CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Johnson reported that King County has appointed Councilmember Rod Dembowski as its alternate on the Transportation Policy Board.

He announced that four of the non-voting seats on the board representing Business/Labor and Community/Environment have terms expiring at the end of 2017 and are up for rotation. A notice will be sent out later this month inviting organizations to nominate individuals to serve as non-voting members. The seats that are rotating are currently held by the University of Washington, Public Health Seattle/King County, Transportation Choices Coalition, and Cascade Bicycle Club.

Noting recent organizational and staffing changes at PSRC, Chair Johnson invited Executive Director Josh Brown to share the details. Mr. Brown provided background information and explained the new organizational structure for Planning, which now includes three divisions: Transportation Planning, Growth Management Planning, and Regional Planning. Kelly McGourty, Senior Program Manager, is now the lead for Transportation Planning and the Transportation Policy Board. Paul Inghram, Senior Program Manager, will continue to lead Growth Management Planning and serve as contact for the Growth Management Policy Board. The Regional Planning Division, led by Senior Program Manager Ben Bakkenta, will provide support to the Transportation and Growth Management divisions in the updates of the region’s transportation plan and VISION.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:

- Alex Tsimerman, Stand-Up America
- JT Dray, 38th District Democrats
- Tiniell Cato, Stand-Up America
CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held July 13, 2017
b. Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in Transportation 2040 Project Status for Two WSDOT Projects
d. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for the City of Seattle and King County
e. Recommend Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lakewood

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Don Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Kathy Lambert to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2017 ADJUSTMENT OF PSRC’S FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO THE FTA REGIONAL CONTINGENCY LIST OF PROJECTS

Sarah Gutschow, Senior Planner, gave an overview of the 2017 annual adjustments of PSRC’s FTA funds. PSRC’s 2017 FTA funds were originally distributed to projects as part of the 2014 project selection process using an estimate based on previous funding levels. The final 2017 allocation of FTA funds came in higher than the original estimate, providing an additional $24.7 million for distribution to the region. The additional funding reflects both increases and decreases in amounts earned by each transit agency, as well as an increase to the regional portion of funds in the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Urbanized Area resulting in approximately $1.2 million available for distribution to projects on the FTA Regional contingency list.

As part of the 2017 annual adjustments, two agencies seek to allocate funds to two new projects: King County’s Trolley System Preservation/Maintenance project ($3.8 million), and Intercity Transit’s Pattison Maintenance, Operations and Administrative Base Expansion and Rehabilitation project ($2.6 million). Per adopted policy, these new projects have been released for public comment through the Executive Board meeting on September 28.

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Rob Gelder to recommend that the Executive Board approve the adjustments and $24.7 million in additional FFY2017 FTA funds to the list of projects as shown in Attachment B. The motion passed.

TRANSPORTATION 2040 SYSTEM PERFORMANCE – PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Chair Johnson reminded board members that in July, the board gave staff the go-ahead to proceed with modeling and plan analysis using identified investments and updated financial assumptions from the Finance Working Group, and bring the results back to the board.

Ben Bakkenta, Senior Program Manager of Regional Planning, began with a review of the Transportation 2040 plan update and schedule, programs and types of investments included in the plan, and the financial strategy to support the plan. Craig Helmann, Senior Program Manager of Data, then presented preliminary results of the modeling and analysis conducted by staff for the board’s review. Some highlights included the following findings:
• **T2040 provides travel choices for people to get around.** Over 620,000 more people and 690,000 more jobs will be within a short walk of transit by 2040, about a 50 percent increase from today.

• **Transit use increases across the region with T2040.** By 2040, almost 510 million annual transit boardings are forecasted to occur, compared to about 215 million in 2016.

• **T2040 provides choices that help people get more active.** Over 510,000 more people walk or bike for transportation every day in 2040.

• **T2040 maintains air quality and reduces climate change emissions.**

• **T2040 reduces miles driven in personal vehicles.** By 2040, the average person would drive about 330 miles less per year, a 5% decrease over today, saving about 1.6 billion vehicle miles per year in 2040.

• **T2040 reduces the time people sit in traffic in the 2040 baseline.** Today the average person spends over 36 hours per year sitting in traffic. With the plan, by 2040 we would save about 7 hours per year for every person in the region. Without the plan, by 2040 we would each spend about 49 hours every year sitting in traffic.

Kelly McGourty, Senior Program Manager of Transportation Planning, wrapped up with next steps for the Transportation 2040 update. Work will continue on developing a draft plan to be released for public review in December.

The board will continue to have an opportunity to review information before the draft plan is released for public comment, and continued discussions will occur after the end of public comment and prior to plan adoption in spring 2018.

**REGIONAL CENTERS FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Senior Planner, gave the board an overview of the Regional Centers Framework Update project and board review process. PSRC has been working with its members and other partners to evaluate the regional centers framework and consider structural changes to recognize different scales of centers using consistent designation criteria and procedures. A staff-level stakeholder working group, convened in 2016, reviewed the existing centers framework and issued a report in February 2017. The recommendations and alternatives in the report have been under discussion by the Growth Management Policy Board since April, and a draft centers framework is now being finalized for public comment this fall. The Growth Management Policy Board is scheduled to solicit additional comments and recommend a proposal to the Executive Board by the end of the year.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.
TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)
Mayor Fred Butler, Sound Transit
Councilmember John Clauson, Kitsap Transit (Alt.) (via remote)
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Mayor Becky Erickson, Kitsap Transit, Vice Chair
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Ricardo Gotla, Transportation Choices Coalition (Alt.)
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee (Alt.)
Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee (Alt.)
Commissioner Don Johnson, Ports
Councilmember Rob Johnson, City of Seattle, Chair
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Mayor Ron Lucas, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Councilmember Joe McDermott, Local Transit–King County
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Local Transit–Pierce County
Mayor Pro Tem Debora Nelson, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Trinity Parker, Transportation Operators Committee
Councilmember Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Janet Ray, AAA Washington (via remote)
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County (via remote)
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Patty Rubstello, WSDOT (1st Alt.)
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Community Transit
Commissioner Hester Serebrin, Washington State Transportation Commission
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Councilmember Mike Todd, Community Transit (Alt.)
Blake Trask, Cascade Bicycle Club (Alt.)
Councilmember Rich Wagner, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Mayor Amy Walen, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County (via remote)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Ann Dasch, League of Women Voters of Washington
Councilmember Dino Davis, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton
Senator Joe Fain, Senate Transportation Committee
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
**TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (alternatively present) – cont’d**

* Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT  
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle  
Dr. Ngozi Oleru, Public Health-Seattle & King County  
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County  
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board  
* Shefali Ranganathan, Transportation Choices Coalition  
Deputy Mayor Robert Thoms, Metropolitan Center–Tacoma  
* Chip Vincent, Regional Staff Committee  
Councilmember Kevin Wallace, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue

**GUESTS and PSRC STAFF PRESENT**  
(As determined by signatures on the Attendance Sheet and documentation by staff)

Erin Auzins, King County  
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC  
Josh Brown, PSRC  
Tiniell Cato, Stand-Up America  
Gil Cerise, PSRC  
Suzanne Childress, PSRC  
Carolyn Downs, PSRC  
JT Dray, 38th District Democrats  
Mark Gulbranson, PSRC  
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC  
Craig Helmann, PSRC  
Michael Hubner, PSRC  
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
Alex Krieg, PSRC  
Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC  
Brian Parry, SCA  
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC  
Cheryl Salty, PSRC  
JoAnn Schueler, WSDOT  
Alex Tsimerman, Stand-Up America