MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

September 12, 2019

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair Erickson welcomed the following new board members:
- Darrell Rodgers, Public Health – Seattle & King County, Member
- Shawn Frederick, Snohomish Health District, Alternate

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman provided public comment.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Erickson informed the board that the order of today’s presentations had changed with Item 8 – ITS Inventory going before Item 7 – Tacoma/Pierce County I-5 HOV program.

Chair Erickson shared this is a rotation year for some of the non-voting seats representing Business & Labor and Community & Environment on the Transportation and Growth Management Policy Boards. Four seats on the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) have terms expiring at the end of this year. Those interested in applying or reapplying can submit an application for consideration.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the Project Selection Task Force will meet following the TPB meeting. Today’s funding presentation will be a precursor to the work of the Project Selection Task Force.

A flyer included in the agenda packet provided details of an upcoming Regional TOD event on October 4. The event will focus on bus rapid transit communities. Registration
CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of the Transportation Policy Board Meeting held July 11, 2019
b. Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Rob Gelder and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

2019 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS FOR PSRC’S FHWA RURAL TOWN CENTERS AND CORRIDORS PROGRAM

Ryan Thompto, PSRC, shared that the Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) program was established from a 2003 study to assist implementing projects in rural town centers. He provided details of the number of projects and total funds awarded since 2005. Mr. Thompto also reviewed completed project examples.

Mr. Thompto provided an overview of the 2019 RTCC program. PSRC and the four countywide organizations collaborate in a two-stage process. Each countywide organization recommends up to three projects to compete. Projects are then scored by PSRC according to selection criteria. The RTCC project selection committee recommended a list of projects to receive $5.0 million through the program. Mr. Thompto highlighted projects recommended in this current cycle.

Mr. Thompto shared PSRC’s outreach efforts to collect public comments. Five comments were received and provided to the board.

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Rob Gelder and seconded by Councilmember Doug Richardson to recommend the Executive Board approve the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program funding to the list of projects identified in Attachment A, along with the list of recommended contingency list projects.

REGIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) INVENTORY

Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC, explained that Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) refers to an array of tools, communication and technology with the focus to improve traffic, enhance safety and efficiency of the transportation system. Ms. Parthasarathi provided an overview of ITS planning at PSRC and how it is incorporated in PSRC’s work.

PSRC has worked with stakeholders and reviewed the work of other Metropolitan Planning Organizations, with consensus that a Regional ITS inventory would be a valuable tool to have at the regional level. The inventory serves as a database of the
ITS technology in the region and where it is located. That helps inform where needs and opportunities exist as well as help regional partners coordinate on ITS efforts.

Gary Simonson, PSRC, briefed the board on what kind of data was collected, including signal coordination, adaptive signal control, accessible pedestrian signal and transit signal priority. Mr. Simonson shared that the ITS inventory is intended to be integrated with other data as part of a broader needs and gaps assessment. He also provided initial analysis and potential next steps of how it may be used in PSRC’s planning.

TACOMA/PIERCE COUNTY I-5 HOV PROGRAM

John Wynands, WSDOT, shared progress on the Tacoma/Pierce County High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) program. He shared the boundaries of the Tacoma/Pierce County High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) program and the segments funded. Mr. Wynands discussed milestones completed. He reviewed construction projects included in the program. There are two projects of the funded portion remaining.

PSRC FUNDS PROGRESS REPORT

Ryan Thompto, PSRC, shared an overview of PSRC transportation funds received from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration and explained how those funds are incorporated into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Thompto discussed the delivery of 2019 funds and how PSRC took a supplemental funding action to meet the delivery target.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an overview of the projects awarded in the 2018 project selection process. The board will review similar types of projects for funding recommendation next summer. Ms. McGourty reviewed the purpose of the Project Selection Task Force, which will meet immediately following TPB. The task force will recommend the 2020 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds to TPB. She provided the board with background on the project selection process, reviewing the competition parameters and set-asides. The task force will review and make a recommendation on key policy and administrative issues. Ms. McGourty then reviewed the draft 2020 Project Selection schedule.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
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TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County
Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Councilmember Scott Bader, Metropolitan Center–Everett (Alt.)
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)
Martha Burke, League of Women Voters of Washington
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club
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
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee (via remote)
Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee
Councilmember Cynthia Jacobsen, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County (Alt.)
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 Peter Kwon, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
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
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Local Transit – Snohomish County
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County (Alt.)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton
John Wynands, WSDOT (2nd Alt.)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
Councilmember Chris Beale, Tacoma
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
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) continued

Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Dan McKisson, ILWU Local 19
Kelsy Mesher, Transportation Choices Coalition
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
*Mayor Dana Ralph, Other Cities & Towns in King County, Vice Chair
*Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Councilmember Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County

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

Lyndall Bervar, Office of Congressman Adam Smith
Catherine Kato, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Richard Gelb, Public Health Seattle & King County
Mark Bandy, Jacobs
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Kim Pearson, PSRC
Gary Simonson, PSRC
Andrew Singelakis, City of Bellevue
Kalon Thomas, PSRC
Ryan Thompto, PSRC
Alex Tsimerman, SUP
Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue