



DATE: November 7, 2022

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Committees Update

Executive Board

At its October 27 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Approved contract authority for new office furniture.** PSRC has signed a lease for new office space at 1201 Third Avenue in Seattle, effective January 1, 2024. PSRC anticipates needing to purchase new workstations and board room tables.
- **Approved contract authority and budget amendment for an employee sharing agreement.** The contract would allow PSRC employee Brian Lee, Program Manager – Data Solutions and Research, to conduct research at the University of Washington on topics of mutual concern.
- **Approve PSRC Executive Board representation.** Every three years, the Executive Board considers the distribution of county and city representation on the Board. Two entities are eligible for an additional seat based upon changes in population (City of Seattle and Pierce County); however, neither member are requesting an additional seat on the Board.
- **Approved a routine amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Five agencies submitted eighteen projects for a routine amendment into the Regional TIP:
 - Bainbridge Island: Madison Avenue Nonmotorized Improvements
 - Bellevue: NE 12th Street Bridge
 - Northwest Seaport Alliance: Terminal 5 Truck Gate Complex
 - Seattle: Spokane Street Viaduct
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: I-5 / SR 18 Bridges – Deck Rehabilitation and Joints
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: SR 99/Northbound Duwamish River Bridge
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: SR 167/Mill Creek – Fish Passage
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: SR 900/Tibbitts Creek to Lake Sammamish – Fish Passage
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: SR 169/Rock Creek, Ginder Creek and Unnamed Tributaries – Fish Passage
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: I-90/ West Village Park and Schneider Creeks – Fish Passage
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: I-90/ Unnamed Tributaries to Tibbetts Creek and



- Lake Sammamish – Fish Passage
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: SR 99/ Spokane Street Bridge – Expansion Joint Modification
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: SR 529/Northbound Snohomish River Bridge – Bridge Painting
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: SR 529/Southbound Snohomish River Bridge – Bridge Painting
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: SR 529/Northbound Snohomish River Bridge – Special Bridge Repair
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: I-5/McAleer Creek – Fish Passage
 - WSDOT Northwest Region: I-5/Secret Creek – Fish Passage
 - WSDOT Marine Division: Terminal Wait Times Traveler Information System
- **Received a report on the Transportation Management Areas (TMA) Certification Report.** The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required to review and certify the planning processes for federally designated TMAs every four years. A TMA is designated for urbanized areas with greater than 200,000 population; PSRC is the designated TMA for the central Puget Sound area. FHWA and FTA determined that PSRC continues to meet the requirements established under federal law. As a result, the PSRC planning process is certified for four years.
- **Adopted the 2023-2026 Regional TIP.** Federal and state legislation requires the PSRC to prepare the regional TIP, which lists all projects utilizing federal transportation funds and all regionally significant projects in the region, regardless of funding source. Several Bellevue projects are included in the TIP, including Eastrail to Spring Boulevard Trail Link (construction), Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail (construction between 142nd Avenue SE to I-90 at 150th Avenue SE), and South Downtown Arterial Overlay Construction.
- **Heard a briefing on climate change analysis and implementation strategy.** VISION 2050 established a 2030 greenhouse gas reduction goal of 50 percent below 1990 levels. To achieve VISION's climate goals and monitor progress, the RTP directs PSRC to develop a climate implementation strategy. PSRC is currently developing a 2030 transportation network and inputs corresponding to the Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy. PSRC staff shared the concept of "sensitivity tests" that would be used to demonstrate how the region could consider lowering emissions.
- **Heard a briefing on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) performance dashboard.** One of the early action items in the RTP was to identify performance measures and targets for meeting VISION 2050. The proposed dashboard will have three levels of geographic comparison: region, county or transit operator, and regional comparisons. It isn't anticipated to include city-level data. The dashboard will be released in early-2023 that will grow and evolve based on input from PSRC Board members.



The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for December 1. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.

Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

At its October 6 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Received a briefing on Regional Housing Strategy Monitoring: 2022 Housing Report.** The GMPB received a first look at data and case studies that are being used to assess how the [Regional Housing Strategy](#) is being implemented, identifying gaps and opportunities for future work. The GMPB also received presentations from the Housing Development Consortium, South King County Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP), and Sound Transit. Work carried out by these agencies are targeted at increasing homeownership among black households, producing and preserving quality affordable housing through a multi-jurisdiction partnership, and increasing affordable housing near transit centers.
- **Received a briefing on the draft PSRC 2023 legislative agenda.** The GMPB was briefed on focus areas which include:
 - Transportation - Keep the Region Moving
 - Housing - Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
 - Climate - Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- **Received a briefing on Equity Planning Resources for Comprehensive Planning.** PSRC staff have been developing a Regional Equity Strategy to provide planning resources and best practices for local governments to support equitable outcomes. Board members learned about existing resources, as well as the upcoming planning guidance being developed by PSRC to support local comprehensive plan updates.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for November 3. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its October 13 meeting, the TPB:

- **Recommended approval of a routine amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Five agencies submitted eighteen projects for a routine amendment into the Regional TIP:
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- **Recommended approval of the Regional TIP.** The TPB reviewed the six comments received to date on the \$5.4 billion TIP. The board recommended Executive Board adoption of the TIP at its October 27 meeting, finding that the TIP is compliant with state and federal regulations, granting administrative adjustments to the TIP, and approving the projects selected for PSRC funding.
- **Heard a briefing on PSRC's draft legislative agenda.** PSRC is developing a legislative agenda that highlight priority topics of transportation, housing and climate based on PSRC adopted plans.
- **Heard a briefing on the RTP performance dashboard.** PSRC is working to implement an online dashboard that tracks performance measures for meeting key aspects of VISION 2050 and the RTP. These measures include but are not limited to emissions, safety, active transportation, finance, vehicle miles traveled and transit ridership.
- **Heard a briefing on the climate change work program.** PSRC is developing an interim year transportation network and conduct a 2030 climate analysis. Work will also continue with partner agencies, like the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

The next TPB meeting is scheduled for November 2. Councilmember Jennifer Robertson represents Bellevue on the TPB.

**Economic Development District (EDD) Board**

At its October 5 meeting, the EDD Board:

- **Discussed the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) program and work to finalize the selection of the greater Seattle region as the location for the spring 2023 event.** The ACE is an economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurship network organized by the Organization of American States (OAS), which brings together up to 60 senior-level government, business, and economic policymakers to experience projects, public-private partnerships, and best practices from a particular region's ecosystem. The greater Seattle ACE will take place in Spring 2023.
- **Discussed the Good Jobs Challenge grant which was awarded from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to Career Connect Washington (CCW) and the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC).** The \$23.5 million award will support as many as 5,000 workers whose jobs were impacted by COVID-19 and fill a minimum of 3,000 jobs across the state.
- **Received information on the PSRC's work on economic development policy**, including:
 - an update on the completion of the Arts and Culture Recovery Strategy;
 - continuing work on the Industrial Lands Analysis; and
 - the September 23 discussion of the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (CACC) regarding a recommendation to pursue a new greenfield two-runway airport in Pierce or Thurston County.