided in PSRC’s Plan Review Manual, and the process is also described in VISION 2040, Part IV: Implementation. Certification of the jurisdiction’s comprehensive plan for consistency with the regional transportation plan, regionally established guidelines and policies, and Growth Management Act requirements for transportation planning is completed through a separate board action.
CONSENT AGENDA February 21, 2019

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board
     Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair, Growth Management Policy Board

Subject: Approve Full Certification of Comprehensive Plan for Puyallup

IN BRIEF

The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board recommend that the Executive Board fully certify the Puyallup comprehensive plan. The certification report further describes how the plan meets applicable requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should certify the transportation-related provisions of the Puyallup comprehensive plan, as amended in 2018, are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan and conform to the Growth Management requirements for transportation planning.

DISCUSSION

During the 2015 periodic comprehensive plan update cycle, the City of Puyallup anticipated additional planning work for its downtown and the South Hill regional centers. At the time of initial certification, the city’s work was in progress. As a result, on April 28, 2016, PSRC conditionally certified the Puyallup 2015 comprehensive plan update. The February 2016 certification report noted inconsistencies in the different elements of the plan and that the plan did not demonstrate sufficient capacity for the adopted growth targets. The conditional certification (view the 2016 certification report here) allowed the city to compete in regional funding competitions, while continuing the planning work that was underway.

Since 2015, the city has completed extensive planning work that satisfies the
certification conditions. The new plan for South Hill calls for increased development, greater densities, and opportunities to leverage available transit.

With the adoption of the subarea plan, a planned action environmental impact statement for downtown, additional code changes to encourage infill development, and comprehensive plan amendments that incorporate the increased capacity and revised growth projections, staff recommends full certification of the plan. The 2018 plan amendments have been reviewed in accordance with the adopted plan review process. The plan amendments have been found to be consistent with multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan and to conform to transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. The certification report further describes how the city has satisfied the certification conditions. PSRC staff coordinated with city staff in the review of the amendments and the development of the certification report.

For more information, please contact Andrea Harris-Long at 206-464-6179 or AHarris-Long@psrc.org or Liz Underwood-Bultmann at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org or 206-464-6174.
To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: Update on Seattle's Working Waterfront

IN BRIEF

At the February 28 meeting, Port of Seattle Executive Director Steve Metruck and Northwest Seaport Alliance Deputy CEO Kurt Beckett will provide the Executive Board with an update on their activities around the Seattle Harbor.

DISCUSSION

Last fall, the Port of Seattle Commission supported the blue print of an ambitious waterfront 5-year capital improvement plan that includes projects from Fishermen’s Terminal down to the SODO neighborhood.

In addition, the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) is taking steps towards securing a lease with a new tenant at Terminal 5 (near West Seattle). The NWSA oversight body – the joint Port of Seattle and Tacoma Commissions (known as the “Managing Members”) – will vote on a proposed lease at their February 26 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Rick Olson, Director of Government Relations and Communications at 206-464-971-3050 or rolson@psrc.org.
DISCUSSION ITEM

February 21, 2019

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: Draft Biennial Budget and Work Program FY2020-2021

IN BRIEF

At the February 28 meeting, the Executive Board will be given a presentation on the draft fiscal year 2020-2021 biennial budget and work program. This presentation will include an overview of the budgeted revenues, expenditures and work for PSRC during the biennium.

DISCUSSION

The process to develop the next biennial budget and work program is underway. The PSRC budget outlines transportation, economic and growth planning activities for the fiscal years 2020-2021.

The PSRC Operations Committee has primary responsibility for developing the budget and work program for both PSRC and the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District. The full draft budget is posted on PSRC’s website at https://www.psrc.org/about/budget for review by the PSRC policy boards, the Economic Development District Board and various committees. Comments are due by March 16 and will be compiled and reviewed prior to the March 28, 2019 Executive Board Meeting. The final budget is scheduled for approval by the Executive Board in March, adoption by the PSRC General Assembly in May and approval by the Economic Development District Board in June.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Lauderbach, Chief Financial Officer at 206-464-5416 or dlauderbach@psrc.org.
DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: VISION 2050 Environmental Review

February 21, 2019

IN BRIEF

Staff will brief the Executive Board on the VISION 2050 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, scheduled to be released on February 28, including three Regional Growth Strategy alternatives.

DISCUSSION

VISION 2040 is the shared and integrated strategy for sustainable growth in the central Puget Sound region. VISION 2040 includes goals, multicounty planning policies (MPPs), and implementation actions. It also sets forth the Regional Growth Strategy, which provides numeric guidance for planning for population, housing, and employment growth in countywide targets and local comprehensive plans.

Population in the region has grown to 4.1 million, with more than 376,000 new residents added since 2010. More growth is coming. Forecasts show the region expects to grow by another 1.8 million additional people and 1.2 million new jobs by 2050. VISION 2050 extends the planning horizon for the growth strategy to 2050.

The region has had important successes implementing VISION 2040 in its first ten years. The plan has helped coordinate state and regional initiatives and support local decisions. Regionally, growth is shifting toward more compact, sustainable development occurring within urban areas and cities, with reduced impacts on the environment and improved preservation of farms, forests and natural areas.
At the same time, the region continues to face challenges, including the rising cost of housing and congestion stemming from rapid growth. And while recent economic growth has been strong, prosperity has not benefited everyone or all parts of the region.

