

1. 6:00 P.M. Pierce County Regional Council Agenda Packet

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2. PSRC Freight Advisory Committee Membership Letter

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[PSRC Freight Committee Membership Letter.pdf](#)

3. PowerPoint Presentation - 2021 Legislative Priorities

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[2021_priority development.pdf](#)



Regular Meeting Agenda

October 15, 2020, 6:00 PM

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Citizen Testimony**
limited to 3 minutes on October 15, 2020 agenda items only
4. **Approval of Minutes** *Action Item*
June 18, 2020
5. **PSRC Board Appointments** *Action Item*
Growth Management Policy Board: Alternate
Freight Advisory Committee: Member
6. **2021 Legislative Priorities** *Discussion Item*
Brynn Brady, Ceiba Consulting
7. **PCRC Committee Reports** *Discussion Item*
8. **PSRC Committee Reports** *Discussion Item*
9. **Zoo/Trek Authority Report** *Discussion Item*
10. **Announcements** *Discussion Item*
11. **Adjourn / Continue**

The next tentative PCRC meeting is November 19, 2020

For questions regarding this Agenda, please contact
Justin Evans, Chair, at 253-709-9199 or Tiffany Aliment, Clerk, at 253-798-3226

PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL

June 18, 2020, 6:00 PM | Regular Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting held via Zoom.com

Meeting ID: 944 1593 0071

Meeting Passcode: 226751

Representative(s) Present	Jurisdiction	Representative(s) Present	Jurisdiction
	<i>City of Auburn</i>	Cynthia Jacobsen Ned Witting	<i>City of Puyallup</i>
Justin Evans, Chair	<i>City of Bonney Lake</i>		<i>City of Roy</i>
Pat Johnson	<i>City of Buckley</i>		<i>Town of Ruston</i>
	<i>Town of Carbonado</i>		<i>Town of South Prairie</i>
Ron Frederick Leo Gruba Kevin Ballard	<i>City of DuPont</i>	Roger Neal	<i>Town of Steilacoom</i>
Emily McFadden Bill Dunn	<i>Town of Eatonville</i>		<i>City of Sumner</i>
Nate Lowry	<i>City of Edgewood</i>	Catherine Ushka Chris Beale	<i>City of Tacoma</i>
Kim Roscoe	<i>City of Fife</i>	Caroline Belleci Denise McCluskey Kent Keel	<i>City of University Place</i>
Shannon Reynolds, Vice Chair	<i>City of Fircrest</i>		<i>Town of Wilkeson</i>
Bob Himes	<i>City of Gig Harbor</i>		<i>PC Library District</i>
Jason Whalen Linda Farmer	<i>City of Lakewood</i>	Alexandra Mather	<i>Pierce Transit</i>
	<i>City of Milton</i>	Paul Inghram	<i>Puget Sound Regional Council</i>
Joshua Penner	<i>City of Orting</i>		<i>Puyallup Tribe of Indians</i>
	<i>City of Pacific</i>		<i>South Sound Military & Communities Partnership</i>
Dave Morell Derek Young Marty Campbell	<i>Pierce County</i>		<i>Tacoma-PC Health Dept</i>
Deanna Keller	<i>Port of Tacoma</i>		<i>WA State DOT</i>

A quorum of the body was present with 16 voting member jurisdictions represented.

Others Present:

Russell Blount, City of Fife/TCC Chair
 Amy Pow, TPCHD, HCPIG
 Katie Baker, City of Puyallup, HCPIG
 Tiffany Speir, City of Lakewood
 Weston Ott, City of Lakewood
 Paul Bucich, City of Lakewood
 Chris Larson, City of Fife/GMCC Chair

Hyun Kim, City of Fife
 Clint Ritter, Pierce County/TCC Vice Chair
 Brennan Kidd, City of Tacoma
 Jack Ecklund, City of University Place
 Nuri Avcular, City of University Place
 Anita Gallagher, City of Tacoma

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Citizen Testimony

No members of the public were present.

Public testimony closed.

