Regional Transportation Plan
Public Comments

Regional Staff Committee
March 15, 2018
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
842 Comments coded into 26 separate categories

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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
Public Comments – Questions for Board Review

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
Questions for Board / Staff Recommendations

1. Passenger only ferries
   - request to acknowledge future passenger only ferry routes
   - discuss emerging role of fast ferries
     - Staff proposal = incorporate language in final plan
   - call for further planning
     - Staff proposal = recommend incorporation into a future work program
2. Technology

• create a regional technology plan
• requests for involvement in stakeholder committee
• support freight technology and innovation
• remove legislative barriers
• conduct sensitivity analyses

• Staff proposal = draft plan includes a recommendation to establish an advisory committee, exploring legal frameworks and support for new technologies; also to continue to advance our modeling capabilities.
3. Climate change

- request action to create a regional forum to coordinate on emission reductions
  
  - Staff proposal = continue to work with PSCAA and other partner agencies and report back to the Board at regular intervals
4. Freight

- address truck parking issues
- further address impacts of trucks on the system
  - Staff proposal = work with the Regional Freight Mobility Roundtable and the staff freight committee on identifying issues and a future work program
- explore impacts of personal vehicles for on-demand goods delivery
  - Staff proposal = integrate with the work of the technology stakeholder group
5. Special Needs Transportation

- Address common digital standards and exchange protocols among transportation providers

- **Staff proposal** = 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 proposal = the State Facilities Action Plan, particularly the work on local priority state routes, addresses this issue; staff will be coming back to the Board later this year with more information*
7. Bicycle / Pedestrian

- incorporate bicycle / pedestrian needs in technology
  - Staff proposal = integrate with work of technology stakeholder group
- adopt Vision Zero
  - Staff proposal = begin work with Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee to explore topic and educate member jurisdictions on distinction between Target Zero and Vision Zero, for potential future recommendation to Board regarding safety performance measures & targets
- adopt a Complete Streets policy
  - Staff proposal = discuss as part of MPP revision in VISION 2050
8. Multimodal

- identify a target mode split
  
  - *Staff proposal = for board discussion as part of ongoing performance targets and in preparation for the 2022 plan*
9. Analysis and documentation

• be more explicit in plan on congestion and mobility challenges in the region
  • Staff proposal = we will work to provide clarity in the final plan document, as well as provide visuals that may improve on this topic
10. Equity

- identify performance targets and improve overall outcomes for minority, low income, and historically marginalized groups
  - *Staff proposal = for board discussion 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.