MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

February 13, 2020

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair.

Chair Erickson acknowledged outgoing members:

- Deputy Mayor Davina Duerr, Bothell

Chair Erickson welcomed new members and alternates to the board:

- Councilmember Dave Morell, Pierce County (alternate)
- Councilmember Sam Low, Seattle (alternate to member)
- Councilmember Jan Schuette, Arlington, representing Snohomish County Other Cities and Towns (member)
- Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County (member)
- Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, King County (alternate)
- Councilmember Kristina Walker, Tacoma, (member)
- Councilmember Conor McCarthy, Tacoma (alternate)
- Cynthia Stewart, League of Women Voters (non-voting member)
- Alex Hudson, Transportation Choices Coalition (non-voting member)

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman and Jan Greylorn provided public comment.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Erickson shared that she had recently been in Olympia and had spoken with the Secretary of Transportation and several legislators regarding the upcoming planning processes for the Regional Transportation Plan.
DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, PSRC, informed the board of the upcoming second event of the regional electric vehicle coordination group that was formed last year in partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the Cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The draft VISION 2050 plan calls for PSRC to continue work related to electrification of the transportation system, and electrification is included in the four-part greenhouse gas strategy in the current transportation plan. The first outreach event of the coordination group was held on October 31, 2019. The second event, to include speakers from a local jurisdiction, a utility and the Washington State University, is scheduled for March 13.

The Policy Framework for PSRC’s federal funds was adopted in January and the call for projects was released February 3. Workshops will be held in each of the four counties. The board will be briefed on project recommendations in July.

Ms. McGourty shared that there was an information item in the agenda regarding the Draft FY2020-21 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of the Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 9, 2020
b. Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
c. Recommend Conditional Certification of Black Diamond Comprehensive Plan

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, informed the board that the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has an adopted financial strategy covering projected transportation revenues and expenditures in the region through 2040. Most of the investments in the financial strategy are programmatic. There are a smaller number of projects that are larger in scale and modify capacity of the regional system, and those are identified on the Regional Capacity Projects List. Ms. McGourty provided background on the types of projects on the Regional Capacity Projects List and how they move forward in the plan. She also shared details of the constrained plan versus unprogrammed.

Ms. McGourty shared the types of amendments allowed in the RTP and outlined in the Administrative Procedures appendix. She reviewed the process for the current minor plan amendment, which was released in November 2019, and the review that was conducted. Requests for 22 project revisions were submitted resulting in an increase of $1.9 billion to the financial strategy, which is primarily due to cost updates for three
Sound Transit projects. Ms. McGourty provided information on the assessment of the amendment and the consistency with the adopted procedures.

Board members had a robust discussion regarding what should be considered minor versus major amendments, with particular concern noted regarding the size of the cost increase in the current amendment. The board noted that the cost increases to those projects will happen regardless, and the amendment provides an opportunity to accurately reflect that information in the plan.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to recommend the Executive Board adopt a minor amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to reflect revisions to the Regional Capacity Project list as identified in Attachment A.

**AMENDMENT:** The motion was made by Mayor Don Anderson and seconded by Councilmember Cynthia Jacobsen to remove project plan ID 2520 Link LRT extension from Northgate to Lynwood from the approval of the motion and postpone for future action. The amendment failed.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to recommend the Executive Board adopt a minor amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to reflect revisions to the Regional Capacity Project list as identified in Attachment A. The motion passed.

**EAST-WEST INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL STUDY**

Mark Foutch, All Aboard Washington, provided background of intercity passenger rail in Washington state. Mr. Foutch shared details of a feasibility study on passenger rail services in Washington. All Aboard Washington is advocating for passenger rail to be extended to the Yakima Valley.

**I-976 SURVEY RESULTS**

Ryan Thompto, PSRC, shared that PSRC has surveyed jurisdictions that have current projects with PSRC’s federal funds to determine how they may be impacted by Initiative 976 (I-976). Mr. Thompto provided an overview of the survey questions and the limitations of the survey. Mr. Thompto shared that of the 184 current projects, 12 may be potentially impacted by I-976. He reviewed the characteristics of the 12 projects, discussing potential impacts by year, project type, phase and fund type. He also shared how jurisdictions are planning responses for those potentially impacted projects.

Mr. Thompto shared that the survey indicates there is minimal risk of adverse impact on the region’s ability to meet the annual delivery target for Federal Highway Administration funds. Next steps are to continue monitoring PSRC funded projects to ensure delivery.
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOCUS AREAS

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided background on the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and draft plan schedule. Mr. Cerise discussed key planning work that will help inform the update of the RTP. The next six months will help identify key focus areas for this plan update and prepare for the SEPA scoping and public outreach in the summer.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared two polls to facilitate board member feedback on key focus areas for the plan update. The first poll asked for feedback on a list of potential key focus areas populated from previous board discussions and the draft VISION 2050, and the second poll was open ended to allow for other suggestions. Results from the first poll supported the initial focus areas proposed. Results from the second poll will be summarized by staff at a future meeting.

Mr. Cerise shared that the next steps will be to identify break-out sessions and continue to work with the board on developing these focus areas. Board members continued to share feedback on areas the plan should cover.

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM (FY2020-2021)

Information on the Draft Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program FY2020-2021 was included in the agenda packet.

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.
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TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County (via remote)
Councilmember Scott Bader, Metropolitan Center–Everett
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County (via remote)
Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Chair
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington
Shawn Frederick, Snohomish Health District (Alt.) (via remote)
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee
Billy Hetherington, Laborers Local Union 242
Councilmember Cynthia Jacobsen, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County (Alt.)
Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee
Alex Hudson, Transportation Choices Coalition
Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Councilmember Sam Low, Snohomish County
Robin Mayhew, WSDOT (Alt.)
Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Other Cities & Towns in 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 (via remote)
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Cynthia Stewart, League of Women Voters (via remote)
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County (Alt.)
Councilmember Kristina Walker, Metropolitan Center–Tacoma
Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton (via remote)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club
Councilmember John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Councilmember Lorena González, City of Seattle
TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present) continued

Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
Councilmember Debora Juarez, City of Seattle
*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County
*Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians

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

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Harvey Bowen, All Aboard Washington
Josh Brown, PSRC
Gil Cerise, PSRC
April Delchamps, City of Kent
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Carmela Ennis, King County Council Staff
Lloyd Flem, All Aboard Washington
Mark Foutch, All Aboard Washington
Richard Gelb, Public Health Seattle King County
Jan Greylorn, KeepVIA
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Ben Kahn, PSRC
Catherine Kato, PSRC
Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
Diana Lauderbach, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Luis Moscoso, All Aboard Washington
Alisa O’Hanlon, City of Tacoma
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Velyjha Southern, PSRC
Ryan Thopto, PSRC
Alex Tsimerman, SUA
Joanna Valencia, SDOT
Lacey Jane Wolfe, Bellevue