Minutes

(January 16, 2020)

Motion made (Gruba/Ushka) to approve the January 16, 2020 minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

2020 Countywide Funding Competition

Motion made (Jacobsen/Gruba) to approve the recommended and contingent projects for the 2020 countywide funding competition as presented.

Discussion

- Lacks jurisdictional equity

Motion passed.

Countywide Planning Policies

Human Health Chapter

The Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC) requests PCRC's endorsement of the six proposed health policies. This will allow the GMCC to continue their work of updating the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs).

Motion made (Campbell/Ushka) to approve the six health policies as presented. ***Motion passed.***

Western State Hospital Master Plan Update

The Council received an update on Western State Hospital's Master Plan Update and were invited to provide comments online.

PSRC Board Appointments

Transportation Policy Board:

Motion made (Whalen/Witting) to appoint Cynthia Jacobsen as Member. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion made (Campbell/Jacobsen) to appoint Leo Gruba as Alternate. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Zoo & Trek Authority:

Motion made (Gruba/Reynolds) to appoint Roger Neal as Alternate for Small Cities/Towns. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion made (Reynolds/Gruba) to appoint Justin Evans as Alternate for Large Cities. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Growth Management Policy Board:

Steve Worthington is the current Alternate. *Clerk will reach out regarding continued interest.*

PCRC Committee Reports

TCC

Nominations for officers are open.

OCC

No report.

PSRC Committee Reports

Hoping policy boards can begin meeting again soon.

There will be a limited General Assembly in June via Zoom to adopt the budget and work plan.

Zoo and Trek Authority

Zoo's budget is reliant on sales tax and attendance; revenue is down by half and hundreds have been laid off.

Announcements

Members expressed interest in continuing with virtual meetings indefinitely.

Adjourn/Continue

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

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PSRC Freight Advisory Committee – Voting Membership

PSRC's Freight Advisory Committee provides input into state, regional, and local planning processes with regards to freight and goods movement issues.

Eligible jurisdictions that expressed interest to PSRC: Lakewood, Puyallup, Tacoma, Fife

Industrial Subarea	No. of Voting Members	Eligible jurisdictions	Assigned Appointments (Members, Alternates)
Dupont - Gray Field	1	DuPont	vacant
Frederickson - Lakewood	1	Lakewood, Puyallup or Tacoma	Lakewood <i>proposed</i>
Tacoma - Puyallup	2	Tacoma, Fife, Puyallup, Milton or Edgewood	TBD

The TCC appointment recommendations will go to the PCRC for approval.

MEMORANDUM

From: Justin Evans, Pierce County Regional Council Chair
To: PCRC Members
Date: October 6, 2020
Subject: 2021 PCRC Legislative Priorities - Long Session

Dear PCRC members,

The Washington State Legislature is scheduled to convene on January 11th for a 105-day legislative session. In typical years, the long session is used to adopt an operating, transportation, and capital budget for the 2021-2023 biennium, as well as discuss and adopt new policies to advance the state. While many unknowns and uncertainties exist due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the legislature must convene in some form because they are required to adopt an operating budget that balances for the next four years. At this time, we are expecting and planning on the session being virtual and that typical legislative matters, like policy changes and the transportation and capital budgets, will be addressed as well.

Most jurisdictions are currently discussing a legislative agenda or identifying legislative priorities. Most jurisdictions have been compiling various ideas for the legislature to consider as legislation that range from capital infrastructure requests to simple and complex policy changes. These proposals can impact multiple jurisdictions and the Pierce County Regional Council would like to support projects and proposals that provide regional benefits and enhance the overall quality of life in Pierce County.

In order to prepare for the October PCRC meeting, I would like to ask members to share any draft legislative ideas that they think are mutually significant to the PCRC. As a reminder, the primary responsibility of the body is to ensure Growth Management Act requirements are coordinated within the County and region. Past PCRC legislative priorities have focused on issues and policies that preserve local infrastructure, plan for more livable communities, and fiscally sustain local government services (attached). After the October meeting, the PCRC Operations Committee will consider all the legislative ideas and bring forward a draft recommendation to discuss with the PCRC and adopt final priorities at the November meeting.

