Executive Board  
Thursday, October 24, 2019 • 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104  

The meeting will be streamed live over the internet at [www.psrc.org](http://www.psrc.org).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (10:00) - Executive Bruce Dammeier, President  
2. Communications and Public Comment  
3. President's Remarks  
4. Executive Director's Report  
5. Committee Reports  
   a. Transportation Policy Board - Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair  
   b. Growth Management Policy Board - Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair  
   c. Operations Committee - Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Vice President  
   d. Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board - Councilmember Terry Ryan, CPSEDD President  

6. Consent Agenda  
   a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held September 26, 2019  
   b. Approve Vouchers Dated September 11, 2019 through October 13, 2019 in the Amount of $889,336.99  
   c. Approve Contract Authorization for Architect Services  
   d. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program  
   e. Authorize a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the King County Foothills Trail (South) and White River Bridge Project  

7. New Business (10:30)  
   a. Authorize a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the Sound Transit Downtown Redmond Link Extension Project -- Peter Rogoff, Sound Transit  

8. Discussion Item (10:50)  
   a. Regional Aviation Baseline Study Update -- Jason Thibedeau, PSRC  

9. Other Business  

10. Next Meeting: NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER  
    Thursday, December 5, 2019, 10 - 11:30 AM, PSRC Board Room  

11. 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.
October 10, 2019

Redmond Downtown Link Light Rail Extension

The Transportation Policy Board has recommended Regional Transportation Plan approved status for the Downtown Redmond Link Light Rail Extension. The project adds two new light rail stations in southeast Redmond, serving Marymoor Village near Marymoor Park and the downtown residential and retail core. It is planned to open in 2024. The Executive Board will make a final decision at its meeting on October 24. View the presentation or watch the meeting video.

For more information, contact Ryan Thompto at 206-464-7122 or rthompto@psrc.org.

SR 99 Tolling and the Seattle Squeeze

The “Seattle Squeeze” refers to the numerous construction projects in downtown Seattle going on through 2024. Demolition of the viaduct is nearing conclusion and tolling of the State Route 99 tunnel is scheduled to begin on November 9. Transit services have changed, the downtown tunnel has converted to light rail only and is preparing for construction impacts from the connections to East Link, and Third Avenue has expanded its services as a bus only corridor. Representatives from WSDOT, Seattle, King County Metro and Sound Transit presented on these activities, their continued coordination
efforts, and the plan to keep people and goods moving through downtown during this challenging period. View the presentation.

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

**PSRC’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Program**

PSRC supports local bicycle and pedestrian planning with regional data and modeling, regional planning through the Active Transportation Plan, a part of the Regional Transportation Plan, and facilitating collaboration through the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Over the last several months, PSRC surveyed local jurisdictions on the availability of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure data and count programs. PSRC has also tested methods of data collection and begun inventorying pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure plans, policies, and regulations. These efforts are expected to improve baseline information to assist in future bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts. View the presentation.

For more information, please contact Sarah Gutschow at 206-587-4822, or sgutschow@psrc.org.

**In other business, the board:**

- Recommended approval of a Regional Transportation Plan project status change from candidate to approved for the King County Foothills Trail and White River Bridget Project.
- Recommended approval of a routine amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan for six projects.
October 3, 2019

VISION 2050 Public Comment and Draft Review

The Growth Management Policy Board continued its discussion of the draft VISION 2050 plan.

The public comment period on the plan ended on September 16. Outreach included open houses, booths at community fairs, blog posts, newspaper op-eds, social media, and an online open house on PSRC’s website. In total, PSRC received 590 letters, emails or comments in other forms.

Major topics addressed in public comments included climate change, social equity, rural growth, housing affordability, coordination with the region's tribes, aviation impacts on communities, the role of military installations, and fiscal challenges facing counties and cities.

Board members also discussed areas of interest that were previously identified by the board, including the Regional Growth Strategy, climate change, jobs/housing balance, and fiscal sustainability. [View the presentation](#).

