Transportation Policy Board
Thursday, September 10, 2020 • 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Virtual Meeting via Teleconference

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1. Call to Order (9:30) - Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair
2. Communications and Public Comment
3. Report of the Chair
4. Director's Report
5. Consent Agenda (9:45)
   a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held July 9, 2020
   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 Canyon Road East Southerly Extension, 196th Street East to 208th Street East Project
   d. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail (ELST), South Sammamish B Segment Project
6. Action Item (9:50)
   a. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comment Release -- Kelly McGourty, PSRC
7. Discussion Item (10:00)
   a. Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry Study Status Report -- Gil Cerise, PSRC
8. Discussion Item (10:15)
   a. Transit Funding -- Kelly McGourty & Gil Cerise, PSRC
9. Discussion Item (11:00)
   a. Regional Transportation Plan: Safety -- *Kelly McGourty & Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC*

10. Next Meeting: October 8, 2020, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Online Meeting
    Major Topics for October:
    -- Recommend Adoption of 2021-2024 Regional TIP
    -- Regional Transportation Plan: Performance Metrics and Regional Trends

11. Adjourn (11:30)

   Board members please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Casey Moreau, e-mail cmoreau@psrc.org; fax (206) 587-4825; or mail.

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MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

July 9, 2020
Virtual Meeting

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to: https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings.]

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair. Chair Erickson shared that the Governor’s Proclamation 20-28 regarding Open Public Meetings was extended. Today’s Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting would be held entirely remotely. The meeting was live streamed, and a call-in number provided for members of the public to listen.

Chair Erickson made membership announcements:

- Councilmember Cyndy Jacobsen, Puyallup, representing Pierce County Other Cities and Towns (alternate to member)
- Deputy Mayor Leo Gruba, DuPont, representing Pierce County Other Cities and Towns (alternate)
- Councilmember Jared Mead, Snohomish County (alternate)

A roll call was carried out and a quorum was established.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Erickson shared that Mr. Paul W. Locke had passed away. He was a long-standing attendee of PSRC meetings and shared his viewpoints on transportation and funding. He will be missed.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, PSRC, informed the board of the virtual meeting logistics and how to participate. While meetings were canceled over the last several months, the board received status reports on the work of the Transportation Department. Ms. McGourty highlighted that a recorded webinar on Data and Performance Metrics for the Regional Transportation Plan had been made available in June and is posted on PSRC’s website. PSRC will be hosting a second forum for the Regional Electric Vehicle Coordination group and a peer networking session on safety in July.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of the Transportation Policy Board Meeting held February 13, 2020
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 King County Hospital Area Multimodal Connections Project

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

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR PSRC’S 2023-2024 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an overview of the project selection process and funding recommendations. The project selection process took place between February and June 2020. Staff committees have prepared project recommendations for approval by the board and were included in attachments A-D of the agenda packet.

Ms. McGourty noted that the Policy Framework and evaluation criteria used to recommend projects are based on VISION 2040 policies and Regional Transportation Plan outcomes. Ms. McGourty provided examples from the recommended projects to demonstrate how they respond to and address: support for regional and local centers; mobility and accessibility for all modes; safety; equity; and climate and air quality. Each project may not address all policy elements, but as a suite of a system they help meet policy goals.

Following action by TPB, project recommendations will go to the Executive Board for approval. Staff will then prepare the Draft 2021-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). TPB will then be asked to release the TIP for public comment in September.

ACTION: The motion was made by Mayor Mary Lou Pauly and seconded by Councilmember Doug Richardson to recommend Executive Board approval
of the projects recommended for PSRC’s federal funds as identified in Attachments A through D, including the prioritized contingency lists of projects should additional funds become available prior to the next project selection process.

PASSENGER-ONLY FERRY STUDY STATUS UPDATE

Gil Cerise, PSRC, shared that PSRC is currently in Phase 2 of the Passenger-Only Ferry (POF) Study. Outreach has been conducted and a robust group of stakeholders were identified to engage on the study. Due to the pandemic, PSRC has pivoted its outreach strategy to online engagement, and hosted a webinar on the POF Study that is available on PSRC’s website.

A broad cross-section of stakeholders was surveyed in May 2020 to solicit feedback on the POF study. Mr. Cerise noted that there were over 10,500 responses and provided the breakdown of responses by county. He shared highlights from the survey, discussing routes for analysis, terminals, geographic priorities, and service evaluation criteria.

Mr. Cerise informed the board that PSRC will host a webinar in August to discuss the initial survey findings. Staff will work on a preparing a draft document in the fall that will include more detailed analysis. The final study is scheduled to go to the Legislature in 2021.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN BRIEFING

Ms. McGourty noted that the existing Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was adopted in 2018. Ms. McGourty noted that the plan addressed key issues and has a 2040 horizon year. The RTP is required to be updated every four years and the 2022 plan will incorporate the policy guidance from VISION 2050.

Ms. McGourty discussed the RTP core elements and key policy focus areas identified by the board in February. She also highlighted PSRC’s planning work and expanded data collection and analysis to support the update of this plan. Ms. McGourty noted that the board had been previously briefed on work related to freight, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Transportation Demand Management and other planning areas. PSRC plans to merge the collection of data with contextual information related to demographics, the transit network, congestion, and growth to allow for more interactive visual tools to help support the planning process. She provided examples of key findings from these data collection efforts as well as the potential visualization tools.

Future work involves engaging the board between fall 2020 – spring 2021 for feedback on key focus areas and reviewing the financial strategy.

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
July 9, 2020
Virtual Meeting

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County
Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Commissioner Cary Bozeman, Ports (Alt.)
Don Cairns, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports
Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County
Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County
Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Chair
Anne Eskridge, University of Washington
Shawn Frederick, Snohomish Health District (Alt.)
Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County
Representative Mia Gregerson, House Transportation Committee
Deputy Mayor Leo Gruba, DuPont, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County (Alt.)
Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee
Councilmember Cyndy Jacobsen, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Councilmember Debora Juarez, City of Seattle
Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee
Alex Hudson, Transportation Choices Coalition
Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
Alex Krieg, Transportation Operations Committee (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
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
Councilmember Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Cynthia Stewart, League of Women Voters
Councilmember Mike Todd, Local Transit – Snohomish County
Councilmember Kristina Walker, Metropolitan Center–Tacoma
Deputy Mayor Wendy Weiker, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center–Bremerton
Councilmember John Wright, Lake Forest Park (Alt.)
Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, King County  
Councilmember Janice Zahn, Metropolitan Center-Bellevue (Alt.)  
Brian Ziegler, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (Alt.)

**TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)**

Commissioner Shiv Batra, WA State Transportation Commission  
Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club  
Councilmember John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council  
*Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board  
Councilmember Lorena González, City of Seattle  
Billy Hetherington, Laborers Local Union 242  
Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee  
*Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT  
Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe  
Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Island County  
Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable  
Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians

**GUESTS and PSRC STAFF ATTENDING -**  
(As determined by staff)

Monica Adkins, PSRC  
Melissa Cauley, Community Transit  
Gil Cerise, PSRC  
Carolyn Downs, PSRC  
Richard Gelb, Public Health Seattle King County  
Grant Gibson, PSRC  
Sarah Gutschow, PSRC  
Erin Hogan, PSRC  
Garrett Holbrook  
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
Piset Khuon, PSRC  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC  
Casey Moreau, PSRC  
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association  
Joanna Valencia, SDOT
CONSENT AGENDA

September 3, 2020

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Routine Amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

IN BRIEF

Five agencies submitted five projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. These projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various processes, such as FTA Section 5307(h) funds, which provide competitive funding for projects that support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt an amendment to the 2019-2022 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339), and Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310).
While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2040, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is described further below.

Consistency with VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2040 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

This month’s amendment includes no Project Tracking actions.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions

The following is a list of state and federal funding sources that are referenced in Exhibit A.

TIB
Transportation Improvement Board

FTA Section 5307(h)
Provides competitive funding for projects that support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas.
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<th>FTA Section 5339 (b)</th>
<th>National program provides funding through a statutory formula to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus related facilities.</th>
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<td>FTA Discretionary</td>
<td>National competitive grants from a variety of funding programs managed by the Federal Transit Administration.</td>
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Attachments:
Exhibit A
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<th>Funding</th>
<th>PSRC Action Needed</th>
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<tr>
<td>King County Parks Department</td>
<td>Eastrail Hospital Station Area Multi-Modal Connections New right of way phase in project that will complete construction of two primary elements of non-motorized access to the East Link Wilburton Light Rail Station: 1) A grade-separated, non-motorized, multi-purpose trail crossing of NE 8th Street along the alignment of the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) that will accommodate access to the future at-grade segments of the planned ERC Trail 2) The interface and cross-trail non-motorized access between the ERC Trail and the Wilburton Light Rail Station.</td>
<td>$5,000,000 Local $5,000,000 Total</td>
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<td>Lake Forest Park</td>
<td>SR 104/40th Place NE Roundabout New project with preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction phases for single lane roundabout with center island and sidewalks.</td>
<td>$650,000 State $2,561,198 State TIB $28,802 Local $3,240,000 Total</td>
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<td>WSDOT Marine Division</td>
<td>WSF Issaquah Class Ferry Reduction Gear Preservation Project New project with Other phase that will purchase and install up to 4 reduction gear assemblies for up to 3 Issaquah Class vessels. This will expedite critical preservation efforts and avoid adverse consequences of assembly failures.</td>
<td>$5,000,000 Federal 5307(h) $5,000,000 Total</td>
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| 4. Sound Transit | **SR 522/NE 145th St BRT**
New Other phase in project to design a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system from the south Shoreline light rail station at I-5 along the SR 522 corridor to UW Bothell with connecting service at lower frequencies to Woodinville, to include new and upgraded transit centers, new park-and ride capacity, and access improvements to the stations. | $4,800,000 Federal 5339(b)  
$1,200,000 Local  
$6,000,000 Total | [ ] [✓] [ ] [ ] |
| 5. Sound Transit | **Everett Link Extension Model Code Partnership**
New planning phase in project to develop a common, coordinated set of comprehensive plan and code updates to support and facilitate TOD and access improvements in areas surrounding new rail stations along the Everett Link Extension corridor. | $2,000,000 Federal FTA Discretionary  
$1,300,000 Local  
$3,300,000 Total | [ ] [✓] [ ] [ ] |
CONSENT AGENDA

September 3, 2020

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the Canyon Road East Southerly Extension, 196th Street East to 208th Street East Project

IN BRIEF

Pierce County has submitted a request to change the status of the Canyon Road East Southerly Extension, 196th Street East to 208th Street East Project from “Candidate” to “Conditionally Approved.” Per PSRC’s adopted procedures, requests to change a project status require Board action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board authorize a change in project status for the Pierce County Canyon Road East Southerly Extension, 196th Street East to 208th Street East Project from “Candidate” to “Conditionally Approved.”

DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan contains policies requiring PSRC’s Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan are designated as Candidate, Approved, or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan, and/or other planning requirements. A project’s status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval...
criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final signatures on its environmental documentation but has completed all other requirements, the Executive Board may grant Conditional Approval. Once the final details have been completed, staff has the authority to grant a project full Approval status administratively, thereby saving the project sponsor several weeks of delay.

This project is part of a larger Candidate project that improves and extends Canyon Road East from 196th Street East to 224th Street East. The work will progress in phases. Phase one, which is the subject of this request, extends Canyon Road East to 208th Street East, and will include a two-lane roadway plus a two-way-left-turn lane, sidewalk on one side of the road, traffic signal improvements, illumination, and stormwater treatment. Later phases will widen the road to a four-lane facility plus a two-way-left-turn lane and extend Canyon Road East further to 224th Street East.

Table 1 below provides additional details of the project, including the criteria used to review the project for the requested status change. All prerequisites have been completed with the exception of a completed SEPA checklist; therefore, the request is for “Conditional Approval.”

Table 1: Project Details and Review Criteria

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<th>Review Criteria</th>
<th>Canyon Road East Southerly Extension, 196th Street East to 208th Street East Project</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Project Cost</strong></td>
<td>$11,150,000</td>
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<td><strong>Consistency with Regional Policies</strong></td>
<td>The project is consistent with regional policy.</td>
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<td><strong>Benefit-Cost Analysis</strong></td>
<td>Not required- This project is below $100,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Environmental Documentation</strong></td>
<td>A SEPA EIS for the larger Canyon Road corridor project was issued for the project in 1992 and an addendum was completed in 1996. A SEPA checklist will be completed for this segment by May 2021.</td>
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<td><strong>Other Planning Requirements</strong></td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Feasibility</strong></td>
<td>The project is fully funded with $2,699,000 County Road Funds, $3,001,000 Real Estate Excise Tax, $5,000,000 Traffic Impact Fees, $263,000 General Obligation Bonds, and $187,000 Build America Bonds for a total project cost of $11,150,000 in 2020 year of expenditure dollars.</td>
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<td><strong>Air Quality Conformity</strong></td>
<td>Approving this project will not change the region’s air quality conformity determination.</td>
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CONSENT AGENDA

September 3, 2020

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail (ELST), South Sammamish B Segment Project

IN BRIEF

King County Parks has submitted a request to change the status of the East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail (ELST), South Sammamish B Segment Project from “Candidate” to “Approved.” Per PSRC’s adopted procedures, requests to change a project status require Board action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board authorize a change in project status for the King County Parks East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail (ELST), South Sammamish B Segment Project from “Candidate” to “Approved.”

DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan contains policies requiring PSRC’s Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan are designated as Candidate, Approved, or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan, and/or other planning requirements. A project’s status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final
signatures on its environmental documentation but has completed all other requirements, the Executive Board may grant Conditional Approval. Once the final details have been completed, staff has the authority to grant a project full Approval status administratively, thereby saving the project sponsor several weeks of delay.

This project constructs a 3.6-mile-long paved regional trail segment in the City of Sammamish between SE 33rd Street to just north of Inglewood Hill Road within a former railroad corridor now used as an interim trail. The project will be the final developed segment of the East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail, an 11.2-mile-long regional trail through Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah. The project is slated to begin spring 2021.

Development of the ELST, South Sammamish B Segment will include a 12-foot-wide paved shared use path with gravel shoulders, intersection improvements to enhance safety, and related drainage improvements, including construction of six new fish-passable culverts. The project will also include retaining walls, fencing, traffic control signage, wetland mitigation, and landscaping. The project will be implemented in two phases: Phase 1 will construct the trail from SE 33rd Street to north of SE 14th Street; and Phase 2 will construct the trail from north of SE 14th Street to north of Inglewood Hill Road.

Table 1 below provides additional details of the project, including the criteria used to review the project for the requested status change.

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<td>Total Project Cost</td>
<td>$55,129,727</td>
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<td>Consistency with Regional Policies</td>
<td>The project is consistent with regional policy.</td>
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<td>Benefit-Cost Analysis</td>
<td>Not required- This project is below $100,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Environmental Documentation</td>
<td>A Final Environmental Impact Statement was approved in April 2010, and a Record of Decision made in October 2010.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Planning Requirements</td>
<td>State and federal permits are either approved or pending. City of Sammamish building permits will be approved prior to construction. Development</td>
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<td>will be consistent with local agreements, and no new interlocal agreements or Memoranda of Understanding are required.</td>
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<td>Financial Feasibility</td>
<td>This project is fully funded through the King County Parks Levy for a total project cost of $55,129,727 in 2020 year of expenditure dollars.</td>
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<td>Approving this project will not change the region’s air quality conformity determination.</td>
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ACTION ITEM

September 3, 2020

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comment Release

IN BRIEF

The Draft 2021-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been prepared and is ready to be released for public review and comment. The draft TIP includes the projects approved by the Executive Board in July to receive PSRC’s 2023-2024 Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funds, as well as projects with local, state and other federal funds expected to be utilized between 2021 and 2024. The draft TIP document also includes a positive air quality conformity finding, background on the project selection process, an equity analysis, and additional information.

The public comment period for the draft TIP is scheduled for September 10 through October 22, 2020. A summary of comments received to date will be provided at the October 8 Transportation Policy Board meeting, when the final 2021-2024 Regional TIP is scheduled to be recommended for Executive Board approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should authorize the release and distribution of the Draft 2021-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public review and comment from September 10 through October 22, 2018.

DISCUSSION

The Regional TIP is required under federal and state legislation, and helps to ensure that transportation projects in the region are meeting regional policies and federal and
state requirements such as those under the Clean Air Act. The TIP is a four-year program of projects that must be updated at least every four years. In the central Puget Sound region, a new TIP is created after each project selection process for PSRC’s federal funds, which occurs usually every two years. The Regional TIP must contain all projects utilizing federal transportation funds, as well as any regionally significant projects in the region, regardless of funding source.

Documentation on the 2020 project selection process and the development of the new 2021-2024 Regional TIP has been available on PSRC’s website throughout the year. In addition, major action items taken by the boards, such as approval of the 2020 Policy Framework for PSRC’s Federal Funds in January and approval of the recommended projects in July, have been featured in PSRC’s At Work publication, which is sent to board and committee members, legislators, and interested parties.

Consistent with PSRC’s Public Participation Plan, the Draft 2021-2024 Regional TIP is scheduled to be released for a public comment period prior to adoption by the Executive Board. In addition to detailed project information, the draft TIP includes documentation on the project selection process for PSRC’s federal funds, the positive air quality conformity finding of the Regional TIP, an equity analysis, details on the financial information contained in the TIP, and other data. Full documentation is available on PSRC’s website at https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/transportation-improvement-program.

Upon action by the Transportation Policy Board, a news release will be sent to local and regional news organizations. In addition, an interactive web map is available on PSRC’s website with information on each project allowing people to view the projects geographically within the context of other data such as the location of regional centers, designated freight routes, demographics and other information. Comments on the Regional TIP may be made via a comment form on PSRC’s website, by mail, or through email. Comments (via email) may also be made at the September 10 and October 8 Transportation Policy Board virtual meetings, and at the Executive Board virtual meeting on October 22.

For more information on the Draft 2021-2024 Regional TIP, please contact Kelly McGourty at (206) 971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.
DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry Study Status Report

IN BRIEF

The Transportation Policy Board will be briefed on the status of the Puget Sound Passenger-Only Ferry Study. Staff will present initial evaluation results of 45 routes and identification of a smaller number of routes being considered for more detailed profiles, as well as next steps in the development of this study.

DISCUSSION

The Washington State Legislature appropriated $350,000 to PSRC to study passenger-only ferry service throughout the 12-county Puget Sound region. The study includes a review of potential routes and terminals, ridership demand, costs, and use of alternative fuels.

Since the last report to the board in July 2020, the study has progressed as follows:

- The project team reviewed results from the public survey to identify 45 potential routes for analysis within the 12-county study area.
- The project team conducted a three-tiered analysis of the potential routes that provides information on a variety of factors including ridership potential, travel time savings, community support, waterway considerations, resilience, and others. The tiered analysis can inform communities on potential hurdles that passenger-only ferry routes may face within the study area.
• From the tiered analysis, a smaller number of routes has been identified to receive more detailed route profiles. These profiles will go into greater depth of analysis and address operational costs, site-specific conditions, emissions and other elements.

