MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

February 8, 2018

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Johnson welcomed the following new board members:

- Councilmember Kevin Gorman, City of Bremerton
- Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:

- Paul W. Locke
- Alex Tsimerman, StandUP-America
- Will Knedlik

STAFF REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Senior Program Manager–Transportation Planning:

- Informed the board that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has asked PSRC to lead a baseline study that would build on master planning processes currently underway at many of the regional airports and set a regional stage for future planning. PSRC staff is working with the FAA to develop and finalize a scope for the study. The study would be funded by the FAA, launched later this year, and be completed by the end of 2019. The Executive Board will lead this work, and the Transportation Policy Board will be kept informed as the study progresses.

- Reported on the status of the Senate two-year budget deal and the White House infrastructure plan. Staff will continue to monitor both proposals as they progress.
CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 11, 2018
b. Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
c. Recommend Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plans for Bonney Lake and Orting
d. Puyallup Conditional Certification Extension

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

2018 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS: POLICY FRAMEWORK FOLLOW-UP—DISTRIBUTION OF REGIONAL PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA POINTS

Last month the Transportation Policy Board forwarded a recommendation to the Executive Board to approve the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds. Ms. McGourty reminded the board that one element of the recommendation included a revision to the regional project evaluation criteria to reduce the point value for the project readiness criterion in the Technical section of the criteria from 10 points to 5 points and move the freed-up 5 points into the Policy section. At the Executive Board meeting on January 25, concerns were raised about these points and the implications from placing them on certain of the policy criteria. The Executive Board deferred action on the Framework until February to allow time for the Transportation Policy Board to further review the proposed revision.

Ms. McGourty provided detailed information about the Technical and Policy criteria and the recommended revision to the points distribution. She noted that both the Regional Project Evaluation Committee and the Regional FTA Caucus have endorsed the recommendation.

ACTION (MAIN MOTION): The motion was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan to recommend Executive Board approval of the point distribution within the regional project evaluation criteria for both PSRC’s Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration regional competitions, as described in Attachments A and B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Lambert.

ACTION TO AMEND: The motion was made by Councilmember Doug Richardson to modify the FHWA Regional Project Evaluation Criteria Scoring Matrix and other related components of the Regional Project Evaluation Criteria to allow corridors serving Major Military Installations to compete for FHWA regional funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rob Gelder.

A robust discussion followed.

Councilmember Debora Nelson, who chaired the Project Selection Task Force that developed the recommendations for the 2018 project selection process, expressed concern that the amendment had not come before the Task Force before being presented to the Policy Board. She noted that the Task Force discussed military installations and members agreed that military installations could compete for project funding through the countywide selection process and not through the regional process. She felt the amendment needed further study and suggested that it be brought before the Project Selection Task Force in the next funding cycle.
A number of board members emphasized the need for regional funding to address transportation impacts in communities adjacent to military installations and that now is the time to address this. Pointing out that the Growth Management Policy Board has had ongoing discussions about military installations for the past two years, and expressing frustration that transportation impacts of military installations on surrounding communities has not been specifically recognized in terms of regional funding, they felt this issue should be addressed now rather than waiting until the next funding cycle.

Other board members agreed with the importance of recognizing the transportation impacts of military installations, but were concerned about the timing of the amendment and the need for further study. The Project Selection Task Force and Transportation Policy Board have already concluded their review and recommendations for the policies and procedures for the 2018 project selection process, which did not specifically recognize corridors serving military installations for regional funding. It was further noted that addressing the impacts of military installations should be considered within the broader context of land use and transportation and the long-range growth plan for the region.

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT:** The motion failed with 10 votes in favor and 13 against.

Non-voting members were polled on the amendment and a majority was against.

Although the amendment failed, there was strong agreement across the board about the need to resolve this issue.

**ACTION AND VOTE ON DIRECTION TO STAFF:** The motion was made by Councilmember Paul Roberts, with input from Councilmember Kathy Lambert, Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, and Secretary Roger Millar, to direct staff to develop a work plan, process and schedule to complete the discussions on how PSRC addresses military installations in our planning and funding processes, and report back at the April 12 Transportation Policy Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller and passed.