In November, the board will hold an extended meeting to allow time for in-depth review of public comments and consideration of any proposed amendments to the draft VISION 2050 plan. A final recommendation to the Executive Board is anticipated in December.
For more information, contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann at 206-464-6174 or lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org, or Paul Inghram at 206-464-7549 or pinghram@psrc.org.
October 2, 2019

**Election of New Vice President**

The board unanimously elected Tom Florino to serve as vice president of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board, filling the remainder of the current term through February 2020.

**Regional Prosperity Plan**

Brian McGowan, CEO of Greater Seattle Partners, gave a presentation to the board on the Regional Prosperity Plan. This plan will guide efforts by Greater Seattle Partners to coordinate and lead regional promotion and economic growth over the next three years.

The Regional Prosperity Plan describes goals and strategies designed to:

- Build the region's global identity to attract new investment and advance trade
- Attract and retain talent to strengthen our regional competitiveness
- Elevate regional economic development to achieve inclusive economic growth

[View the presentation](#) or [watch the meeting video](#).

**Amazing Place Midpoint Review**
PSRC staff provided an update on implementation of Amazing Place, the region's five-year economic strategy adopted in 2017.

These implementation efforts include industry analysis and development efforts, new programs and partnerships, regional planning efforts, legislative changes, and investments in new facilities and public works infrastructure.

[View the presentation](#) or [watch the meeting video](#).

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

Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, September 26, 2019
PSRC Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Executive Bruce Dammeier, 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://psrcwa.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx.]

Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:

(*participants via phone)

Executive Bruce Dammeier, PSRC President, Pierce County
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC Vice President, King County
Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, King County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, King County Other Cities & Towns
Councilmember Bruce Bassett, Mercer Island, King County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor Allan Ekberg, Tukwila, King County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor Becky Erickson, Poulsbo, Kitsap County Other Cities & Towns
**Mayor Cassie Franklin, City of Everett
**Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
**Mayor Denis Law, City of Renton
Mayor Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, King County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor Bill Pugh, Sumner, Pierce County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor Dana Ralph, City of Kent
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County
**Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline, King County Other Cities & Towns
Ms. Patty Rubstello, WSDOT
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Snohomish County
**Commissioner Hester Serebrin, Washington State Transportation Commission
**Executive Dave Somers, Snohomish County
Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, King Co. Other Cities & Towns

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Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton
Mayor Penny Sweet, City of Kirkland
Councilmember Mike Todd, Mill Creek, Snohomish County Other Cities & Towns
**Mayor Barbara Tolbert, Arlington, Snohomish County Other Cities & Towns
**Mayor Greg Wheeler, City of Bremerton
**Mayor Victoria Woodards, City of Tacoma

Members absent included:
(*alternate present)

Commissioner Glen Bachman, Port of Everett
*Commissioner Cary Bozeman, Port of Bremerton
Mayor John Chelminiak, City of Bellevue
Executive Dow Constantine, King County
Mayor Jenny Durkan, City of Seattle
Mayor Jim Ferrell, City of Federal Way
Commissioner Courtney Gregoire, Port of Seattle
Commissioner Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma
*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, City of Seattle
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Councilmember Abel Pacheco, City of Seattle
*Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:
- Alex Tsimerman
- Marguerite Richard

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Bruce Dammeier stated that the bulk of the meeting today would focus on PSRC Funding. Which includes action on a list of projects recommended for $5 million in Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding. Then the board would hear about the history of how the different types of PSRC funding are allocated and the current status of the programs and projects. He noted that, “we are getting ready for the next funding cycle and want to hear from you on how we can continue to improve our funding program.”

President Dammeier informed the board that this is a rotation year for some of the non-voting seats representing business/labor and community/environment on the Transportation and Growth Management Policy Boards. The eight non-voting seats on each board have 3-year terms that are staggered so that only some of the seats are rotated in each cycle. Four seats have terms expiring at the end of 2019 on the Growth Board, and two expiring on the Transportation Board. An announcement was sent
earlier this month inviting organizations to nominate individuals for the rotating seats. Current members are welcome to reapply. The deadline to submit applications is October 18.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that the Operations Committee met, and recommended approval of the vouchers dated July 17 through September 13, 2019, in the amount of $2,154,045.69.

The committee reviewed PSRC’s weighted votes, discussed PSRC Executive Board representatives and the draft supplemental biennial budget process.

The committee also reviewed monthly budget, contract and grant reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to: (a) Approve Minutes of Meeting held July 25, 2019 (b) Approve Vouchers Dated July 17, 2019 through September 13, 2019 in the Amount of $2,154,045.69, and (c) Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program Funding

Kelly McGourty, PSRC Director of Transportation Planning, briefed the board on the request to approve Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding.

As part of the 2018 project selection process for the distribution of PSRC’s federal funds, $5 million was set aside to assist rural communities in implementing town center and corridor improvements.

On July 11, the Transportation Policy Board authorized the release of seven projects recommended for funding through the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program for public review and comment, including a prioritized contingency list of four projects should additional funds become available prior to the next selection process.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding to the list of projects identified in Attachment A, along with the list of recommended contingency list projects. The motion passed unanimously.
PSRC Funding Report

Kelly McGourty, PSRC Director of Transportation Planning, provided a brief overview of the competitive process conducted for PSRC’s federal funds, including information on the types of projects awarded over time and implementation of key investments. In addition, emerging issues and other key areas of interest will be identified.

She reported that PSRC is beginning the process to update the Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds, which will guide the competitive project selection process to be conducted in 2020. The Project Selection Task Force, comprised of volunteers from all four PSRC boards, will meet from September through December to make a recommendation on this framework to the Transportation Policy Board by January 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board will next meet on Thursday, October 24, 2019, 10 - 11:30 a.m., PSRC Board Room.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Adopted this 24th day of October, 2019.

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Executive Bruce Dammeier, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

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Josh Brown, Executive Director
CONSENT AGENDA

October 17, 2019

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: Approve Vouchers Dated September 11, 2019 through October 13, 2019 in the Amount of $889,336.99

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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<td>09/11/19 - 10/10/19</td>
<td>AP Vouchers</td>
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For additional information, contact Diana Lauderbach at 206-464-5416 or dlauderbach@psrc.org.
CONSENT AGENDA
October 17, 2019

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: Approve Contract Authorization for Architect Services

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 architect services to design physical safety improvements and to begin space planning in anticipation of a new office lease in 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more contracts for architecture services not to exceed $25,000.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program includes sufficient funds within overhead/facilities budget for this project for the current fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

The elevator and reception lobby of the PSRC office suite provide no physical barriers to an aggressive or otherwise threatening intruder. Many public and private office lobbies have a glass or other barrier with staff access via a proximity key card and public access granted by a receptionist.

The recommended action will authorize PSRC to contract with one or more architects or other specialists to design physical security improvements to the entrance to PSRC’s office suite. Actual construction will require a separate authorization.
PSRC’s office lease expires in 2024 and it is unknown at this time if it will be feasible to renew a lease at the current location or whether the agency will move to a new location. PSRC’s staffing level has declined since the current lease was signed in 2012 and is expected to remain constant at this lower level (approximately 60-65 employees).

The recommended action will authorize PSRC to contract with one or more architects and/or space planners to work with staff to evaluate current and anticipated office and meeting room needs. This will provide information to help estimate future lease costs and narrow the office space search as the end of the current lease approaches.

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

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

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

IN BRIEF

Three agencies submitted six 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 Connecting Washington funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. 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 October 10, 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.

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

Attachments:
Exhibit A
### Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2019-2022 TIP

**Month:** September  
**Year:** 2019  

**Exhibit A**

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| 1. King County Parks Department | **Foothills Trail (South) and White River Bridge**  
New project adding preliminary engineering and construction funds to develop a 1.2 mile-long paved regional trail segment and bridge between Enumclaw and Buckley through Unincorporated King County. It will link the southern terminus of the existing Foothills Trail in Enumclaw to the northern terminus of the existing Foothills Trail at the City of Buckley. Project will be developed in two sequential segments: Segment A - 252nd to SE Boise Creek Bridge at Mud Mountain Road; Segment B - Boise Creek Bridge to Buckley, including bridge. | $2,800,000 State  
$15,947,672 Local  
**Total $18,747,672** | ✓  
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| 2. Renton | **Williams Ave S and Wells Ave S Conversion Project**  
New right of way phase adding funds to convert Williams Ave S and Wells Ave S between S Grady Way and N 1st St from a one-way to a two-way operation, upgrade traffic signals, raised intersections with curb bulbouts at Williams Ave S/S 2nd St, Williams Ave S/S 3rd St, Wells Ave S/S 2nd St, and Wells Ave S/S 3rd St, new segments of sidewalk, landscaping, street furniture and lighting on Williams Ave S and Wells Ave S within the Downtown core, a bicycle boulevard/green street along Wells Ave S (from Houser Way S to the Cedar River Trail), bicycle racks, railroad crossing improvements, signage, markings and wayfinding. | $117,789 Local  
**Total $117,789** | ✓  
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<td>I-90/Homer M Hadley Bridge - Anchor Cable Replacement New construction phase adding funds to replace</td>
<td>$3,642,471 Connecting Washington $3,642,471 Total</td>
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<td>4. WSDOT Northwest Region</td>
<td>I-90/Lacey V Murrow Bridge - Anchor Cable Replacement New construction phase adding funds to replace</td>
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<td>5. WSDOT Northwest Region</td>
<td>SR 509/28th/24th Ave S to S 188th St - SR 509 Completion Stage 2 New project with preliminary</td>
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| 6. WSDOT Northwest Region | SR 513/Montlake Bridge - Grid Deck Replacement New project with preliminary engineering and construction phases adding funds to replace the grid deck in order to eliminate the need for emergency repair and provide a solid driving surface that is securely attached to the bridge. | $4,064,594 Federal NHPP  
$112,270 Local  
$4,176,864 Total | ☐  ☑  ☐  ☐ |
CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board
From: Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board
Subject: Authorize a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the King County Foothills Trail (South) and White River Bridge Project

IN BRIEF

King County has submitted a request to change the status of the Foothills Trail (South) and White River Bridge project from “Candidate” to “Approved.” Per PSRC’s adopted procedures, requests to change a project status require Board action. At its meeting on October 10, the Transportation Policy Board recommended that the Executive Board authorize changing the status of the project as requested.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should authorize a change in project status for the King County Foothills Trail (South) and White River Bridge project from “Candidate” to “Approved.”

DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan contains policies requiring PSRC’s Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan are designated as Candidate, Approved, or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan, and/or other planning requirements. A project’s status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final
signatures on its environmental documentation but has completed all other requirements, the Executive Board may grant Conditional Approval. Once the final details have been completed, staff has the authority to grant a project full Approval status administratively, thereby saving the project sponsor several weeks of delay.

The Foothills Trail (South) and White River Bridge project will develop a 1.2 mile paved regional trail segment and bridge between the cities of Enumclaw and Buckley through Unincorporated King County. The project will link the southern terminus of the existing Foothills Trail in Enumclaw and 252nd Avenue SE to the northern terminus of the existing Foothills Trail at the City of Buckley. The project is being implemented in two sequential segments: Segment A from 252nd Avenue SE to Boise Creek Bridge at Mud Mountain Road and Segment B from Boise Creek Bridge to Buckley, including the White River Bridge.

Table 1 below provides additional details of the project, including the criteria used to review the project for the requested status change.

Table 1: Project Details and Review Criteria

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<td>Total Project Cost</td>
<td>$ 18,747,672</td>
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<td>Consistency with Transportation 2040</td>
<td>The project is consistent with regional policy.</td>
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<td>Policies</td>
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<td>Benefit-Cost Analysis</td>
<td>Not required, project is less than $100,000</td>
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<td>Environmental Documentation</td>
<td>The SEPA processes are complete and a Determination of Non-Significance was issued in June, 2017.</td>
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<td>Other Planning Requirements</td>
<td>An Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Planning, Design, and Construction of the project was completed December 11, 2015 by King County, Pierce County, WSDOT, and the cities of Enumclaw and Buckley. In addition, two temporary construction-related easements have been secured from local property owners along with an Aquatic Use Authorization from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.</td>
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<td>Financial Feasibility</td>
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<td>Air Quality Conformity</td>
<td>Approving this project will not change the region’s air quality conformity determination.</td>
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For more information, please contact Ryan Thompto at 206-464-7122 or rthompto@psrc.org.
ACTION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: Authorize a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the Sound Transit Downtown Redmond Link Extension Project

IN BRIEF

Sound Transit has submitted a request to change the status of the Downtown Redmond Link Extension project from “Candidate” to “Approved.” Per PSRC’s adopted procedures, requests to change a project status require Board action. At its meeting on October 10, the Transportation Policy Board recommended that the Executive Board authorize changing the status of the project as requested.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should authorize a change in project status for the Sound Transit Downtown Redmond Link Extension project from “Candidate” to “Approved.”

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The Regional Transportation Plan contains policies requiring PSRC’s Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan are designated as Candidate, Approved, or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan, and/or other planning requirements. A project’s status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final
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The Downtown Redmond Extension project will construct a 3.4 mile extension of Link Light Rail from the interim terminus at the Redmond Technology Station (formerly called the Overlake Transit Center Station) to downtown Redmond. Light rail will travel along State Route 520 with two new stations: the SE Redmond Station east of Marymoor Park, and the Downtown Redmond Station. As part of the project, a parking garage with approximately 1,400 spaces and bus bays and layover space will be constructed adjacent to SE Redmond Station.

When it opens in 2024, the Downtown Redmond Link Extension will serve population and employment while offering connections to numerous local and regional bus lines, including some of the region’s bus rapid transit lines. Project ridership, including East Link Extension, is 43,000-52,000 daily riders by 2026.

Table 1 below provides additional details of the project, including the criteria used to review the project for the requested status change.

Table 1: Project Details and Review Criteria

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<th>Review Criteria</th>
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<td><strong>Total Project Cost</strong></td>
<td>$1,530,000,000</td>
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<td><strong>Consistency with Transportation 2040 Policies</strong></td>
<td>The project is consistent with regional policy.</td>
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<td><strong>Benefit-Cost Analysis</strong></td>
<td>Benefit-cost analysis for Downtown Redmond Link was conducted as a part of the ST3 plan. Sound Transit issued a report in September 2016, with an associated benefit-cost ratio of 1.12.</td>
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<td><strong>Environmental Documentation</strong></td>
<td>FTA and FHWA issued their respective Records of Decision in November 2011. SEPA Addendum and NEPA re-evaluation was approved by the FTA in August 2018.</td>
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<td><strong>Other Planning Requirements</strong></td>
<td>Sound Transit has entered into numerous agreements with partner jurisdictions and agencies, including MOUs for interjurisdictional coordination, transitway agreements, and I-5 airspace agreements with WSDOT.</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Feasibility</strong></td>
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<td>Air Quality Conformity</td>
<td>Approving this project will not change the region’s air quality conformity determination.</td>
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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: Regional Aviation Baseline Study Update

IN BRIEF

PSRC is leading a Regional Aviation Baseline Study, which will build on the master planning work underway at many of the region’s airports and set the stage for future aviation planning. At the October meeting, staff and consultants will release preliminary analysis of future regional landside and airside capacity and needs for commercial, freight, and general aviation activities in 2050. Staff will also provide an update on next steps for the project.

DISCUSSION

At its June 27 meeting, the Executive Board received a briefing on new commercial, freight and general aviation activity forecasts for 2050. At the October meeting, the board will have an opportunity to review and discuss preliminary analysis of planned capacity at the region’s airports and how it compares to the 2050 forecasts released last spring. The board will also receive a briefing on how the region’s airspace is used by different aviation sectors, with a discussion of current and future issues and possible constraints.

The Regional Aviation Baseline Study will build on master planning underway at several of the region’s airports and will examine the dynamics of the region’s growing aviation activity, the economic impact of the region’s airports, and community issues and concerns with airport activities. WSP was selected as the consultant to perform the analysis for the study, which kicked off in October 2018 and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2020. Key findings and data will be released throughout the study period as phases of analysis are complete.
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