PSRC hosted a meeting of regional planning organizations within the study area on July 30 and a public webinar on August 20 to share this information.

PSRC staff will share information on the status of the study at the September 10, 2020 board meeting. Board members interested in following the study will be encouraged to participate in the final study webinar being planned for October 2020. Information on the study, including webinar materials, project updates and opportunity to comment may be found on the project webpage at https://www.psrc.org/passenger-ferry-study.

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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Transit Funding

IN BRIEF

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) will be briefed on the topic of regional transit funding, per discussions held by members of the TPB Transit Caucus over the last several months.

DISCUSSION

In April 2020 the Executive Board approved distribution of funds to the region’s transit agencies from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act provided approximately $25 billion to transit agencies nationwide to support capital and operating expenses to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Approximately $538 million was made available to transit agencies in the central Puget Sound region, and the board distributed the funds via the standard federal formula based on the service characteristics of each agency, consistent with past PSRC practice and with the intent of the CARES Act.

However, during the board discussions, concerns were raised related to fairness and equity of this distribution formula. In particular, two areas of focus were discussed: 1) the PSRC distribution methodology, which uses the federal formula and rationale behind earnings from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to distribute funds among the region’s transit agencies; and 2) the limited amount of state funding available to transit agencies. PSRC staff were requested to follow up on these issues for future discussion.

Beginning in June 2020, the TPB Transit Caucus, comprised of board members serving on one or more of the region’s transit agency boards, has discussed the topic
of regional transit funding. In coordination with the Transportation Operators Committee, staff has provided information to the Caucus on the overall transit funding picture – including federal, state and local sources of funding – along with more detailed information on PSRC’s FTA funding, including the federal formula that guides the apportionment of the funds as well as the various eligibility components of each funding source.

At its meeting on September 10, the Transportation Policy Board will be briefed on these discussions and provided information on these two aspects of transit funding in the region.

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DISCUSSION ITEM

September 3, 2020

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: Regional Transportation Plan: Safety

IN BRIEF

The Transportation Policy Board will continue discussion of transportation safety as one of the key focus areas for the Regional Transportation Plan. A briefing will be provided on a peer networking session held in July on this topic, as well as ongoing staff work.

DISCUSSION

The Transportation Policy Board was provided presentations in December 2019 and January 2020 on the topic of transportation safety, which culminated in the adoption by the Executive Board of required federal performance targets. In February 2020, the board identified safety as one of the key focus areas for the next Regional Transportation Plan, scheduled for adoption in May 2022.

A peer networking session on the topic of transportation safety was held on July 24, 2020, to provide information on various safety programs at the local, state and national level. A panelist from the City of Poulsbo presented information on their Street and Pedestrian Safety Plan, and a panelist from the National Safety Council provided information on their Road to Zero programs. A representative from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission was unable to attend, but submitted a brief overview of their work. The presentations may be found on PSRC’s website at https://www.psrc.org/toolbox-meetings.

At the September meeting, the board will be briefed on the discussions from the peer networking session. In addition, the board will discuss how safety should be addressed
in the Regional Transportation Plan, and how progress towards the Washington State Target Zero plan can be achieved. Some key questions include the following:

- What safety policies and programs are in place in your area?
  - How effective do you think they are in bending the trend?
  - What are the biggest challenges to addressing safety in your area? (e.g., funding, behavior, distracted/impaired driving, etc.)

- The following elements are anticipated to be included in the Regional Transportation Plan related to safety; what do you think is missing?
  - Emphasis on safety as a key factor in system planning
  - Emphasis on safety in infrastructure design and project selection
  - Monitoring of trends
  - Best practices

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