Regional Transportation Plan
Overview of Public Comments

Transportation Policy Board
February 8, 2018
Public Comments

• Public comment period ran from December 14, 2017 – January 31, 2018
  • Comments still coming in

• 150 respondents – *highest number of comments received on any transportation plan*
  • 24 PSRC member agencies
  • 1 other state agency
  • 15 organizations – non-profits, community groups, advisory boards, chambers of commerce, business groups, etc.
  • 110 individuals
Public Comments – Agencies / Organizations

Bellevue
Bonney Lake
Burien
Des Moines
Issaquah
Kenmore
Kent
Marysville
Monroe
Seattle
Shoreline
Snoqualmie
Tacoma
University Place

Pierce County
Snohomish County
Community Transit
Kitsap Transit
Pierce Transit
Sound Transit
Port of Seattle
WSDOT
King County Department of Transportation
Kitsap County Public Works Department
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
WA Department of Ecology

Snoqualmie Valley Transportation
King County Rural Area Unincorporated Area Councils
Seattle Freight Advisory Board
Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
Bellevue Downtown Association
BNSF Railway
Eastside Transportation Association
350 Seattle
ACES Northwest Network / Cascadia Center
Cascade Bicycle Club
Puget Sound Sage
Sierra Club Washington
Snohomish County Committee for Improved Transportation
Tomorrow@Sea-Tac Coalition
Transportation Choices Coalition
Public Comments – Individuals / Media

• Where do individual commenters live?
  • *Gathered zip code data of respondents – will provide a map in March*

• News media
  • 14 mentions of the Regional Transportation Plan in media:
    - Daily Journal of Commerce
    - My Edmonds News
    - Seattle Business
    - Seattle Times
    - KIRO News
    - The Daily Herald
    - Washington Policy Center
    - My Northwest
    - The Lens
    - R Street
    - The Urbanist (twice)
    - Planetizen
    - The Seattle Times
Public Comments - Themes

• The majority of commenters are supportive of the plan

• Overall key theme = supporting various elements of the plan and requesting increased emphasis:

  • Maintenance & preservation, active transportation, freight, safety, transit, technology, etc.

• Highest percentage of responses focused on projects / investments:

  • In support of specific projects (e.g., I-5, I-405)
  • Requesting investment in a certain area (e.g., Issaquah-Hobart Road)
Public Comments - Themes

• Finance comments:
  • Fairly balanced regarding whether or not to utilize tolls and/or road usage charge
  • Continue to provide more information, track progress of new sources

• Other notable themes:
  • Requests for clarifications
  • Equity
  • Airport planning
Next Steps

• March:
  • Full detail on comments and proposed staff responses
  • All comments posted online

• April:
  • Transportation Policy Board recommendation on plan to Executive Board
  • Executive Board recommendation to General Assembly

• May 31 – General Assembly action on Regional Transportation Plan
Questions?