MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

May 10, 2018

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Johnson welcomed the following new members:
- Councilmember Chris Beale, representing the City of Tacoma
- Councilmember Justin Camarata, alternate representing the City of Tacoma
- Councilmember Matthew Tirman, Bainbridge Island, alternate for Other Cities and Towns in Kitsap County
- Kelsey Mesher with Transportation Choices Coalition.

Chair Johnson also recognized outgoing member Commissioner Don Johnson representing the Ports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:
- Paul W. Locke
- Alex Tsimerman, StandUP-America

STAFF REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Senior Program Manager—Transportation Planning, noted that the PSRC General Assembly will meet May 31. She shared that the Executive Board unanimously recommend adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan by the General Assembly.

Ms. McGourty highlighted information item 9a. in the agenda packet, 2018 TIP balancing and extension requests. Under PSRC’s adopted project tracking policies, projects that are awarded PSRC’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) dollars are given the opportunity to request a one-time extension. Those projects requesting extensions for 2018 were noted in the information item. This would be reviewed in further detail during the presentation on PSRC’s FHWA contingency funds.
CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held April 12, 2018

   ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

RECOMMEND PROJECTS TO RECEIVE PSRC’S FHWA CONTINGENCY FUNDS

Ms. McGourty explained that PSRC’s FHWA funds are strictly programmed each year. Awards are balanced each year to estimated available amounts. To meet the annual delivery target, rebalancing will be required every year if there are returned funds and/or obligation extension requests.

Funds are available for distribution to the adopted contingency lists from returned funds and new 2020 funds. $27.5 million is available for distribution to the regional and countywide contingency lists. The Regional Project Evaluation Committee and each of the four countywide forums have reviewed and recommended the distribution of funding to the projects on the adopted contingency lists (attachment A of the agenda packet)

   ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Debora Nelson to recommend that the Executive Board approve the distribution of approximately $27.5 million of PSRC funds to the list of projects as shown in Attachment A. The motion passed.

STATE FACILITIES ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Robin Mayhew, WSDOT, Management of Mobility Director, shared information about the I-5 System Partnership and details of the group’s initial discussions. The group’s focus is looking at the larger issues associated with the I-5 system and developing a vision statement for development of a strategic plan.

Ms. McGourty informed the board that PSRC and WSDOT have been working together to develop a proposed concept for the Local Priority State Routes component of the State Facilities Action Plan. The proposed concept would include reviewing data for every corridor, identifying current and planned projects, carrying out preliminary analysis of remaining issues, identifying areas of need and potential future investments and engagement with stakeholders in advance of the next Regional Transportation Plan. Additional information will be presented to the board in the future on this topic.

VISION 2050 STATUS UPDATE

Ben Bakkenta, Senior Program Manager – Regional Planning, shared a presentation on the update of the region’s growth management plan, VISION 2050. Mr. Bakkenta discussed early work to prepare for the update and noted that it culminated with kicking off a formal scoping process under The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). PSRC has engaged stakeholders to develop a project scoping report. The scoping report lays out the assumptions, scope of work and schedule for the project and included analysis of comments received during the public comment period.
Mr. Bakkenta provided highlights of major topics heard from the scoping comment period and common themes. He also shared findings from a statistically valid public opinion survey on attitudes and opinions about growth and what issues we should be focusing on in VISION 2050. The full survey is available on the PSRC website in multiple languages.

Mr. Bakkenta gave an overview of the work plan for VISION 2050, reviewing the schedule of work through Spring 2020. Up next, the Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) is scheduled to adopt the scoping report at their June 7 meeting. The GMPB meeting will be extended to focus on the Regional Growth Strategy.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.
TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)
Carla Chavez, Transportation Choices Coalition (Alt.)
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington (via remote)
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (Alt.)
Councilmember Kevin Gorman, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee (Alt.)
Councilmember Rob Johnson, City of Seattle, Chair
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in 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 (via remote)
Councilmember Debora Nelson, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Trinity Parker, Transportation Operators Committee
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (via remote)
*Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Community Transit
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)

Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
Councilmember Chris Beale, City of Tacoma
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
*Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Mayor Becky Erickson, Kitsap Transit, Vice Chair
Senator Joe Fain, Senate Transportation Committee
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Jefferson Ketchel, Snohomish Health District
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) continued
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Janet Ray, AAA Washington
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County
*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)
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
June Devoll, Community Transit
Peter Heffernan, King County
Eric Irelan, King County DOT
Will Knedlik, Washington State Good Roads & Transportation Assn.
Paul W. Locke
Robin Mayhew, Washington State Department of Transportation
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Ian Munce, City of Tacoma
Christine Nhan, Rep. Adam Smith
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Joel Pfundt, City of Kirkland
Joann Schueler, Washington State Department of Transportation Olympic Region
Amy Shumann, Public Health Seattle-King County
Alex Tsimerman, StandUP-America
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Jude Willcher, City of Seattle
Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue