



DATE: January 22, 2023

SUBJECT: December Puget Sound Regional Committees Update

Executive Board

At its December 7, 2023 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Heard recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature.** The Executive Board adopted the proposed recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature to sustain and improve transportation funding, increase housing choices and affordability, significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to support a strong economy. PSRC staff consulted with and incorporated feedback from the Executive Board, Economic Development Board, Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and the Equity Advisory Committee in the recommendations.
- **Heard an update on the PSRC Equity Advisory Committee.** The board was briefed on the outreach process for the new Equity Advisory Committee members and approved the proposed roster. The four new members for the 2024 cohort include one member from Kitsap County, two from Pierce County and one from Snohomish County.
- **Heard about the 2023 Housing Monitoring report,** which includes data and case studies to track implementation of the Regional Housing Strategy. The strategy is a playbook of regional and local actions to preserve, improve and expand housing in the region and focuses on supply, stability and subsidy as well as general affordability measures. It helps focus the region's housing assistance with an emphasis on eliminating racial disparities in access to housing.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for January 25. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its January 11 meeting, the TPB:

- **Recommended approval of the 2025-2026 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding recommendations.** A Call for Projects was released in July 2023 for the distribution of an estimated \$558 million of PSRC's 2025-2026 FTA funds, as well as about \$20 million in 2023-2024 FTA funds. Of those funds, about \$507 million was distributed via the adopted earned share methodology, while about \$100 million was allocated using the new FTA equity formula distribution. The TPB recommendation will be shared with the Executive Board at the January 25 meeting.
- **Recommended approval of the PSRC's equity pilot to distribute approximately \$6 million of the 2025-2026 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds.**



Approximately \$6 million of PSRC's FHWA funds were set aside for the program and eight projects are recommended for funding. The Equity Advisory Committee developed a recommendation for improvements to how equity is incorporated in PSRC's project selection process. The TPB funding recommendation will be shared with the Executive Board at the January 25 meeting.

- **Recommended approval of the 2024 project selection process and updated criteria.** The TPB continued discussions on improvements related to safety, climate and equity for PSRC's 2024 project selection process. Several options were reviewed and discussed related to policies, criteria and scoring. The TPB unanimously recommended a compromise option that increased points for safety and equity. The Executive Board is anticipated to take final action on the *2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds* on January 25.

The next TPB meeting is scheduled for February 8, where Councilmember Dave Hamilton will represent Bellevue. Councilmember Janice Zahn served as the voting member in January.

Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

The GMPB did not meet in December 2023.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for January 4. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the GMPB.