



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, March 11, 2021 • 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

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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 February 11, 2021
 - b. Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
6. **Discussion Item (9:50)**
 - a. Road Usage Charge Briefing -- *Reema Griffith, Washington Transportation Commission*
7. **Discussion Item (10:25)**
 - a. Transportation Demand Management Briefing -- *Erin Hogan and Gil Cerise, PSRC*
8. **Discussion Item (10:40)**
 - a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Briefing -- *Sarah Gutschow, PSRC*
9. **Breakout Session (10:55)**
 - a. Regional Transportation Plan Breakout Session - Access to Transit -- *Kelly McGourty and Gil Cerise, PSRC*

The board will break into small groups to discuss the topic. The breakout sessions are open to the public, but will not be web streamed as simultaneous discussions will take place. Call-in instructions for members of public will be provided during the meeting. If you would like to listen, please join at this time.

10. Next Meeting: April 8, 2021, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Virtual Meeting

Major Topics for April:

- PSRC Contingency Funding Recommendations
- Regional Transportation Plan Topic Briefings

Save the Date: PSRC Virtual General Assembly - Thursday, April 29, 2021, 9:00-11:30 AM, Virtual Meeting

11. Adjourn (11:30)

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Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

February 11, 2021
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 9:31 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair. Chair Erickson shared that in accordance with the Governor's Proclamations, 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.

A quorum was established by roll call.

Chair Erickson made the following membership announcements:

- WSDOT recently reorganized their leadership, and Patty Rubstello will no longer be serving on TPB as she is now the new Assistant Secretary of WSF
- Now serving as alternate is Julie Meredith, who is the new Assistant Secretary of Urban Mobility and Access at WSDOT
- Councilmember Sam Low, Snohomish County, will also serve as a non-voting alternate for the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board.
- Commissioner Jerry Litt, Washington State Transportation Commission, has been appointed as a member. He's replacing Commissioner Shiv Batra.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Erickson welcomed all to the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that the visualization tool that was previously presented to the board is available on PSRC's website. The third regional electric vehicle collaboration event, "Electrifying Your Comprehensive Plan," was held February 10. The focus was on the challenge and opportunities for PSRC member jurisdictions to advance electrification in their communities and how PSRC and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency can provide assistance. PSCAA will host a resource clearing house.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 14, 2021**
- b. **Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

ACTION: The motion was made by Commissioner Kate Kruller and seconded by Councilmember Kathy Lambert to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

DRAFT FY2022-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM

Diana Lauderbach, PSRC, shared that the draft FY2022-2023 budget was prepared under the guidance of the Operations Committee and covers the two-year period beginning July 1, 2021. Ms. Lauderbach summarized the basic budget assumptions. The draft budget is a balanced and sustainable budget that supports ongoing planning work.

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed key work tasks from the budget for Regional Planning, Growth Management Planning, Transportation Planning, Economic Development and Data.

Ms. Lauderbach provided an overview of estimated revenues and related expenditures for the biennium. Written comments on the budget can be submitted via email to Ms. Lauderbach; comments are due March 12, 2021. The Operations Committee will finalize and recommend the draft budget to the Executive Board. At its March 25th meeting, the Executive Board is scheduled to take action and recommend General Assembly approval of the budget. The General Assembly is scheduled to adopt the budget at its April 29 meeting.

CONSOLIDATED GRANT COMPETITION REGIONAL RANKINGS

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided an introduction to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Consolidated Grant Program and PSRC's role, which is not to fund projects but to provide priority rankings on projects submitted from the region.

Jean Kim, PSRC, shared with the board that the WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program provides funding for specialized transportation programs. Ms. Kim highlighted the types of specialized transportation programs and the populations they serve. Ms. Kim noted that PSRC partners with WSDOT but that WSDOT is responsible for project selection.

