MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

December 12, 2019

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman provided public comment.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, PSRC, briefed the board on the Project Delivery Summit that was held on December 4th. Ms. McGourty noted that over 150 participants joined the summit both in-person and via a webinar, and heard valuable information from the Federal Highway Administration, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and from two local agencies. She shared information on the key takeaways from the summit, including the importance of building adequate time into project schedules to address federal requirements and achieve milestones, as well as the federal perspective on the importance of delivery.

Ms. McGourty then shared that the region’s attention to project delivery has been worth the effort, reporting that an additional $9 million of federal funds is being allocated to the region from redistributions from other states. The process for distributing these additional dollars will be developed over the next few months.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of the Transportation Policy Board Meeting held November 14, 2019

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Doug Richardson and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.
PSRC’S FREIGHT WORK PROGRAM

Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC, briefed the board on PSRC’s work program related to freight and goods movement, including the compilation of an inventory of regional freight assets. Ms. Parthasarathi noted the importance of freight to the region, and that it extends well beyond the traditional image of heavy duty trucks or rail, to the products we use and consume on a daily basis. She commented on the growth that has been seen over the last several years, as well as the anticipated growth in the future and the changing nature of goods delivery and new technologies. The inventory of freight assets is intended to highlight key aspects of the system and provide context to their impact within the region. Ms. Parthasarathi walked through several examples within the inventory, such as the amount of goods moved by rail, the economic impact to the state from the ports and industrial lands, and the corresponding impacts to the transportation system. This information will be woven into the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan, including further analysis and visualization.

FEDERAL SAFETY TARGETS

Pavithra Parthasarathi and Gary Simonson, PSRC, briefed the board on the federally required safety targets, which are due to be adopted by the end of February 2020. They presented on the requirements set forth in federal law and reminded the board of the initial adoption of safety targets in 2018. Mr. Simonson then walked through each of the specific targets required and updated data available from the state. Overall the trend has been somewhat flat since 2010, but there has been an upward trend in fatalities and serious injuries for bicyclists and pedestrians over the last few years. Mr. Simonson then shared with the board some additional data corresponding to the recorded factors associated with crashes in the region over the last decade. These factors include distracted driving, age, speeding, lane departures and others. This topic will be brought back to the board for action early in 2020.

I-976 FUNDING

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, briefed the board on the approach to be taken to assess the potential impacts of Initiative 976 on PSRC’s federal funding program. Each sponsor of a project with PSRC’s federal funds will be contacted and an evaluation of risk to the project schedule and local and state matching funds will be conducted. Information will be brought back to the board in February regarding the risk to PSRC’s 2020 project delivery target, future years’ delivery, and any adjustments to the program that may be necessary.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.
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TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County  
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club  
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County (Alt.) (via remote)  
Mayor Mike Courts, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County  
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council  
Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Chair  
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington (via remote)  
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County (via remote)  
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee  
Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee  
Councilmember Mark James, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County  
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)  
Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County  
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County  
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County, Vice Chair  
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board  
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County  
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center—Bellevue  
Darrell Rodgers, Public Health Seattle/King County  
Patty Rubstello, WSDOT  
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County  
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center—Bremerton  
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County (via remote)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County  
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission  
Councilmember Chris Beale, Tacoma  
Martha Burke, League of Women Voters of Washington  
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports  
Jennifer Cook, AAA  
Councilmember John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Other Cities & Towns in King County  
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board  
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Kelsey Mesher, Transportation Choices Coalition
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Councilmember Abel Pacheco, City of Seattle
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
*Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
*Councilmember Terry Ryan, Local Transit – Snohomish County
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians

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

Gil Cerise, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Catherine Kato, PSRC
Brian Lee, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Brian Perry, Sound Cities Association
Sheila Rogers, PSRC
Gary Simonson, PSRC
Alex Tsimerman