MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

March 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 John Persak, alternate representing the International Longshore Workers Union Local 19.

Chair Johnson reported that at its February meeting, the Executive Board adopted without change the 2018 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds and the distribution of regional project evaluation criteria points as recommended by the Transportation Policy Board. The Executive Board also discussed the topic of funding eligibility for military installations. PSRC has committed to address this issue in the VISION 2050 update process, and any resulting policy updates will be taken up by the next Project Selection Task Force in 2019. The draft Regional Centers Framework, which will be incorporated in the VISION 2050 update process, includes a recommendation to recognize the four major military installations as separate regional geographies in VISION 2050. The Executive Board will continue its discussion and take action on the Centers Framework in March. Staff will report back to the Transportation Policy Board in April on the action taken by the Executive Board and next steps.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:

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

STAFF REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Senior Program Manager—Transportation Planning, reported that the Call for Projects for the 2018 project selection process was released on February 26.
CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held February 8, 2018
b. Routine Amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
c. Recommend Full Certification of the Comprehensive Plan for Milton

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Bek Ashby and seconded by Councilmember Debora Nelson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN—SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

The draft Regional Transportation Plan was released for a formal public comment period from December 14, 2017, through January 31, 2018 (comments will continue to be accepted through May 31, when the plan is scheduled for adoption). Kelly McGourty and Ben Bakkenta, Senior Program Manager—Regional Planning, reviewed with the board the comments received through February 14 and proposed staff responses.

A total of 152 respondents submitted commentaries, which were then parsed into 842 individual comments and coded into 26 separate topic categories. Mr. Bakkenta presented key themes from the five categories that received the most comments: financial strategy, bicycle/pedestrian, equity, freight, and project-specific comments.

Comments were grouped into three types as follows: 1) 723 general comments; 2) 98 technical corrections; and 3) 21 comments being brought to the attention of the Board for their review and direction. These latter comments were related to future work program items under a variety of categories such as passenger-only ferries, technology, and others. Ms. McGourty and Mr. Bakkenta presented the comments for the Board’s review, along with staff proposals for how to address them, and Board members provided input and suggestions.

The Transportation Policy Board is scheduled to forward a final draft plan to the Executive Board in April. Chair Johnson noted that at the April 12 meeting, Board members will have an opportunity to propose additional feedback on the plan based on the discussion today. He asked for any proposals that were not discussed at today’s meeting to be forwarded to PSRC staff before the end of March.

COORDINATION WITH THE PUGET SOUND CLEAN AIR AGENCY ON THE FOUR-PART GREENHOUSE GAS STRATEGY

To set the context for the discussion, Kelly McGourty provided an overview of PSRC’s Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy, which relies on land use, choices, user fees, and technology to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The strategy was first adopted as part of Transportation 2040 in 2010, and is being updated as part of the 2018 update to the Regional Transportation Plan to reflect current conditions and the revised policies and investments included in the draft plan. Ms. McGourty reviewed what the draft plan accomplishes in terms of reducing emissions and described additional emissions reductions that might be achieved within each part of the GHG strategy beyond what is currently included. PSRC will continue to collaborate with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, monitor and report progress to the Board at regular intervals, and begin research and engagement on additional steps to reduce GHG emissions.
Craig Kenworthy, Executive Director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), presented their efforts related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. He emphasized that the climate is changing and robust actions are needed. In 2017, the PSCAA Board strengthened its GHG emissions reduction targets to reduce regional GHG equivalent missions 50% by 2030 and 80% by 2050 compared to 1990. PSCAA staff has since evaluated 11 candidate actions to reduce GHG emissions. The evaluation highlighted three areas needed to achieve meaningful emission reduction: cleaner vehicles, cleaner fuels, and mode shift. PSCAA staff shared initial evaluation results with their Board in February, and anticipates receiving direction from the Board later this year.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
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TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT
Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
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 (via remote)
Abigail Doerr, Transportation Choices Coalition
Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Mayor Becky Erickson, Kitsap Transit, Vice Chair (via remote)
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington
Councilmember Kevin Gorman, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee (Alt.)
Councilmember Rob Johnson, City of Seattle, Chair
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
Jefferson Ketchel, Snohomish Health District
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Mayor Ron Lucas, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Local Transit–Pierce County
Councilmember Deborah Nelson, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
John Persak, ILWU Local 19 (Alt.)
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board
Janet Ray, AAA Washington (via remote)
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.)
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Councilmember Mike Todd, Community Transit (Alt.)
Blake Trask, Cascade Bicycle Club
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
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
Senator Joe Fain, Senate Transportation Committee
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Commissioner Don Johnson, Ports
* Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) – cont’d

Councilmember Joe McDermott, Local Transit–King County
* Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
* Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Trinity Parker, Transportation Operators Committee
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County
* Councilmember Terry Ryan, Community Transit
Councilmember 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
Erika Harris, PSRC
Will Knedlik, Washington State Good Roads & Transportation Assn.
Paul W. Locke
Kate March, City of Bellevue
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Cheryl Saltys, PSRC
Maria Sandercock, PSRC
Michael Schmeltz, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Amy Shumann, Public Health Seattle-King County
Jeff Storrar, PSRC
Kathy Strange, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Alex Tsimerman, StandUP-America
Jude Willcher, Seattle DOT