Ms. Kim gave an overview of the grant selection process. PSRC staff and the Special Needs Transportation Committee have reviewed the region's project applications and submitted regional rankings to TPB for approval. Ms. Kim outlined the allocation of regional rankings available for this year. She then summarized projects recommended for priority rankings, highlighting project types. Mr. Cerise provided details of how the Special Needs Transportation Committee assigned rankings to the applications received.

ACTION: The motion was made by Mayor Kim Roscoe and seconded by Councilmember Bryan Yambe to recommend that the Executive Board approve regional priority rankings for the WSDOT Consolidated Grant competition as found in Attachment 1. The motion passed.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, noted that last month the board received a presentation on the purpose of the financial strategy and the background on developing estimates of current law revenue over the timeframe of the plan. The financial strategy identifies available revenues to fund systemwide investments across program areas and includes both current law revenue and potential new revenue sources that may be necessary.

Mr. Bakkenta shared information on the Transportation Futures Task Force which met in 2015. The group convened regional leaders and produced a report and series of recommendations for new revenue sources.

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, shared that new revenue sources included in the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) financial strategy detail a menu of options for funding. She provided a high-level overview of new revenue potential sources.

The board will receive a presentation on the Road Usage Charge at its meeting in March. Ms. McGourty shared the proposed schedule for the board to discuss the financial strategy in the upcoming months through the summer. Ms. McGourty discussed principles for guidance on developing the financial strategy.

STATE OF THE SYSTEM

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the work done to expand data collection of the regional transportation system and produce a new visualization tool. The board previewed the data visualization tool at its meeting December 2020.

Craig Helmann and Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided key findings and preliminary data analysis from this work, on elements such as signalized corridors, bridge conditions, and bicycle / pedestrian access to transit. They also shared areas of where the data could be expanded. PSRC will continue to gather and report on traditional data metrics but will also try to provide more interactive data and scenarios.

Mr. Helmann shared that PSRC will be conducting a Regional Household Travel Survey this spring. The survey has been expanded and will gather data specific to COVID-19 travel behaviors. Jurisdictions can partner with PSRC to further expand the survey.

Ms. McGourty, PSRC, shared that continued assessment of the tool will be ongoing, including more detailed analyses related to specific population groups, areas and future conditions.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
February 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting

TPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Councilmember Bek Ashby, Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
 Rob Berman, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
 Russ Blount, Regional Project Evaluation Committee (Alt.)
 Commissioner Cary Bozeman, Ports (Alt.)
 Brent Butler, Seattle-King County Aging and Disability
 Commissioner Ryan Calkins, Ports
 Councilmember John Clauson, Local Transit – Kitsap County (Alt.)
 Doug DeForest, Thurston Regional Planning Council
 Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County
 Mayor Becky Erickson, Local Transit – Kitsap County, Chair
 Commissioner Rob Gelder, Kitsap County
 Jesse Hamashima, Regional Staff Committee
 Peter Heffernan, Transportation Operators Committee
 Billy Hetherington, Laborers Local Union 242
 Alex Hudson, Transportation Choices Coalition
 Councilmember Debora Juarez, City of Seattle
 Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Alt.)
 Alex Krieg, Transportation Operators Committee (Alt.)
 Councilmember Kate Kruller, Other Cities & Towns in King County
 Deputy Mayor Peter Kwon, Other Cities & Towns in King County (Alt.)
 Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
 Commissioner Jerry Litt, WA State Transportation Commission
 Councilmember Sam Low, Snohomish County (Alt.)
 Doug McCormick, Regional Project Evaluation Committee
 Councilmember Ryan Mello, Pierce County
 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 Paul Roberts, Metropolitan Center–Everett/Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
 Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Metropolitan Center–Bellevue
 Darrell Rodgers, Public Health Seattle/King County
 Mayor Kim Roscoe, Regional Transit – Sound Transit
 Councilmember Jan Schuette, Other Cities & Towns in 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 Bryan Yambe, Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County

TPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Mayor Don Anderson, Local Transit – Pierce County
 Councilmember John Daniels, Jr., Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
 Councilmember Kim Daughtry, Local Transit – Snohomish County
 Jessie Gamble, Master Builders of Pierce County
 Dan Gatchet, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
 Councilmember Lorena González, City of Seattle
 Senator Steve Hobbs, Senate Transportation Committee
 Councilmember Jared Mead, Snohomish County
 Secretary Roger Millar, WSDOT
 Councilmember Jay Mills, The Suquamish Tribe
 Cynthia Stewart, League of Women Voters of WA
 Neil Strege, Washington Roundtable
 Andrew Strobel, Puyallup Tribe of Indians
 Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, King County

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

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
 Gil Cerise, PSRC
 Erica Chung, Port of Seattle
 Carolyn Downs, PSRC
 Craig Helmann, PSRC
 Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
 Evan Koepfler, Pierce County
 Jean Kim, PSRC
 Piset Khuon, PSRC
 Diana Lauderbach, PSRC
 Kelly McGourty, PSRC
 Casey Moreau, PSRC
 Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

March 4, 2021

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Four agencies submitted seven 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 Connecting Washington funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 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 2050, 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 further described below.

Consistency with VISION 2050 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 2050 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 has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

Detailed below are two requests from Kitsap Transit and King County Metro for modifications to PSRC's FTA funds for this amendment. The modifications were found to be consistent with PSRC's project tracking policies and were reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Operations Committee (TOC).

Kitsap Transit requests a redistribution of \$7,506,427 in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019 and 2020 FTA earned share funds. The redistribution is needed because construction costs have recently increased for the Silverdale Transit Center project. Kitsap Transit therefore requests to redistribute funds from the "Transit Operations 2018-2020" project to the "Silverdale Transit Center" project.

King County Metro requests an exchange of \$4,371,348 in FFY 2018 FTA earned share funds for the same amount of FFY 2020 FTA funds between two projects. The redistribution is needed because the FFY 2018 funds in the "Atlantic Base Vehicle Maintenance Bus Lifts" project are in danger of lapsing on September 30, 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges have delayed the NEPA analysis for the project, resulting in a significant risk that it will not be completed in time to obligate the project's construction funds before their lapse date. Therefore, King County Metro requests to redistribute 2018 funds from the "Atlantic Base Vehicle Maintenance Bus Lifts" project to the "Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2018-2020" project in exchange for the same amount of 2020 funds. Because the funding exchange will not change the total amount of funding in either project, this redistribution will not impact the project scopes.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions

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

Connecting Washington	State Connecting Washington Account.
NHPP	Provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS).
5307(Urban) Program.	Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula
5337 HIFG	Federal Transit Administration State of Good Repair for High Intensity Fixed Guideway Program.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Attachments:
Exhibit A

Month: March
Year: 2021

Project(s) Proposed for
Routine Amendment to 2021-2024 TIP

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. King County Department of Transportation (Transit)	Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2018-2020 Adding funds to existing TIP bucket project that contains King County Metro Transit's FTA funded preventative maintenance of transit-related vehicles, equipment and facilities. The project contains the annual program of maintenance work on Metro's fleet of approximately 1,500 buses, vanpool fleet, electric trolley infrastructure (70 miles of overhead wire) and seven operating bases and other facilities that are necessary for the maintenance and operations of Metro service. The primary use of the funds is for staff costs for Preventive Maintenance activities on buses. Depending on the amount of federal funds programmed, the federal amount could represent from 10 to 45 percent of the annual budget for this activity.	\$4,371,348 Federal 5337 HIFG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$4,371,348 Total				
2. King County Department of Transportation (Transit)	Atlantic Base Vehicle Maintenance Bus Lifts Existing project adding funds to replace up to nine bus lifts located at Metro's Atlantic Central Base. These new bus lifts will replace lifts that have reached the end of their useful life and need to be replaced.	\$4,371,348 Federal 5337 HIFG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$2,693,725 Local				
		\$7,065,073 Total				

