CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair.

Kelly McGourty informed the board that PSRC has updated its Public Participation Plan. Public comment can be given at PSRC board meetings so that decision making bodies can receive public comment. Those wishing to give public comment may sign in and identify what agenda item they will be speaking to.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the board:

- Alex Tsimerman, SUA
- Paul W. Locke

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Johnson welcomed the following new members and alternates to the board:

- Mayor Greg Wheeler, City of Bremerton (member)
- Shelley Kneip, League of Women Voters of Washington, representing Community/Environment (alternate)
- Councilmember Peter Kwon, King County Other Cities & Towns (alternate)
- Claire Martini, Cascade Bicycle Club, representing Community/Environment (alternate). Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club will be serving as member.
- Martha Burke, League of Women Voters of Washington, representing Community/Environment (member)
Chair Johnson acknowledged outgoing members and alternates:

- Mayor Amy Walen, King County Other Cities & Towns (member)
- Councilmember Benson Wong, King County Other Cities & Towns (alternate)
- Councilmember Eric Younger, City of Bremerton (alternate)

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Kelly McGourty shared that PSRC transportation staff will be focused on implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan throughout 2019. Staff are engaged in national, state and regional discussions on a variety of topics including freight, transit access, equity and special needs transportation, technology, performance measures, project funding and others.

Ms. McGourty and other staff will be attending the Transportation Research Board in Washington D.C., and she will be presenting on two panels related to emerging mobility and performance-based planning. These are key topics the board has previously discussed. Ms. McGourty will also be meeting with representatives of the Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors, a freight trade association.

Ms. McGourty informed the board that she is also participating in the Infrastructure and Systems sub-committee of the state’s Autonomous Vehicle Workgroup. This workgroup was established by the Legislature in 2018. The board will be briefed as this work unfolds at the state level.

Other key areas that staff are engaging in include a variety of corridor studies, as projects get underway around the region, and Ms. McGourty is engaging with stakeholders on advancing regional electric vehicle infrastructure.

This year PSRC will be conducting our Rural Town Centers and Corridors grant program for $5 million. Next year is PSRC’s major funding competition to award 2023-2024 funds. PSRC will be hosting our Project Selection Task Force later in the year to update the Policy Framework. In addition, staff is continuing work on our project tracking and monitoring program, looking for ways to be more efficient in meeting annual delivery targets and implementing projects.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Minutes of the Transportation Policy Board Meeting held Dec. 13, 2018
b. Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Mayor Dana Ralph to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.
Diana Lauderbach, PSRC, shared highlights from the draft Biennial Budget and Work Program. The budget is developed and overseen by the Operations Committee. It builds on work from the current biennium and is a balanced budget proposal. Ms. Lauderbach noted that revenues are flat, while consultant and direct costs are reduced. The budget includes a merit pool and dues increase towards PSRC’s contingency fund.

Ms. McGourty shared major activities in the work plan for Regional Planning, Growth Management Planning, Transportation Planning, Economic Development and Data.

Comments on the budget are due by March 16, 2019. The Executive Board is scheduled to recommend the budget to the General Assembly at the March 28, 2019 meeting. The General Assembly is scheduled to adopt the budget at the May 2019 meeting.

Councilmember Paul Roberts asked that Climate Change be represented in the work program. Ms. McGourty noted that the transportation work program includes work to advance the four-part greenhouse gas strategy and resilience. Further feedback to strengthen that language is welcome. Councilmember Jennifer Robertson stated that emerging technologies and new mobility would be an exciting thing to have in the next biennial budget. Councilmember Mike Todd called attention to page 39 of the budget, highlighting the work program. He encouraged members of the board to reference those pages and review the hotlinks to be familiar with the work program.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL REQUEST: WSDOT I-90 / EASTGATE TO SR 900 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. McGourty informed the board that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) contains policies about how major capacity projects can be amended into the plan. The TPB reviews and recommends the Executive Board approve the project(s) before they begin implementation.

Azim Sheikh-Taheri and Cathy George, WSDOT, provided background information on the I-90/Eastgate to SR 900 Corridor Improvement project. Mr. Sheik-Taheri explained how the project evolved from creating a peak use shoulder lane to repurposing the existing roadway for an auxiliary lane. Mr. Sheik-Taheri reviewed the benefits of this option and noted that it responds to stakeholders’ concerns. He shared various construction elements of the project, the total budget and timeline for implementation.

