MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

April 12, 2018

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Johnson welcomed Councilmember Janice Zahn, alternate representing the City of Bellevue.

Chair Johnson announced that Cheryl Saltys would be retiring at the end of the month and this was her last Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting. He thanked Ms. Saltys for her 26 years of service and support to the TPB and wished her well in her retirement. Ms. Saltys shared that it had been her privilege to support the board and thanked members for their friendship and kindness.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:

- Paul W. Locke

STAFF REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Senior Program Manager–Transportation Planning, reported that at the March Executive Board meeting the new Centers Framework was adopted. The framework was passed with a split vote following a robust conversation by the Executive Board. Staff will now move forward with the VISION 2050 process and consider issues for implementation and future project selection cycles.

Kelly reminded the board that the project selection process was underway. PSRC staff are currently reviewing over 200 projects for eligibility. There will be two regional competitions, one for Federal Highway Administration funds and another for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, and each of the four countywide forums will have a competition. There will also be FTA funds distributed through the earned share process. The TPB will see all project recommendations in July.
Ms. McGourty informed the board that the public comment period for the VISION 2050 scoping process concluded in March. An online survey conducted for the scoping project is still available on the PSRC website. The TPB will receive a report on the VISION 2050 Scope and Work Plan at their May meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held March 8, 2018
- Recommend Authorizing a Change in Transportation 2040 Project Status for the WSDOT I-5: Seneca to Mercer – Additional Lane Project

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan and seconded by Mayor Becky Erickson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Work on the Regional Transportation Plan has been ongoing since 2017. The Transportation Policy Board has been briefed on what is in the plan and staff have provided the board with the performance outputs of the plan at various points. Last month the board received detailed information on the public comments received and proposed staff responses. The board would have the opportunity to provide additional feedback at today’s meeting and recommend the draft plan to the Executive Board.

Ms. McGourty presented a high-level overview of what is in the plan, its improvements and what it accomplishes. She also summarized information presented to the board at its March meeting regarding public comments received, key themes of the categories that received the most public comments, and reviewed topics that were elevated to the board for feedback and staff proposed responses.

PSRC staff are working to finalize technical corrections, minor changes and clarifications to the plan for inclusion in the Executive Board agenda. Revised versions of the Executive Summary and main plan document have been completed and shared with the board; corrections to the appendices are still underway. At this point there have been no requests to amend the plan, and today will provide further opportunity for the board to provide feedback on additional edits.

Board members discussed various elements of the plan and requested further clarifications in the plan related to park-and-ride capacity and transit integration.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Secretary Roger Millar and seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller to recommend adoption of the draft Regional Transportation Plan to the Executive Board. The motion passed with 1 vote against.

RECOMMEND STREAMLINING THE PSRC/WSDOT COORDINATED GRANT PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORTATION

Gil Cerise, Principal Planner, informed the board that PSRC and WSDOT are proposing to streamline the current special needs transportation coordinated grant funding competition. The PSRC Coordinated Grant Program provides approximately $2 million per year for special needs transportation projects in the large urban area of our region. PSRC leverages that
funding with the statewide Consolidated Grant Program, coordinating and timing our process with WSDOT throughout the funding cycle.

The proposed streamlined process would revise the roles and responsibilities between PSRC and WSDOT, and simplify the application process for grant applicants and other stakeholders. Under the streamlined process, WSDOT takes on more responsibility for the overall project selection process, while PSRC continues to identify regional priority projects and participates in the funding decision-making process with WSDOT. The Large Urban funds would be retained in our region.

**ACTIONS:** The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Mello to recommend that the Executive Board approve revising the roles between PSRC and WSDOT to implement the streamlined special needs transportation Coordinated Grant process. The motion passed.

**PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND FEDERAL TARGET SETTING**

Sean Ardussi, Senior Planner, shared background information on federal Performance Measurement Requirements, noting that MAP-21 introduced an emphasis on performance and outcome based planning which was carried forward by the FAST Act. This began a new performance based planning framework that emphasized prescribed measures and methodologies for their measurement. State DOTs and MPOs were tasked with reviewing available data and establishing targets through a collaborative process. PSRC has worked closely with local jurisdictions, transit agencies and WSDOT to develop targets and an approach to meet these requirements.

Mr. Ardussi reviewed progress to date, noting that the board has previously approved performance targets on Transit Asset Management and Safety Performance. Mr. Ardussi provided an overview of the federal targets the board will act on later this year: Bridge and Pavement Condition, System Performance, Freight Movement, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ).

Ms. McGourty informed the board that the federal targets are specific and prescriptive, requiring that they be completed in a very defined manner with little flexibility. PSRC’s efforts expand beyond the federally required performance measures, using a wide variety of data sources and measures to better inform the board and tell the story of what is happening in the region. Ms. McGourty highlighted examples of PSRC performance measures from the Regional Transportation Plan. Staff will continue to evaluate and report back to the board on federal targets and other PSRC performance measures.

PSRC is required to establish the remaining federal targets by November 2018. The board can expect to receive briefings and take action on each of the targets through the summer and fall.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 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
Carla Chavez, Transportation Choices Coalition
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit–Kitsap County (via remote)
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council (via remote)
Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Mayor Becky Erickson, Kitsap Transit, Vice Chair
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (Alt.)
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
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 Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Mayor Ron Lucas, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Local Transit–Pierce County
Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Debora Nelson, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County (via remote)
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Trinity Parker, Transportation Operators Committee
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board
Janet Ray, AAA Washington (via remote)
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (via remote)
Patty Rubstello, WSDOT (1st Alt.)
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Community Transit
Councilmember Mike Todd, Community Transit (Alt.)
Councilmember Benson Wong, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County (via remote)
John Wynands, WSDOT (2nd Alt)
Council Janice Zahn, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue (Alt.)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
*Abigail Doerr, Transportation Choices Coalition
Senator Joe Fain, Senate Transportation Committee

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Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Commissioner Don Johnson, Ports
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Councilmember Joe McDermott, Local Transit–King County
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
*Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Councilmember 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)

Gil Cerise, PSRC
June Devoll, Community Transit
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
Michael Hubner, PSRC
Dave Kaplan, City of Des Moines
Will Knedlik, Washington State Good Roads & Transportation Assn.
Michele Leslie, PSRC
Paul W. Locke
Eric Miller, City of Bellevue
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Ian Munce, City of Tacoma
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Joel Pfundt, City of Kirkland
Cheryl Saltys, PSRC
Joann Schueler, WSDOT
Amy Shumann, Public Health Seattle-King County
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Jude Willcher, City of Seattle