MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

January 11, 2018

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CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Vice Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR
Vice Chair Erickson reported the following changes in board membership:

- She welcomed Suquamish Tribal Councilmember Luther Mills, Jr. (Jay) to the board.
- Councilmember Kate Kruller has changed from alternate to member, representing Other Cities & Towns in King County; Issaquah Mayor Mary Lou Pauly is the new alternate.

She announced that the process has been concluded to fill the four Business/Labor and Community/Environment seats on the board that were up for rotation. The organizations that held the seats last term will continue to be represented for the next three years. Their representatives are as follows:

- Cascade Bicycle Club – Blake Trask (member) and Vicky Clarke (alternate)
- Public Health – Jeff Ketchel, Snohomish Health District (member) and Dr. Ngozi Oleru, Public Health Seattle/King County (alternate)
- Transportation Choices Coalition – Abigail Doerr (member) and Carla Chavez (alternate)
- University of Washington – Anne Eskridge (member) and Sally Clark (alternate)

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT
The following people addressed the board:

- Paul W. Locke
- Hal Cooper, Seattle Freight Advisory Board

STAFF REPORT
Kelly McGourty, Senior Program Manager–Transportation Planning, reported the following:
The draft Regional Transportation Plan is out for public comment through January 31. Themes from comments received will be reported to the board in February and a packet of all comments will be provided in March.

PSRC is extending the region’s growth strategy to 2050. The Growth Management Policy Board has directed staff to prepare a VISION 2050 scoping statement to be released for public comment from February 2 through March 19 to seek input on how to develop VISION 2050 and identify regional issues to address in the plan.

The National Academies of Science will hold a Resilience Workshop in Seattle on January 26 (a flyer was provided).

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held November 9, 2017
b. Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in Transportation 2040 Project Status for the Sound Transit Tacoma Link Extension Project
d. Recommend Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Carnation
e. Recommend Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plans for Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls, and Pacific

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Rob Gelder to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR PROJECTS THROUGH PSRC’S 2017 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Sarah Gutschow, Senior Planner, provided an overview of PSRC’s 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). At its November 9 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board released for public comment a list of 12 projects being recommended to receive a total of $17.5 million of FFY 2017-2020 TAP funds, along with a prioritized contingency list should additional funds become available. Ms. Gutschow reviewed with the board the 45 comments received to date, 37 of which were in regard to the Sultan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project. At the request of Vice Chair Erickson, Ms. Gutschow described the Sultan project and summarized the comments on it.

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Mayor Dana Ralph to recommend that the Executive Board approve the projects to receive funding from the 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program as identified in Attachment A, along with the list of recommended contingency projects. The motion passed.

Any additional comments received will be provided to the Executive Board prior to final approval action on January 25.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE 2018 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS FOR PSRC FUNDS

Ms. McGourty provided background information about PSRC’s funding programs for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, and the project selection process for distributing the funds. She then presented recommendations from the Project Selection Task Force for the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds, which
outlines the policy guidance for the distribution of funds and other details on how the competitive project selection process will be conducted. The Task Force, composed of volunteers from each of PSRC’s four boards and chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Debora Nelson, met four times between September and December 2017 to develop the recommendations for both PSRC’s FHWA and FTA funding processes. The recommendations address administrative details, set-asides, policy details, and what is new for 2018.

The board asked staff to share the revised scoring for the regional criteria, specifically with regard to the recommendation to reduce the point value for the Project Readiness criterion from 10 points to 5 points and move those 5 points to the Policy Criteria. Ms. McGourty said she would send the information to board members.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan and seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller to recommend Executive Board approval of the policies and procedures for the 2018 project selection process (Attachment A), to be documented in the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds. The motion passed.

**RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF REGIONAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TARGETS**

PSRC has developed 2018 regional Safety Performance Management targets to comply with a federal rule requiring action by February 27, 2018. At its November meeting, the board received a briefing on the target setting process.

At today’s meeting, Associate Planner Gary Simonson presented a refresher on the five performance measures for which targets are required, and the state and regional targets for each measure. The regional targets align with the state targets, which are based on the state’s strategic highway safety plan, Target Zero, with the goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2030.

During the presentation, board members asked questions about safety data and requested that staff provide more detailed information in the future, including data that is further broken out and that covers smaller-scale geographies.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Paul Roberts to recommend that the Executive Board adopt the 2018 regional Safety Performance Management targets identified in Table 1, and to request that staff provide additional safety data information to the Transportation Policy Board in the future. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson and passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Jennifer Robertson drew attention to a Seattle Times editorial regarding PSRC’s Regional Transportation Plan. Vice Chair Erickson asked staff to send board members a link to the article.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
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TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County  
Councilmember Jeffrey Beeler, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County (Alt.)  
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)  
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
Carla Chavez, Transportation Choices Coalition (Alt.)  
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club (Alt.)  
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit–Kitsap County (via remote)  
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council  
Mayor Becky Erickson, Kitsap Transit, Vice Chair  
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington  
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County  
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee (Alt.)  
Commissioner Don Johnson, Ports  
Jefferson Ketchel, Snohomish Health District  
Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County  
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County  
Mayor Ron Lucas, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County  
Councilmember Joe McDermott, Local Transit–King County  
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe  
Mayor Pro Tem Debora Nelson, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County (via remote)  
Trinity Parker, Transportation Operators Committee  
Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Other Cities & Towns in King County  
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County  
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board  
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County  
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency  
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue (Alt.)  
Patty Rubstello, WSDOT (1st Alt.)  
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Community Transit  
Commissioner Hester Serebrin, WA State Transportation Commission (via remote)  
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
Councilmember Mike Todd, Community Transit (Alt.)  
Councilmember Benson Wong, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)  
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County (via remote)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT  (*alternate present)

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County  
John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
Ann Dasch, League of Women Voters of Washington  
* Abigail Doerr, Transportation Choices Coalition  
Senator Joe Fain, Senate Transportation Committee  
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee  
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) – cont’d
Councilmember Rob Johnson, City of Seattle, Chair
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Local Transit–Pierce County
* Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
Janet Ray, AAA Washington
Deputy Mayor Robert Thoms, Metropolitan Center–Tacoma
* Blake Trask, Cascade Bicycle Club
* Chip Vincent, Regional Staff Committee
* Mayor Amy Walen, Other Cities & Towns in King County

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF PRESENT
(As determined by signatures on the Attendance Sheet and documentation by staff)
Melissa Bailey, King County Council Staff
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Robert Barandon, Puyallup Tribe
Sue Comis, Sound Transit
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Hal Cooper, Seattle Freight Advisory Board
June DeVoll, Community Transit
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
Peter Heffernan, King County DOT
Eric Irelan, King County DOT
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit
Will Knedlik, WA State Good Roads & Transportation Assn.
Alex Krieg, PSRC
Paul W. Locke
Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Nate Morgan, City of Sultan
Bob Ortblad, UW
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Joel Pfundt, City of Kirkland
Cheryl Salty, PSRC
April Sanders, Office of King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert
Mayor John Seehuus, City of Sultan
Amy Shumann, Public Health Seattle-King County
Gary Simonson, PSRC
Jeff Storrar, PSRC
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Ken Walker, City of Sultan