**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:** The motion passed with 2 votes against.

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE FACILITIES ACTION PLAN**

Patty Rubstello, Assistant Secretary, WSDOT Office of Urban Mobility and Access, briefed the board on the I-5 element of the State Facilities Action Plan that is part of the Regional Transportation Plan update. The Action Plan includes a goal to create an I-5 Vision and master plan to support our communities, the regional economy, and quality of life now and far into the future. Approaches to achieve this goal include near-term operational solutions as well as a long-term effort to evaluate systemwide concepts that manage I-5 more effectively.

To assist with this, WSDOT is partnering with PSRC to create an I-5 Working Group that will examine near- and long-term investment strategies; enable partnership opportunities to collaboratively plan, manage and fund transportation systems that use or intersect the I-5 corridor; and endorse concepts based on merit to optimize utility of I-5. The Working Group will also provide input on the long-range I-5 Vision, and may develop legislative requests for the 2019 session. Ms. Rubstello requested volunteers from the Transportation Policy Board who are interested in participating in the Working Group.
Ms. Rubstello also gave a brief update on the State Routes of Local Interest component of the Action Plan, noting that WSDOT is working with PSRC to develop a process to look at these facilities in a comprehensive way and will report back to the Transportation Policy Board.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN – PRELIMINARY THEMES FROM PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. McGourty provided a high-level overview of the comments received during the formal public comment period for the Regional Transportation Plan, which ran from December 14, 2017, through January 31, 2018. To date, comments have been received from 150 respondents representing PSRC member agencies, a state agency, numerous organizations, and individuals. Staff have been reviewing the comments and have found that the majority are supportive of the plan, and many focus on specific projects and investments in certain areas.

In March the board will receive further details on the comments, proposed staff responses, and potential refinements to the plan.

VISION 2050 SCOPING

Paul Inghram, Senior Program Manager–Growth Management Planning, briefed the board on the scoping process and schedule for the update of the region’s long-term growth strategy which will extend the region’s growth plan to 2050. Extending the plan horizon another decade will provide an umbrella for the next round of local growth targets and comprehensive plan updates, and provide a foundation for the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan.

A public comment period began on February 2 and will continue through March 19 to seek input on how to develop VISION 2050 and identify regional issues to address in the plan. The Growth Management Policy Board will review the public input at its April meeting and adopt a final project scope in May. It is anticipated that a draft plan will be available in mid-2019 and a final plan will be adopted by the General Assembly in 2020.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.
TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission (via remote)
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit–Kitsap County (via remote)
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
Abigail Doerr, Transportation Choices Coalition
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
Councilmember Kevin Gorman, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee (Alt.)
Commissioner Don Johnson, Ports
Councilmember Rob Johnson, City of Seattle, Chair
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
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 Ryan Mello, Local Transit–Pierce County
Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Councilmember Debora Nelson, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County (via remote)
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Trinity Parker, Transportation Operators Committee
Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County (via remote)
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County (via remote)
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Patty Rubstello, WSDOT (1st Alt.)
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Community Transit
Councilmember Mike Todd, Community Transit (Alt.)
Blake Trask, Cascade Bicycle Club
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County (via remote)
John Wynands, WSDOT (Alt.)
Councilmember Janice Zahn, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue (Alt.)
Brian Ziegler, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (Alt.) (via remote)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) – cont’d

Senator Joe Fain, Senate Transportation Committee
* Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Jefferson Ketchel, Snohomish Health District
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
Janet Ray, AAA Washington
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Deputy Mayor Robert Thoms, Metropolitan Center–Tacoma
* 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
Gil Cerise, PSRC
June DeVoll, Community Transit
Peter Heffernan, King County DOT
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Eric Irelan, King County DOT
Will Knedlik
Mitch Koch, PSRC
Paul W. Locke
Kate March, City of Bellevue
Andi Markley, PSRC
Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Ian Munce, City of Tacoma
Cynthia Overby, Siemens
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Joel Pfundt, City of Kirkland
Cheryl Saltys, PSRC
JoAnn Schueler, WSDOT
Jeff Storrar, PSRC
Alex Tsimerman, StandUP-America
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC