MINUTES

Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, October 24, 2019
PSRC Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Executive
Bruce Dammeyer, 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:

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

Executive Bruce Dammeyer, PSRC President, Pierce County
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC Vice President, King County
Commissioner Glen Bachman, Port of Everett
Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, King County Other Cities & Towns
Executive Dow Constantine, King County
Mayor Allan Ekberg, Tukwila, King County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor Cassie Franklin, City of Everett
**Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County
**Mayor Denis Law, City of Renton
Commissioner Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma
Deputy Mayor Lynne Robinson, City of Bellevue
Councilmember Mike O'Brien, City of Seattle
**Mayor Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, King County Other Cities & Towns
Councilmember Abel Pacheco, City of Seattle
**Councilmember Ed Prince, City of Renton
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
Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, King Co. Other Cities & Towns
*Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, Port of Seattle
*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
**Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish 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 Becky Erickson, Poulsbo, Kitsap County Other Cities & Towns
Mayor Jim Ferrell, City of Federal Way
*Commissioner Courtney Gregoire, Port of Seattle
*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, City of Seattle
Commissioner Hester Serebrin, Washington State Transportation Commission
Executive Dave Somers, Snohomish County
Mayor Victoria Woodards, City of Tacoma
*Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:
- Alex Tsimerman
- Marguerite Richard
- Michael Fuller Suijor
- Andrew Kidde
- Omari Tahir-Garrett
- Maria Batayola

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Bruce Dammeier reported that at the December meeting, the board would be conducting the annual performance review for the Executive Director. He asked that board members keep an eye out for an email that will include materials regarding the performance review.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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The Executive Board observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Jim Ellis who passed away on October 22. Jim played a key role in the cleanup of Lake Washington, he led the Forward Thrust effort, led efforts to build the convention center in downtown Seattle, helped launch Metro, and helped to protect the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Executive Director Josh Brown stated, “These are just a few of the ways that Jim has left an amazing legacy, not only in our region, but in Washington state.”

Next, Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director:
- Reported that the Seattle Chamber led an in-state Study Mission to South Sound. The mission focused on the assets that the City of Tacoma has to offer—from higher education, to art, supporting a vibrant waterfront community. As part of the study mission participants also visited JBLM to learn more about the largest employer in Pierce County.
- Congratulated Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus on receiving the Senator Scott White Regional Leadership Award. The award is presented annually at the Seattle Chamber of Commerce’s Regional Leadership Conference, recognizing individuals who build bridges between competing interests, demonstrate a willingness to take on big problems, and move policy issues from discussion to action.
- Reported on his participated on a panel at the Regional Leadership Conference looking at geographic diversity and how we can leverage different assets throughout the Metropolitan area.
- Reported that he participated with the Master Builders Association at an affordable housing roundtable.
- Reported that he joined the Bellevue Downtown Association for its study mission to Dallas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that at today’s meeting the committee held a study session to continue discussing PSRC Executive Board representatives. The committee will come back to the Executive Board with a recommendation in December.

The Operations Committee met, and recommended approval of the vouchers dated September 11 through October 13, 2029 in the amount of $889,336.99. The committee also recommended contract authorization for architect services.

Amy Efroymson, from Avitus provided the committee with an overview of the 2019 Base Pay Market Salary Study. Executive Director Josh Brown will move forward and implement the recommendations from the study.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to: (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, and (e) Authorize a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the King County Foothills Trail (South) and White River Bridge Project. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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.

Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff, along with Tony Raben, Project Director – Downtown Redmond Link Extension, and Lisa Wolterink, Director of Grants and Fares, Sound Transit, briefed the board on the Downtown Redmond Link Extension.

The 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.

At its meeting on October 10, the Transportation Policy Board recommended that the Executive Board authorize changing the status of the project as requested.

ACTION: It was move and seconded that the Executive Board authorize a change in project status for the Sound Transit Downtown Redmond Link Extension project from “Candidate” to “Approved.” The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Regional Aviation Baseline Study Update
Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director, along with Mark Kuttrus, WSP Project Manager, briefed the board on a new preliminary analysis of planned capacity at the region's airports and how it compares to the 2050 forecasts released last spring. The data show there is not enough planned capacity to meet the forecasted demand for air travel in 2050.

The board also discussed how the region's airspace is used by different aviation sectors as well as current and future possible constraints. The briefing was part of the Regional Aviation Baseline Study the Executive Board is leading to better understand the region's aviation system and options for meeting growing demand. Results from the study will form the technical foundation for future decisions by regional and state leaders.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board will next meet on Thursday, December 5, 2019, 10 - 11:30 a.m., PSRC Board Room.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Adopted this 5th day of December, 2019.

Executive Bruce Dammeier, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:
Josh Brown, Executive Director