

**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MARCH 18, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Bobbi Allison, Chair  
Richard Wagner  
James Rackley  
Glen Hull  
Kathy McVay  
Derek Young  
Don Anderson  
Jason Whalen  
Joe Pestinger  
Roger Bush  
Dick Marzano  
Pat McCarthy  
Nicole Martineau  
John Knutsen  
Steve Allsop  
Lauren Walker  
Eric Choiniere**

**Town of Eatonville  
City of Auburn  
City of Bonney Lake  
City of Fife  
City of Fircrest  
City of Gig Harbor  
City of Lakewood  
City of Lakewood  
City of Orting  
Pierce County Council  
Port of Tacoma  
Pierce County Executive  
City of Puyallup  
City of Puyallup  
City of Sumner  
City of Tacoma  
City of University Place**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Pat Johnson, James Montgomery  
Richie Morgan  
Larry Wilcox  
Donna O’Ravez  
Leanne Guier, Richard Hildreth  
Tim Farrell  
Joyce McDonald  
Peggy Levesque  
Karen Yates, Ray Bourne  
Vacant  
Ron Lucas  
Joseph Lonergan  
Marty Campbell  
Denise McCluskey  
Donna Hogerhuis**

**City of Buckley  
Town of Carbonado  
City of DuPont  
City of Edgewood  
City of Pacific  
Pierce County Council  
Pierce County Council  
Town of South Prairie  
City of Roy  
Town of Ruston  
Town of Steilacoom  
City of Tacoma  
City of Tacoma  
City of University Place  
Town of Wilkeson**

**Non-members present:**

**Ian Munce, GMCC Chair  
Kelly McGourty, Norm Abbott, PSRC  
Dan Cardwell, PALS Staff  
Bill Larkin, TCC Chair  
Subir Mukerjee, City of Milton**

**Sean Eagan, Port of Tacoma  
Ike Nwankwo, CTED  
Russ Blount, TCC Vice Chair  
Jim Halmo, Citizen**

Bobbi Allison, Chair of the PCRC, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion (Lauren Walker, Don Anderson, second): To approve the January 21, 2010 and February 18, 2010 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **GMCC Report**

Ian Munce, GMCC Chair, provided the report. He announced the state legislature passed the extension of the comprehensive plan updates by three years. They were originally due in 2011. He briefed the PCRC on the status of the updates to the Countywide Planning Policies which the GMCC is currently working on. The last item of business at the meeting concluded with Dan Cardwell providing a review of the Proposed Employment Allocations. The GMCC has not taken action on the allocations.

Affordable housing amendments have been sent to jurisdictions for ratification. A letter will be sent out to jurisdictions requesting applications (June 1st is the deadline for applications) for centers designations. Tacoma, Sumner, and University Place are interested at this time. Applications can only be submitted once every two years. By designating an area as a center, it opens up more opportunity for transportation funding.

### **PSRC Presentation - Transportation 2040 Plan**

Larry Burris and Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the TIP Project Tracking Policies. The recommended changes to the policies will be at the Executive Board in April for approval and anticipated to be implemented in 2011. The major reason for the proposed changes is because the current system ties up funds due to the lack of project completion. The new proposal re-allocates funds if a project allocated for funding can not be completed within its deadline.

Ms. McGourty provided an informative PowerPoint regarding climate change following up from the January PCRC meeting where questions were raised.

The Transportation 2040 Plan is on Puget Sound Regional Council's website at [www.psrc.org](http://www.psrc.org). Appendix B in the plan has all the projects listed.

### **PCRC/GMCC/TCC Presentation**

Dan Cardwell, Ian Munce, and Bill Larkin provided information on the roles of each of the groups and how they interact with and support one another. There are two standing Committees: the Pierce County Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC) and the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC). The GMCC serves as an advisory committee for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations on growth management issues. The TCC advises on transportation and infrastructure issues.

Bill Larkin, TCC Chair explained how the group works with and on the Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC) from PSRC. The TCC brings project recommendations to the PCRC for approval and then forwards to the RPEC. The countywide planning projects compete

with a call for projects from the TCC. The TCC has a scoring committee that ranks and scores the project applications. The applications are scored in the following areas: roadways, transit, nonmotorized and other categories. There are set-asides established by this body: 18% for small cities and 10% for non-motorized. The ranked projects are presented to the full TCC and end up at the PCRC for final approval. PSRC concurs with the final list of regional projects. Please note that countywide projects do not go to RPEC for approval.

Mr. Larkin announced the TCC will provide a recommendation for regional competition from PSRC at the May 20th PCRC meeting. Only two projects will be chosen for this round of funding.

Dan Cardwell provided the overview of GMCC/PCRC coordination with a PowerPoint and handouts. The GMCC is typically made up of planning staff from each of the jurisdictions. One of the items the GMCC is tasked with is providing recommendations on the Countywide Planning Policies. Currently, as noted earlier, the GMCC is hopeful to have the recommendation of the policies to the PCRC in May.

Another item of focus for the GMCC is recommending population and housing unit allocation and housing targets. The process is as follows: preliminary targets created; jurisdictions review the numbers; GMCC approves; PCRC reviews and recommends; Pierce County Council adopts.

The GMCC proposed the PCRC create a subcommittee to review the Countywide Planning Policies.

Bobbi Allison suggested holding study sessions instead of forming a subcommittee to review the proposed policies. Several members concurred and it was decided a subcommittee would not be formed. Ms. Allison announced if necessary, the group will meet in August to finish review and recommendations on the policies.

### **Committee Reports/Announcements**

The Mayor of South Prairie provided a thank you letter to the group for their recommendations on funding in February.

Joe Pestinger announced the lahar warning bridge for kids' project is in the works. He would like to get a bus from Orting to Sumner to relieve the parking congestion. They are working on a project to use school buses while not transporting children to school; unfortunately the laws prevent this from happening.

Glen Hull announced that Mayor Pro Tem Butch Brooks, City of Fife, resigned due to conflict of interest.

Roger Bush referenced a letter that was sent to jurisdictions regarding transportation. He recommended that if you have further questions to contact Hugh Taylor at the County Council's office.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**