

**COUNCIL SUMMARY BACKGROUND BRIEF:
PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL (PSRC)**

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD (TPB)

Summary from Transportation Policy Board Meeting on October 10, 2013:

- **The Transportation Policy Board released a list of 16 projects recommended for \$17 million in Transportation Alternatives Program funding for public comment.** The Transportation Alternatives Program is a new funding source for from the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), which focuses on non-traditional transportation projects like bicycle and pedestrian improvements, environmental mitigation or historic preservation. Also out for public comment is a list contingency projects in line to receive funding should any additional monies become available. The projects were recommended for funding by an ad hoc citizen advisory committee appointed by the Transportation Policy Board. The public comment period will run from October 10 - December 5, 2013. Comments received by November 7 will be included in the agenda packet for the Transportation Policy Board when it makes its recommendation to the Executive Board.
- **The Transportation Policy Board recommended the redistribution of \$2 million in returned PSRC funds to contingency list projects.** About \$2 million in PSRC's FHWA funds have been returned by projects in King County since projects were last funded from the adopted contingency lists in November 2012. Next on the King County contingency list to receive these returned funds are Renton's Sunset Boulevard Corridor Improvements, Tukwila's Manufacturing Industrial Center "Smart Street" Nonmotorized Project, and Kent's James Street Bicycle Corridor. The Executive Board is set to act on the recommendation at its October 24, 2013 meeting.
- **The Transportation Policy Board discussed initial results from the scenario analysis for the Transportation 2040 Update.** Four scenarios that balance the plan's financial strategy were analyzed to show various impacts on the region and the performance of its transportation system. The scenarios analyzed were: 1) move the lowest quartile project from the prioritization process to the unprogrammed list; 2) revise state highway projects for phasing and project size; 3) move projects from the third decade of the plan to the unprogrammed list and; 4) a hybrid of the three. Preliminary results showed little difference at the regional scale between the four scenarios. However, the hybrid alternative balanced the financial strategy with some room to spare while building on prioritization and emphasizing near term projects. The board directed staff to run additional analysis on two different hybrid scenarios.
- **In other business, the Board:**
 - Discussed the next steps in the Growing Transit Communities Program, which include implementation of the remainder of the HUD-funded grant activities and securing additional signatures on the program's compact. The board also heard about efforts to implement Growing Transit Communities recommendations through PSRC's work program.
 - Reviewed the new Regional Transportation Demand Management Action Plan.

- Recommended approval of a routine amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program for three projects.

The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 14.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD (GMPB)

The Growth Management Policy Board did not meet in October. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7.