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 Lorena González, Seattle (member)
- Councilmember Debora Juarez, Seattle (member)
- Councilmember Alex Pedersen, Seattle (alternate)
- Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah, representing King County Other Cities & Towns (alternate to member)
- Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island, representing King County Other Cities & Towns (alternate)
- Councilmember John Wright, Lake Forest Park, representing King County Other Cities & Towns (alternate)
- Robin Mayhew, WSDOT (alternate)
- Rob Berman, Seattle Chamber of Commerce (reappointed non-voting member)
- Amy Grotefendt, Seattle Chamber of Commerce (non-voting alternate)
- Billy Hetherington, Laborers Local Union 242 (non-voting member)
- Dale Bright, Laborers Local Union 242 (non-voting alternate)
- Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable (non-voting member)

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman and Marguerite Richard provided public comment.
REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Erickson shared that the Transportation Transit Caucus met this morning before the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, PSRC, informed the board that there was an error in the agenda packet for consent agenda item 5c. There was a typo in the identification of funding sources. The federal funds should show as $2,882,030 for the project.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of the Transportation Policy Board Meeting held December 12, 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 Bellevue’s Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail, 132nd Avenue SE to 142nd Place SE Project

ACTION: The motion was made by Councilmember Mike Todd and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to adopt the Consent Agenda with correction to item 5c., federal funds total $2,882,030. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION OF 2020 POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR PSRC’S FEDERAL FUNDS

Ryan Thompto, PSRC, provided an overview of the work of the Project Selection Task Force, the upcoming project selection process and the Policy Framework that describes the process for awarding PSRC’s federal funds.

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, shared the details of the Project Selection Task Force recommendations. She provided an overview of the set-asides, project evaluation criteria and other administrative elements recommended by the Task Force.

Mr. Thompto briefed the board on PSRC’s project tracking program and the Task Force recommendations for revisions to the adopted project tracking policies. These include revisions to obligation deadline extension provisions and a hardship policy recommendation.

Ms. McGourty shared that the details contained within these Policy Framework recommendations have been vetted through a robust process, including discussions at the Project Selection Task Force, the Regional Project Evaluation Committee, Transportation Operators Committee and the four countywide committees. Overall the
recommendations are to retain the policies and procedures used in previous cycles with minor adjustments.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson to recommend Executive Board approval of the policies and procedures for the 2020 project selection process (Attachment A). These policies and procedures will be documented in the 2020 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds. The motion passed unanimously.

**PROJECT TRACKING RECOMMENDATION FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PSRC AND TIB FUNDS**

Ryan Thompto, PSRC, briefed the board on the request from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to exchange funds between two projects funded by both agencies. The exchange of funds will allow the City of Lake Stevens to accelerate its 20th Street SE Phase II, Segment 1 project. Expedited delivery of the project will support rapid growth and other transportation improvements planned in the corridor.

TIB identified the City of Lynnwood 196th Street SW (SR-524) Improvements project as a viable project for an exchange of funds with the Lake Stevens project. The proposal is to exchange the 2022 PSRC federal funds awarded to the Lake Stevens project with the equivalent amount of TIB funding awarded to the Lynnwood project.

The request for the exchange does not fall within current policies. The Regional Project Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposal at its December meeting and recommended consideration by the board as it is consistent with the overall goals of the project tracking policies. Ashley Probart, TIB, was also present to answer questions from the board.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Bek Ashby and seconded by Councilmember Mike Todd to recommend Executive Board approval of an exchange of PSRC’s federal funds and TIB funds between the City of Lake Stevens’ 20th Street SE Phase II, Segment 1 Project and the City of Lynnwood. The motion passed unanimously.

**FEDERAL SAFETY TARGETS**

Gary Simonson, PSRC, shared that PSRC is federally required to establish regional targets for Safety Performance Management Measures by February 28, 2020. The Safety Performance Management targets are required to be updated on an annual basis, with the last established targets adopted in January 2018. The board discussed the targets at its December meeting in anticipation of approval. Mr. Simonson reviewed each of the five targets for Safety Performance Management and discussed the target-setting methodology. He also shared the next steps after approval and PSRC’s continuing work to go beyond federal requirements.
The board had a robust discussion of safety issues in general, and potential future work on this topic during the update of the regional transportation plan.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Councilmember Jennifer Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Kathy Lambert to recommend that the Executive Board adopt the 2020 Regional Safety Performance Management targets identified in Table 1. The motion passed unanimously.

**PASSENGER-ONLY FERRY STUDY STATUS REPORT**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that the Washington State Legislature provided funding for PSRC to complete a Passenger-Only Ferry Study. The study will be an update of a previous 2008 study led by PSRC. The study area will cover the 12-county area of the Puget Sound, including Lake Washington and Lake Union. Mr. Cerise shared initial outreach efforts to stakeholders. There was broad interest and agreement on the update of the study. Since the time the board last received an update on the project, PSRC has hired a consultant. Their first task is to develop a stakeholder engagement strategy and complete an assessment of existing conditions. The study is due to the legislature in January 2021. The board will be briefed at key milestones throughout the year.

**PREPARING FOR THE 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the federal and state requirements for developing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He provided an overview of the current plan, and noted changes that have occurred since 2018, including completion of key projects, growth in transit ridership, regional population and employment growth and the work to update the regional growth strategy in VISION 2050. Mr. Cerise reviewed the draft plan work program and schedule.

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, shared that over the next six months staff will be working with the board to identify key focus areas of the plan update.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
January 9, 2020

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County (via remote)
Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County (Alt.) (via remote)
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Chair
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee
Billy Hetherington, Laborers Local Union 242
Councilmember Cynthia Jacobsen, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County (Alt.)
Councilmember Mark James, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee
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
Robin Mayhew, WSDOT (Alt.) (via remote)
Kelsey Mesher, Transportation Choices Coalition
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
Darrell Rodgers, Public Health Seattle/King County
Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County
Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton (via remote)
Councilmember Janice Zahn, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue (Alt.)
Brian Ziegler, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (Alt.) (via remote)

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission
Councilmember Chris Beale, Tacoma
Councilmember John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
*Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
Commissioner Robert Gelder, Kitsap County
Councilmember Lorena González, City of Seattle

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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
*Councilmember Terry Ryan, Local Transit – Snohomish County
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)

Greg Armstrong, TIB
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Kelsey Beck, City of Seattle
Catherine Cato, PSRC
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Eric Durpos, City of Lake Stevens
Richard Gelb, Public Health Seattle/King County
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC
Kathrine Johnson, PSRC
Grace Kane, City of Lake Stevens
Andi Markely, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Alisa O'Hanlon, City of Tacoma
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Brian Perry, Sound Cities Associate
Gerri Poor, Port of Seattle
Ashley Probart, TIB
Margaret Richard
Gary Simonson, PSRC
Kalon Thomas, PSRC
Alex Tsimerman, SUP
Noah Tunick, Community Transit
Joanna Valencia, SDOT
Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Bellevue