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Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
3. Kitsap Transit	Silverdale Transit Center Existing project adding funds to provide a multi-modal transit center near SR 3 and SR303 in Silverdale, Washington. The transit center is centrally located near residences, commerce, social services and the Clear Creek trail and transit service will provide connections to Bainbridge Island and Bremerton ferry terminals. Local funds will be used for NEPA and conceptual design.	\$7,506,427 Federal 5307(Urban) \$476,607 Local \$7,983,034 Total	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Shoreline	148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge (Phase 1) New project with a construction phase that is a component of the 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge project (SL-25) which is a ped/bike bridge spanning I-5 that will connect to the north-end Shoreline South/145th Station plaza area. Improvements will include integration with the light rail station plaza area (east side of I-5) including ramps and stairs. SL-25A will fund Phase 1 construction which includes construction of the improvements on the east side of I-5. Right of way and phase 2 construction will be included in a future project (SL-25B).	\$6,900,000 Local \$6,900,000 Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 169/Ravensdale Creek - Fish Passage New construction phase in project to remove the existing fish passage barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure.	\$8,208,160 Connecting Washington \$8,208,160 Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed				
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	Other	UPWP Amend	
6. WSDOT Olympic Region	SR 3/SR 16/SR 166/Gorst Vicinity - Remove Fish Barriers New project with preliminary engineering, right of way, and construction phases as the existing drainage structures at this location have been identified as fish passage barriers. By replacing the existing structures with fish passable structures, the restriction to fish passages will be eliminated.	\$20,880,224	Connecting Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$20,880,224	Total				
7. WSDOT Olympic Region	I-5/Bridgeport Way Over I-5 - Seismic Retrofit New project with preliminary engineering and construction phases, as the current structure does not meet current seismic design standards. Seismically retrofit the bridge to bring it up to current seismic design standards and reduce the risk of catastrophic failure during an earthquake.	\$3,026,458	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$67,740	State				
		\$3,094,198	Total				

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DISCUSSION ITEM

March 4, 2021

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Road Usage Charge Briefing**

IN BRIEF

Over the past several months the Transportation Policy Board has received briefings on the financial strategy of the Regional Transportation Plan, including background on the assumptions for forecasting current law revenues into the future as well as potential new revenue sources. The current plan assumes a transition to a road usage charge in the later years of the plan and learned from studies being conducted by the Washington State Transportation Commission.

At its meeting on March 11, 2021, Reema Griffith, Executive Director of the Washington State Transportation Commission, will brief the board on the recommendations and conclusions from the final “Road Usage Charge Assessment” report submitted to the Legislature in January 2020, and any next steps.

DISCUSSION

Per the briefings provided to the board over the last several months, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) financial strategy includes a suite of potential tools that could provide new revenues in the future to support the planned investments. Various pricing mechanisms and user fees have been included, including the transition from the gas tax to a road usage charge (RUC) system.

For a variety of reasons, such as improved vehicle fuel economy and encumbrances due to debt service payments on state bonds, the gas tax is expected to be a diminishing source of revenue over time. The concept of a road usage charge to replace the gas tax has been studied by several states and the U.S. Department of

Transportation for many years. In general, a road usage charge is a mechanism by which drivers would pay a per mile fee, rather than paying by the gallon of gas.

Two states have road usage charge programs currently operating (Oregon and Utah), and a third state is getting ready to launch their program (Virginia), and many others have pilots either underway or planned. The Washington State Transportation Commission has been researching RUC policies and implications since 2012, and they conducted a statewide pilot of a RUC system between 2018-2019 with over 2,000 drivers to test and assess a road usage charge system to serve as a replacement to the traditional gas tax. The findings from the pilot study and research led to many findings and recommendations issued in the Commission's final report provided to the Legislature in January 2020.

