



**DATE:** May 22, 2023

**TO:** Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Genesee Adkins, Chief of External Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Committees Update

**Executive Board**

At its April 27 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Approved Contract Authority for Ongoing Administrative Support.** The action authorized PSRC to continue using outside consultants to provide finance, legal service, human resource assistance and information technology.
- **Approved Contract Authority for PSRC's Safety Work Program and the 2023 Regional Safety Convening.** PSRC will bring together regional partners and stakeholders to discuss the challenges and solutions to make progress toward meeting the region's safety goals. The total budget for contracts is not to exceed \$100,000.
- **Approved a Budget Amendment and Contract Authority for Subrecipient Agreements and Consultant Contracts to Implement Safe Streets for All Safety Grant.** PSRC applied for \$2,680,000 to develop a Regional Safety Plan. PSRC is serving as the grant administrator for the cities of Burien, Everett, Kent, Redmond, Tukwila and Pierce County who also requested funding for safety planning efforts. This action authorized an increase to the budget by \$4,860,000.
- **Approved a routine amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Five agencies submitted seven projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP.
  - Bellevue: Bellevue Way and NE 4th Street
  - Bellevue: NE 8th Street
  - King County Department of Transportation: Baring Bridge 509A Replacement
  - Mountlake Terrace: Transit Connection Corridor Project
  - Sound Transit: At-Grade Safety Enhancements
  - Sound Transit: Series 3 Light Rail Vehicles
  - Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Northwest Region: I-90/West Village Park & Schneider Creeks – Fish Passage
- **Approved certification of Kitsap County Countywide Planning Policies.** PSRC reviewed the countywide planning policies and found they address the VISION 2050 multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).



- **Authorized a change in the RTP project status for Sumner's Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge Project.** The City of Sumner submitted a request to change the status of the Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge Project from "Candidate" to "Approved."
- **Authorized a change in the RTP project status for WSDOT's SR 9 and SR 204 Intersection Vicinity Improvements Project.** WSDOT has submitted a request to change the status of the SR 9 and SR 204 Intersection Vicinity Improvements Project from "Candidate" to "Approved."
- **Approved contract authority for transportation projects online application services.** Online forms are used to submit and manage PSRC's project selection processes in a centralized website. The total budget is not to exceed \$30,000.
- **Heard from legislators on the outcomes of the 2023 legislative session.** Senator Marko Liias and Representative Andrew Barkis spoke to members about the transportation budget and housing policy.
- **Recommended adoption of Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program.** The proposed Biennial Budget reflects revenues and expenditures of \$32.0 million. Federal and state grants make up approximately 85 percent of PSRC's budget, with local funding used to match the grants and cover additional remaining expenses. The proposed work program will build on efforts to support regional land use, transportation, and economic development planning and coordination.
- **Approved the RTP minor amendments.** The current RTP was adopted in May 2022; however, some project changes have occurred that required a plan amendment. Seven agencies representing eight projects requested off-cycle amendments to the RTP. The projects are either 1) new and not yet evaluated or, 2) modifications to the scope and cost of existing projects. The City of Bellevue submitted an amendment for the 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Mobility Improvements Project.
- **Approved 2023 project tracking and delivery actions.** PSRC must meet its annual funding delivery target or risk losing any unused portion of funds to other regions in the state. Four supplemental funding actions are needed to assist the region in meeting the annual delivery target:
  - Project extension recommendations
  - Project exception requests
  - Policy addition to provide additional tools to achieve delivery of funds
  - Supplemental funding action that funds immediately ready-to-go contingency projects, including the Bellevue College Multimodal Connector and the 120<sup>th</sup>



Avenue NE (Stage 4) – NE 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Northup Way Multimodal Corridor Completion project.

There is no May Executive Board meeting due to the General Assembly on May 30. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for June 22. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.

### **Transportation Policy Board (TPB)**

The TPB did not meet in May. The next TPB meeting is scheduled for June 8. Councilmember Jennifer Robertson represents Bellevue on the TPB.

### **Economic Development District (EDD) Board**

The EDD Board did not meet in May. The next EDD Board meeting is scheduled for June 7. Councilmember Conrad Lee represents Bellevue on the EDD.

### **Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)**

At its May 4 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Recommended approval of the Greater Downtown Kirkland Regional Growth Center Designation and Subarea Plans Certification.** The GMPB recommended the Executive Board approve the designation of Greater Downtown Kirkland as a regional growth center. This action would also certify that the Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan and the NE 85th Street Station address regional growth expectations. PSRC received an application from the City of Kirkland to designate a 564-acre center focused around Kirkland's downtown in February
- **Received a briefing and update on the industrial lands analysis.** PSRC staff briefed the GMPB on the outreach and analysis work completed for the updated regional Industrial Lands Analysis. Staff interviewed stakeholders and met with the EDD Board and the Freight Advisory Committee to help identify trends that impact industrial lands, inform local planning efforts, and consider strategies to improve equitable access to employment in industrial jobs. The data analysis measured employment, industrial wages, land inventory and market conditions, environmental impacts, tribal impacts, and transportation conditions. The report will include profiles for the ten manufacturing/industrial centers in the region and include information on land use, transportation facilities, and employment sectors. PSRC staff is working to finalize the data analysis and will develop a draft report for review this summer.
- **Received a briefing on integrating stormwater solutions.** WSDOT staff briefed the board on their stormwater retrofit work. Tribes, local agencies and interested parties can



nominate priority locations for stormwater retrofits. Up to four locations can be submitted through WSDOT's online survey. PSRC also provided an overview of guidance to integrate stormwater solutions into comprehensive plans. In January, PSRC staff introduced the stormwater guidance project, and the GMPB provided input on how to make the guidance helpful for local planning. The guidance provides model policies, project examples, and resources that can provide the groundwork for implementing these solutions. The draft guidance is available for review. Feedback on the draft is due May 22. PSRC plans to finalize the guidance in June 2023.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for June 1. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the GMPB.