Please respond directly to our government affairs consultant, Brynn Brady, with any legislative ideas by October 14th. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me or Brynn at Brynn@ceibaconsulting.com or 253-686-3387.



October 8, 2020

Pierce County Regional Council

Re: Puget Sound Regional Council Freight Advisory Committee Membership

Dear PCRC Members,

The Transportation Coordinating Committee requests that the Pierce County Regional Council act on this item to the next PCRC Meeting, assigning seats to this staff committee.

The Puget Sound Regional Council has announced that it intends to formalize the membership and operations of its Freight Advisory Committee, which has for decades operated on an ad hoc basis. While most PSRC staff committee memberships are allocated based on population, PSRC staff has noted that only those cities with substantial warehousing districts chose to participate in the Freight Advisory Committee, during the time it was open to all. The PSRC staff therefore recommended that the formal membership be explicitly limited to those cities with such districts, plus county governments and port districts.

Pierce County has four recognized warehouse areas, some of which overlap city boundaries. The Transportation Coordinating Committee recommends that seats be assigned as follows:

The TCC the membership voted to recommend:

1. DuPont gets the DuPont-Gray Field seat
2. Lakewood gets the Frederickson-Lakewood seat
3. Puyallup and Fife will start with the Tacoma-Puyallup seat and will serve until December 31, 2021; Tacoma and Edgewood will serve as alternates during that time. On January 1, 2022, Tacoma and Edgewood will begin a year as representatives, with Fife and Puyallup as alternates. Representation shall alternate on an annual basis thereafter. Milton was not present at the TCC meeting, but if interested would be put into the rotation.
4. Auburn and Sumner each get a seat for the South Kent/Auburn/Sumner area, since Kent has a seat for their north area, and no city will get more than one seat.

I will log in to the October 15 PCRC meeting and look forward to answering any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Blount", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Russ Blount, PE

Pierce County Transportation Coordinating Committee Chair



PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

Brynn Brady
Government Affairs Consultant

Who is PCRC?

The Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) is a coalition of local governments committed to improving the **Transportation System** throughout Pierce County and the South Sound through **Comprehensive Planning & Strategic Investment**.

PCRC Represents:

- 23 Cities and Towns
- Pierce County
- Two Transit Agencies
- The Port of Tacoma
- The Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- 840,000 People
- Over 350,000 Jobs

Developing Priorities

- PCRC members were asked to share any draft legislative ideas that they think are **mutually significant** to the PCRC
- The primary responsibility of the body is to ensure Growth Management Act requirements are **coordinated** within the County and region

2020 Legislative Priorities

- **PRESERVING LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE-** Infrastructure Assistance (PWTF, REET, local options), Expand Capacity and Manage Transportation System, MTCA Funding
- **PLANNING FOR COMMUNITIES-**
Homelessness/Affordable Housing, Mental & Behavioral Health, Public Safety, & Fish Barrier Removal
- **FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY-**
Shared Revenues, Economic Development Tools

Port of Tacoma

- **Remedial Action Grants.** The port is seeking \$3.15 million in Remedial Action Grant funding to fund two remediation projects under agreed orders initiated by the state. These sites include:
 - Alexander Avenue Tank Farm
 - Arkema Manufacturing site

- **State Route 167 completion.** The port supports the on-time implementation of State Route 167 completion project, including efforts to address the existing \$90 million shortfall in the Puget Sound Gateway program.

- **Interstate 5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange.** The port supports the City of Fife in their efforts to fund Phase 2 of the Interstate 5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange.

- **Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge.** The port supports the City of Tacoma in their efforts to fund remaining portions of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge.

Pierce Transit

- Support access and essential service for Pierce County residents by preserving the remaining \$11.9M allocated for Pierce Transit's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line from the 2015 Connecting Washington transportation package. These dollars complete Pierce Transit's local match for the project, leveraging \$75M in federal funding to be reprogrammed back to our local economy in support of local, family-wage jobs while connecting rural and urban Pierce County.

Bonney Lake

- **Annexations** - Changing the door to door census requirements for annexations completed within a year of the federal decennial census being released.
 - ▣ In order to make the annexation of the City's potential annexation areas financially feasible, the City had planned to use the Interlocal method to avoid the election cost and to use exemption provided in RCW 35A.14.700(2)(c). This allowed jurisdictions annexing areas in 2011 and 2012 to rely on the 2010 census, if the annexation was completed within 12 months of the release of the census data. OFM does not intend to update this RCW to reflect the 2020 census.

City of Tacoma

Housing

- Provide cities with progressive local option funding sources to support affordable housing in our communities.
- Preserve the Housing Trust Fund.
- Fund rental and mortgage assistance to help avoid evictions and foreclosures for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Provide funding support for utility assistance as well.

Transportation

- Provide cities with new or enhanced local options for funding the necessary maintenance, repair, and capital improvements for our transportation systems, especially given our Transportation Benefit District revenue losses associated with I-976.
- Pass a comprehensive transportation package that includes climate-sensitive, progressive revenue streams that will be sustainable into the future. According to Motor Trend, Washington State has the 6th worst roads in the nation. It is imperative for our state's economy and overall quality of life that the Legislature adequately fund much-needed repair and maintenance for transportation infrastructure.

City of Tacoma

Climate Justice/Environment

- Modify the Growth Management Act to integrate climate action as an element that jurisdictions must include in comprehensive planning. Assist local agencies and regional efforts to establish action planning for climate resiliency and mitigation strategies.
- Fund and implement green economy programs, including supporting those at the local level, that will reduce waste and carbon intensity, spur economic growth in sustainable and green job sectors, and facilitate more green jobs being added in the South Puget Sound region.

City of Tacoma

Policing and Criminal Justice System Transformation

- Pass legislation requested by the Association of Washington Cities and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs on the topic of police reform, including:
 - Ensure an independent investigation and prosecution occurs on incidents involving fatal use-of-force and deaths that occur in police custody.
 - Establish a statewide standard for police use-of-force.
 - Create a database to track police officer misconduct and removal.
 - Reform the decertification process to include use-of-force violations.
 - Establish an officer duty to intervene and report misconduct or illegal activity.
 - Require officers to receive regular psychological evaluations.
 - Prohibit officers from resigning in lieu of any investigation.
 - Review binding interest arbitration to enhance the ability for agencies to dismiss officers who are not helpful to the agency's mission or betray the public's trust.
 - Enable local jurisdictions to effectively deploy body and dash cameras.

Assoc. of Washington Cities (AWC)

□ **State-shared revenues**

- Maintain revenue sharing with cities. Cities support increased shared revenue distributions to cities (if the state sees increased shared revenues) and ask the state to look for other opportunities to expand revenue sharing.

□ **Transportation revenue package**

- Adopt a new transportation revenue package that emphasizes maintenance/ preservation funding and provides an equitable level of local funding as well as additional local revenue options for cities.

□ **Fiscal flexibility**

- Provide cities greater flexibility to use funds from existing revenue sources to help cities manage the impacts of the current economic downturn. This will allow cities to direct scarce resources where they are most needed when responding to pressing community conditions.

□ **Housing instability assistance**

- Work in a coalition to develop additional resources to address housing instability created by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including rent assistance and foreclosure/eviction prevention assistance.

□ **Statewide policing reforms**

- Support local control over city law enforcement policy decisions to meet the needs of each community and appropriately contain costs. Cities understand our obligation to address racial equity in policing – both state requirements and local policies.

WA Assoc. of Counties (WSAC)

□ **Infrastructure**

- Fish passage barriers, broadband access, transportation/road maintenance funding, capital investments

□ **Environment**

- GMA, water, solid waste, climate change, forest maintenance

□ **Fiscal**

- Short-term recovery, long-term change

□ **Social Justice & Equity**

- Public Health, behavioral health, jail medical services, affordable housing, equal access to justice

□ **Emergency Response & Recovery**

- OPMA/PRA, Coronavirus, Wildfires

Questions/Discussion

