

Summary of Transportation Policy Board Engagement Session – June 8, 2017

Topic: Finance

The following information was recorded during the Engagement Session on the Financial Strategy update with the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) at their June 7th meeting. The related meeting materials are available on the PSRC [website](#).

Below is a high-level summary of what we heard from the TPB members on the Transportation 2040 Financial Strategy update.

Road User Charges (RUC)/Tolls

- Efforts needed to accelerate RUC/Tolls → Need TPB behind this effort
- Not many jurisdictions have a policy on RUC → Need info from pilot program before we can decide
- Need to be open to RUC considering declining gas tax
- Toll has a greater impact on traffic management → easier to distribute revenues as well
- There are technological applications to daylight usage/revenues with regards to RUC
- Concern on impact on local roads due to tolling

Equity Concerns

- Certain groups (ex. single parents) might be more impacted – we need to have a cap
- Make sure we consider all different groups of people in addressing equity concerns (ex. middle class)

Other Revenue Sources

- Consider P3 's (public private partnerships) as an evaluation
- Indexing revenue sources to inflation
- Street Maintenance Utility Fee
 - Constant struggle to fund sidewalks/bike – no clear funding sources identified for these investments → can we use street utility fee as a way to fund these?
- Need to keep fuel tax in the mix since it is easy to collect/fair. People are ok with it compared to other taxes (ex. sales tax)

Other Considerations

- Need to take care of current/near-term needs – how do we address local needs
- What kind of legislative fixes do we need? (example: Street Utility Fee)