Reema Griffith, Executive Director of the Washington State Transportation Commission, will provide a briefing to the Transportation Policy Board at its meeting on March 11, 2021 on the final "Road Usage Charge Assessment" report, current activities and next steps. The report may be found here: <https://waroadusagecharge.org/>.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org, or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at 206- or bbakkenta@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

March 4, 2021

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Transportation Demand Management Briefing**

IN BRIEF

At its meeting on March 11, 2021, the Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing on the work and research conducted as part of the development of the Regional Transportation Plan related to transportation demand management (TDM) activities.

DISCUSSION

Over the last two years, the Transportation Policy Board has been provided briefings on the work to collect additional data and update the state of the practice on every aspect of the transportation system, culminating in the development of a visualization tool now available on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-planning/regional-transportation-plan/rtp-data-research>.

One element of these data collection and research efforts has been on transportation demand management (TDM) programs throughout the region. TDM programs are designed to help people use the transportation system more efficiently through education, incentives, products, and programs that remove barriers to non-drive alone modes such as transit, carpool, vanpool, walking, biking, and teleworking. PSRC's TDM Advisory Committee has been working to evaluate the data collected as part of the regional inventory of programs and activities, and to assist staff in how TDM is addressed in the RTP.

At its meeting on March 11, the Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing on the TDM work program, including a recap of the findings from the inventory, an

identification of key issues the TDM Advisory Committee has proposed to address in the RTP, and a summary of preliminary discussions on potential recommendations.

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at (206) 971-3053 or gcerise@psrc.org, or Erin Hogan at (206) 971-3054 or ehogan@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

March 4, 2021

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Bicycle and Pedestrian Briefing**

IN BRIEF

At its meeting on March 11, 2021, the Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing on the work and research conducted as part of the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) related to PSRC's bicycle and pedestrian work program.

DISCUSSION

Over the last two years, the Transportation Policy Board has been provided briefings on the work to collect additional data and update the state of the practice on every aspect of the transportation system, culminating in the development of a visualization tool now available on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-planning/regional-transportation-plan/rtp-data-research>.

One element of these data collection and research efforts has been on bicycle and pedestrian facilities, programs and policies across the region. An inventory of current facilities has been conducted, along with count data where available. In addition, an inventory of the different types of bicycle and pedestrian policies, regulations and implementation programs across jurisdictions has also been conducted. PSRC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been working to evaluate the data collected as part of these inventories, and to assist staff in addressing needs and opportunities as part of the RTP, with a particular focus on access to transit.

At its meeting on March 11, the Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing on the bicycle and pedestrian work program, including a recap of the findings from the inventory, an identification of key issues the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory

Committee has proposed to address in the RTP, and a summary of preliminary discussions on potential recommendations.

For more information, please contact Sarah Gutschow at (206) 587-4822, sgutschow@psrc.org or Gil Cerise at (206) 971-3053, gcerise@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

March 4, 2021

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning
Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan Breakout Session - Access to Transit**

IN BRIEF

The Transportation Policy Board will continue discussions of the Regional Transportation Plan and the key policy focus areas identified in 2020. At its meeting on March 11, 2021, the board will hold an in-depth discussion on the topic of access to transit.

DISCUSSION

In February of 2020 the Transportation Policy Board identified six key policy focus areas for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan to be adopted in May 2022. These policy focus areas include access to transit, safety, equity, climate, local agency needs and forward-thinking investments.

Over the last several years, the board has been briefed on a variety of data collection, research and outreach efforts to support development of the plan, including support of these key topics. Throughout 2021 the board will hold in-depth discussions on each of the six focus areas, with staff providing short briefings on the issues, summary of key data findings, and committee input when applicable. Feedback will specifically be requested on the primary messages to be included in the plan on each topic, as well as potential recommendations.

At its meeting on March 11, 2021, the board will break out into small group discussions on the topic of access to transit. This topic encompasses multiple modes and aspects of the transportation system, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, connecting transit routes, park and rides, rideshare and other on-demand services, as well as supportive roadway infrastructure.

For more information please contact Kelly McGourty at (206) 971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org, or Gil Cerise at (206) 971-3053 or gcerise@psrc.org.