VISION 2050 is an opportunity to reassess the current growth strategy, make adjustments, and refocus the long-range plan to better address these challenges.

Growth Strategy Alternatives

VISION 2040’s Regional Growth Strategy was developed from several alternatives that were studied through an extensive environmental analysis. These alternatives ranged from highly concentrated growth in Metropolitan Cities to more dispersed growth patterns. The preferred hybrid alternative that emerged from that process represented a deliberate move away from historical trends and toward a more sustainable pattern of development that could be achieved within the long-range planning period to 2040.

For VISION 2050, two new growth pattern alternatives were developed to explore potential changes to the existing growth strategy. These alternatives were intended to work within the range established by the VISION 2040 Final Environmental Impact Statement and build off of the current strategy, rather than start over.

In November 2018, the Growth Management Policy Board selected three Regional Growth Strategy alternatives for analysis:

- **STAY THE COURSE** – Is a direct extension of the VISION 2040 Regional Growth Strategy and assumes a compact growth pattern, focused in the largest and most transit-connected cities in the region with the region’s 29 designated regional growth centers. This alternative serves as the required “no action alternative” under SEPA.

- **TRANSIT FOCUSED GROWTH** – This growth scenario incorporates an explicit goal of 75 percent population and employment growth to occur within a quarter- to a half-mile from current and planned high-capacity transit stations, including light rail, bus rapid transit, commuter rail, ferries, and street car. This alternative also assumes a greater role in accommodating growth by areas served by high-capacity transit in urban unincorporated areas. Growth in rural areas is the lowest in this alternative.

- **RESET URBAN GROWTH** – This scenario would continue to allocate the largest shares of growth to Metropolitan Cities and Core Cities, although comparatively less than Stay the Course or Transit Focused Growth. This scenario shares similarities with actual growth patterns that occurred from 2000 to 2016 and assumes a more dispersed growth pattern throughout the urban area. This scenario allocates growth to Cities & Towns and Urban Unincorporated Areas based on land use capacity and includes more growth in outlying and rural areas.
Stay the Course maintains the distribution shares of population and employment based on the current Regional Growth Strategy in VISION 2040. Washington State OFM released updated county growth projections in 2017, which were used to provide new county distribution shares of population as a basis for the Transit Focused Growth and Reset Urban Growth alternatives. Additionally, based on board and committee feedback, both Transit Focused Growth and Reset Urban Growth incorporate a 5% shift of employment from King County to Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties to support a better balance of jobs and housing.

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

The objective of defining Regional Growth Strategy alternatives is to evaluate distinct, yet reasonable, alternatives. PSRC staff has worked with consultant Parametrix to analyze the three alternatives for their performance and environmental impacts. A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) is scheduled to be released on February 28, which will provide documentation of the impacts and comparison of the alternatives. Staff will provide the board with a review of the analysis at the meeting.

Following release of the Draft SEIS will be a public comment period that will run until April 1 seeking input on the three growth alternatives and the environmental analysis. An announcement for five upcoming open house meetings is attached. People will also be encouraged to participate in an online open house and provide comments, which will be hosted at https://www.psrc.org.

NEXT STEPS

The Growth Management Policy Board will review the environmental analysis and public comments received during the comment period at its upcoming meetings in March, April and May. Meanwhile, the board will also work to review and consider updates to multicounty planning policies. Using comments and the environmental review, the board will work to identify a preferred growth strategy that may be one of the alternatives or a hybrid that combines elements. The board is scheduled to release a draft plan with a preferred growth alternative this summer for public review.

A recommendation on the draft VISION 2050 will be provided to the Executive Board in early 2020. Adoption of VISION 2050 is anticipated to occur with General Assembly in the spring of 2020.

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Attachments:
V2050 SEIS Open House Flyer
Draft SEIS Open Houses

We need your input! PSRC will be seeking comments in March 2019 on the Draft Supplemental Environment Impact Statement (SEIS) for VISION 2050, the region’s long-range plan to keep the central Puget Sound region healthy and vibrant as it grows.

The SEIS reviews the environmental effects of three regional growth alternatives that distribute growth in unique patterns throughout the region.

Drop in to an open house to learn more about the alternatives and join the regional conversation:

**Tuesday, March 12 / 4-6PM / Edmonds City Hall**
121 5th Avenue N, Edmonds, 98020

**Wednesday, March 13 / 4-6PM / South Tacoma Public Library**
3411 S 56th Street, Tacoma, 98409

**Monday, March 18 / 4-6PM / Bothell Police Community Room**
18410 101st Avenue NE, Bothell, 98011

**Tuesday, March 19 / 4-6PM / Bremerton City Council Chambers**
345 6th Street, #600, Bremerton, 98377

**Thursday, March 21 / 12-2PM / PSRC Boardroom**
1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, 98104

Can’t attend an open house in person? Participate online at [https://www.psrc.org/](https://www.psrc.org/).

For more information, please email VISION2050@psrc.org, call 206-464-7090, or visit [https://www.psrc.org/vision](https://www.psrc.org/vision).