Finalizing the Regional Transportation Plan

Summer 2017
- Update planning work on various topic areas and ongoing engagement activities
- Draft plan is developed, brief to boards

Fall 2017
- Draft model results, public engagement findings and final planning work

Winter 2018
- Draft Transportation 2040 Plan is released for 45-day public comment period

Spring 2018
- Board Action: Recommend updated plan to PSRC General Assembly
- PSRC General Assembly adopts the update to the plan
1. Showcase Investments
2. Address near-term gaps in performance and funding deficiencies
3. Get ahead on key issues
4. Meeting Requirements
5. Administrative Tasks

Projects Built or Funded since 2010
Regional Transportation Plan

- Supports the Regional Growth Strategy
- Provides transportation choices
- Improves access to jobs, opportunity, destinations
- Improves reliability of the system
- Improves air quality, reduces greenhouse gases, supports improved water quality
- New financial strategy to deliver investments
Public Comments Summary

• 152 respondents
• 842 individual coded comments

General Comments – 723 comments
• No plan changes necessary.

Technical Corrections – 98 comments
• Minor changes, corrections, clarifications to plan. *In process.*

Board Review – 21 comments
• Potential future work program areas. *Reviewed March 2018.*
Public Comments – Top Comments

Financial Strategy

• equal number of comments in support of or against tolls/road usage charges
• comments on implementation of a road usage charge
• comments on other aspects of the strategy

Bicycle / Pedestrian

• more support than opposition on bicycle/pedestrian investments
• comments on safety and specific projects

Specific Projects

• general support of existing projects
• requests for new or additional investments in specific areas
Public Comments – Top Comments

**Equity**
- support for equity lens approach
- suggestion to integrate equity more fully – considering people and geographies
- consider equity in implementation of future user fees

**Freight**
- support for the recognition and importance of freight networks

**Growth Management**
- *addressing in VISION 2050*
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1. Passenger-only ferries

   - Note emerging role of fast ferries, call for PSRC to do further planning

   **Staff recommendation:**
   - incorporate language in final plan
   - consider as part of future work program in next biennial budget process

2. Technology

   - Support for continued technology work, interest in stakeholder committee

   **Staff recommendation:**
   - draft plan includes a recommendation to establish an advisory committee, and to move forward on policy and modeling research
3. Climate change

- Request to create a regional forum to coordinate on emission reductions

**Staff recommendation:**

- continue to work with PSCAA and other partner agencies and report back to the Board at regular intervals

4. Freight

- Note key freight issues in plan and explore emerging trends

**Staff recommendation:**

- continue to work with the Regional Freight Mobility Roundtable and the staff freight committee on identifying issues and the next freight work program
5. Special Needs Transportation

• Address common digital standards and exchange protocols among transportation providers

  **Staff recommendation:**
  
  • work with the Special Needs Transportation Committee on this topic and whether to incorporate into next Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

6. Roadway Capacity

• Work with WSDOT to ensure state, local and transit systems are integrated

  **Staff recommendation:**
  
  • the State Facilities Action Plan addresses this issue; staff will be coming back to the Board later this year with more information
7. Bicycle / Pedestrian

- Request to adopt Vision Zero and a Complete Streets Policy

**Staff recommendation:**

- begin work with the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee to explore the distinction between Target Zero and Vision Zero, for potential future recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board regarding safety performance measures and targets
- discuss Complete Streets as part of the VISION 2050 MPP reviews
8. Multimodal

• Identify a target mode split

  *Staff recommendation:*

  • Transportation Policy Board to discuss as part of ongoing performance targets and in preparation for the 2022 plan

9. Analysis and documentation

• Be more explicit in the plan regarding the region’s congestion and mobility challenges

  *Staff recommendation:*

  • provide more clarity in the final plan document
10. Equity

- Identify performance targets and improve overall outcomes for minority, low income, and historically marginalized groups

**Staff recommendation:**

- Transportation Policy Board to discuss as part of ongoing performance targets and in preparation for the 2022 plan
No amendments or further edits received to date

Requested action:

*The Transportation Policy Board should recommend adoption of the draft Regional Transportation Plan to the Executive Board.*
Thank you.