MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

November 8, 2018

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Johnson called on Craig Kenworthy with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) to discuss upcoming work. Mr. Kenworthy shared that PSCAA is hosting a public forum on November 15 with PSCAA’s board taking comment on a proposal for a regional clean fuel standard. The board is also looking at regional climate change strategies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:

- Will Knedlik, Washington State Good Roads and Transportation Association
- Bob Ortblad

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held October 11, 2018
- Regional Growth Center Plan Certification for Tacoma Mall Subarea Plan

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Rob Gelder and seconded by Mayor Dana Ralph to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.
RECOMMEND AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT STATUS FOR THE SOUND TRANSIT LYNNWOOD LINK EXTENSION PROJECT

Per PSRC’s adopted procedures, PSRC’s Executive Board is required to approve regionally significant transportation projects before those projects move to implementation phases. Sound Transit has submitted a request to change the status of the Lynnwood Link Extension project from “Candidate” to “Approved.”

John Evans and Lisa Wolterink of Sound Transit provided an overview of the Lynnwood Link Extension project, discussing project timeline, readiness, budget and risk assessment.

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan and seconded by Councilmember Chris Beale that the Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board authorize a change in project status for the Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension project from “Candidate” to “Approved.”

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF REGIONAL PRIORITY RANKINGS FOR WSDOT 2019-21 CONSOLIDATED GRANT COMPETITION

PSRC provides regional priority rankings for the Washington State Department of Transportation’s Consolidated Grant competition. The Consolidated Grant competition offers funding from a variety of federal and state sources that can be applied anywhere in Washington State for special needs transportation, rural, and other related public transportation programs.

Gil Cerise provided an overview of the Consolidated Grant and PSRC’s role in the process. Mr. Cerise shared a summary of the Consolidated Grant applications received. The Special Needs Transportation Committee (SNTC) reviewed submitted projects at the October 17, 2018 meeting and unanimously recommended a final package of regional priority rankings to the Transportation Operators Committee (TOC). The TOC met October 24 and agreed with the SNTC’s recommendation and forwarded the recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board (TPB).

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Bek Ashby and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson that the Transportation Policy Board should recommend that the Executive Board approve regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2019-21 Consolidated Grant competition as found in Table 1. The motion passed.

2018 TRANSIT INTEGRATION REPORT

Mr. Cerise shared that in 2011 the Executive Board directed the TPB to assess regional transit coordination, resulting in a recommendation to produce an annual transit integration report. The report reviews coordination activities, changes as a result of coordination and outstanding coordination issues.
Maggie Moore shared that the 2018 Transit Integration Report documents what has happened over the past year to build the transit network. The report highlights planning and construction at regional hubs, how customers can more easily use the system, and increased access to the regional system.

The board discussed priorities for transit coordination and ideas for the 2019 Transit Integration report.

COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION BOARD’S 2019-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN
Ben Bakkenta shared that the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program is the state’s foundational transportation demand management program that promotes the efficient use of the transportation system and is aimed at reducing single occupant vehicle commute trips.

Ricardo Gotla, WSDOT, provided an overview of the key elements of the CTR program, noting how well it has performed. Mr. Gotla shared that the CTR Board’s 2019-2023 Strategic Plan aims to strengthen the CTR program, add more efficiencies and to expand past the current trip market.

Monica Ghosh, WSDOT, discussed her work as a Community Liaison for Public Transportation Grants. She shared how Commute Seattle and the City of Tukwila are working on CTR intervention and outreach.

Mr. Gotla discussed the new CTR board governance structure, reviewing the composition of the Executive Board and Technical Committee. He also reviewed the Executive Board’s draft purpose, roles and responsibilities, and next steps.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.
TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Councilmember Chris Beale, City of Tacoma
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports
Jennifer Cook, AAA Washington – (via remote)
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Vice Chair
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee – (via remote)
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee (Alt.)
Councilmember Rob Johnson, City of Seattle, Chair
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Local Transit – Pierce County
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
Kelsey Mesher, Transportation Choices Coalition
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.)
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Local Transit – Snohomish County
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County (Alt.)
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County – (via remote)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Senator Joe Fain, Senate Transportation Committee
Councilmember Kevin Gorman, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Jefferson Ketchel, Snohomish Health District
*Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) continued

Mayor Ron Lucas, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Councilmember Joe McDermott, Local Transit–King County
Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County
*Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
*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
Gil Cerise, PSRC
John Evans, Sound Transit
Ricardo Gotla, WSDOT
Monica Ghosh, WSDOT
Peter Heffernan, King County, PSRC Transportation Operators Committee
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Kirste Johnson, Sound Transit
Will Knedlik, Washington State Good Roads & Transportation Association
Bob Ortblad
Sheila Rogers, PSRC
Joann Schueler, WSDOT
Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue
Lisa Wolterink, Sound Transit