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to recommend the Executive Board approve the following actions:

- Amend the Regional Transportation Plan to include the WSDOT I-90 / Eastgate to SR 900 Corridor Improvements project in the constrained portion of the plan; and
• Authorize an immediate change in project status, from Candidate to Approved.

The motion passed.

REGIONAL CLEAN FUEL STANDARD
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), shared a presentation on a potential regional clean fuel standard. The tool is being used in other states and has shown to be an effective way to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, spur innovation and create additional consumer choice on fuel.

Mr. Kenworthy shared that transportation is the largest source of air and climate pollution in the Puget Sound region. For the region to reach its targets, it needs to reduce transportation emissions. A clean fuel standard would have the largest impact to reduce GHG. Mr. Kenworthy reviewed the elements of a clean fuel standard, how it works in the market and its benefits for the environment, public health, innovation and equity. Mr. Kenworthy also discussed fuel price and high-level economic impacts related to the clean fuel standard.

Mr. Kenworthy shared that next steps include the current analysis that is underway on a regional clean fuel standard, and that PSCAA staff would begin a rule making process for potential adoption by their board in 2019. Mr. Kenworthy noted that the legislature will receive a bill for a state-wide clean fuel standard the week after the January TPB meeting.

ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT CLOSURE AND MOBILITY OPTIONS
Meghan Shepard, Seattle Department of Transportation; Dave Sowers, WSDOT; and Chris Arkills, King County briefed the board on the upcoming schedule and potential impacts of the viaduct closure and tunnel opening. Ms. Shepard shared how this has been a multi-agency planning effort, with teams working closely together in anticipation of the closure, coordinating efforts for better efficiency.

Mr. Sowers discussed the program schedule, highlighting the timeline of ramp closures, areas of construction, expected traffic disruption and new travel patterns due to the change of access to SR 99. Mr. Sowers also shared the details of the Alaskan Way Viaduct removal and announced the “Step Forward” event planned on February 2-3 to celebrate the completion of the tunnel and the end of the viaduct.

Mr. Arkills shared the changes to transit pathways during the SR 99 closure. He discussed the investment in and expanded access to transit to deal with the peak congestion period. He detailed the strategies and partnerships undertaken by WSDOT, Seattle and King County to reduce the number of drive-alone trips downtown and provide first mile/last mile connections to transit. He shared how the agencies would be monitoring and managing the transportation system and the public right-of-way. He closed with ways to stay informed about the closure and tunnel opening and a variety of travel modes and alternatives to address the expected impacts.
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
January 10, 2019

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Martha Burke, League of Women Voters of Washington
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County (Alt.) (via remote)
Mayor Mike Courts, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County (Alt.)
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 (via remote)
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee
Dezerae Hayes, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (Alt.) (via remote)
Councilmember Rob Johnson, City of Seattle, Chair
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Shelley Kniep, League of Women Voters of Washington (Alt.) (via remote)
Councilmember Peter Kwon, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.) (via remote)
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Local Transit – Pierce County
Claire Martini, Cascade Bicycle Club (Alt.)
Kelsey Mesher, Transportation Choices Coalition
Councilmember Debora Nelson, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County (via remote)
Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Dave Ramsay, WA State Transportation Improvement Board
Councilmember Doug Richardson, Pierce County
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (via remote)
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Local Transit – Snohomish County
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County (Alt.)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Bremerton (via remote)
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County
John Wynands, WSDOT (Alt.)
Councilmember Janice Zahn, Bellevue (Alt.) (via remote)
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
Councilmember Chris Beale, City of Tacoma
*Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club
Jennifer Cook, AAA Washington
*John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Jefferson Ketchel, Snohomish Health District
*Mayor Ron Lucas, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
Councilmember Joe McDermott, Local Transit–King County
*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, City of Seattle
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
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
Lyndall Bervar, Congressman Adam Smith’s Office
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Cathy George, WSDOT
Mark Gulbranson, PSRC
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Catherine Kato, PSRC
Will Knedlik
Diana Lauderbach, PSRC
Paul W. Locke
Linda Lyshall, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Brian Perry, Sound Cities Association
April Sanders, King County
Azim Sheikh-Taheri, WSDOT
JoAnn Schueler, WSDOT
Meghan Shepard, SDOT
David Sowers, WSDOT
Alex Tsimerman, SUA
Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC
Jude Willcher, Seattle
Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue