MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

April 11, 2019

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Erickson acknowledged outgoing chair Rob Johnson and expressed great appreciation and respect for his service on the board and in Seattle.

Vice Chair Erickson welcomed the following new members and alternates to the board:

- Mayor Don Anderson, Lakewood, representing Pierce Transit (member).
- Mayor Daryl Eidinger, Edgewood, representing Pierce Transit (alternate).
- Mayor Mike Courts, Dupont, representing Pierce County Other Cities and Towns, (alternate to member).
- Councilmember Cynthia Jacobsen, Puyallup, representing Pierce County Other Cities and Towns (alternate).

Vice Chair Erickson announced those rotating off the board:

- Councilmember Ryan Mello, Tacoma, representing Pierce Transit (member)
- Mayor Ron Lucas, Steilacoom, representing Pierce County Other Cities and Towns.

Vice Chair Erickson stated that the board did not have a quorum. As a recommending body, the Transportation Policy Board would take action on items by consensus. Those items would then move forward to the Executive Board for approval.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Kelly McGourty shared that the Alaskan Way Viaduct removal is underway, and
construction demolition has begun near PSRC’s offices. In addition, the agenda packet included a save the date notice for PSRC’s annual General Assembly; registration is now open for the event. Ms. McGourty also shared the public comment period on VISION 2050 Supplemental Draft EIS is open through April 29.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of the Transportation Policy Board Meeting held February 14, 2019
b. Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Sumner SR 410/Traffic Avenue Interchange Project
d. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the Kitsap Transit Bremerton to Downtown Seattle Passenger-Only Ferry Project

By consensus, the Transportation Policy Board recommended that the Executive Board approve items b through d on the Consent Agenda.

COMMUNITY TRANSIT SWIFT GREEN LINE OPENING & SNOHOMISH COUNTY SUPPORTING PROJECTS

Roland Behee, Community Transit, shared an overview of Community Transit’s Swift BRT program, including the design principles for station design, vehicles and high frequency service. Mr. Behee talked about the Swift Blue Line, which was the first line between Everett Station and the Aurora Village Transit Station. Mr. Behee then gave a report on the recent opening of the Green Line between Boeing/Paine Field to Canyon Park, including the new Seaway Transit Center.

Steve Thomsen, Snohomish County Public Works, joined Mr. Behee to share information on the coordination and collaboration between their agencies on this project. Mr. Thomsen discussed how the county supported the Swift Green line by installing adaptive signals and sidewalk improvements, in partnership with the state and cities along the corridor.

REPORT ON ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT AND RELATED PROJECTS

Roger Millar, WSDOT, opened by acknowledging the work and collaboration to close the Alaskan Way Viaduct and open the new State Route 99 tunnel. Chris Brown, WSDOT, briefed the board on the viaduct demolition, sharing details of the viaduct removal, filling and sealing the Battery Street Tunnel, and rebuilding surface street connections.

Chris Arkills, King County Metro, briefed the board on the shift of bus routes out of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel. He shared details of transit service changes,
summarizing new transit pathways, changes in transit operations, capital improvements and additional service to accommodate ridership demand.

Heather Marx, Seattle DOT, shared strategies the city is using to manage the transportation system and right-of-way during given current and future project activities, and how they are partnering with transit and employers to reduce drive-alone trips downtown.

PROJECT TRACKING AND DELIVERY REPORT

Ryan Thompto, PSRC, provided an overview of PSRC’s Project Tracking Program including current policies and guidelines that direct how PSRC’s federal funds are managed.

Mr. Thompto described how PSRC tracks current projects and detailed the progress reporting process. He shared that all projects are required to meet annual delivery targets for FHWA funds and reviewed the details of that requirement. Mr. Thompto discussed the annual target status for 2019 and the policies in place to address a current gap. A Project Delivery Working Group is working to identify a more consistent and streamlined approach to meeting annual delivery targets.

Mr. Thompto reviewed the next steps for meeting the 2019 annual target. The board is expected to receive another presentation in June on the 2019 delivery report with a potential action on funding. Possible updates to project tracking policies will also be presented.

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.
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TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Martha Burke, League of Women Voters of Washington (via remote)
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County (Alt.) (via remote)
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Vice Chair
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee
Councilmember Mark James, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
Councilmember Peter Kwon, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.) (via remote)
Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County (via remote)
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County (via remote)
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (via remote)
Patty Rubstello, WSDOT (1st Alt.)
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Local Transit – Snohomish County
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County (Alt.)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton (via remote)
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County (via remote)
Councilmember Janice Zahn, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue (Alt.)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit-Pierce County
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
Councilmember Chris Beale, Metropolitan Center–City of Tacoma
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club
Jennifer Cook, AAA Washington
Mayor Mike Courts, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) continued

Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
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
Councilmember Joe McDermott, Local Transit–King County
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
Kelsey Mesher, Transportation Choices Coalition
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
*Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians

GUESTS and PSRC STAFF PRESENT -
(As determined by signatures on the Attendance Sheet and documentation by staff)

Chris Arkills, King County Metro
Lyndall Bervar, Congressman Adam Smith’s Office
Ben Brackett, PSRC
Chris Brown, WSDOT
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Roland Behee, Community Transit
Grant Gibson, PSRC
Mark Gulbranson, PSRC
Peter Hefferman, King County
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Catherine Kato, PSRC
Mitch Koch, PSRC
Heather Marx, SDOT
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
Steve Thomsen, Snohomish County
Noah Tunick, Community Transit
Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue