



Regular Meeting Agenda October 21, 2021, 6:00 PM

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Citizen Testimony**
limited to 3 minutes on October 21, 2021 agenda items only
4. **Approval of Minutes** *Action Item*
September 16, 2021
Motion: *To approve the minutes as prepared/amended.*
5. **Countywide Planning Policies Update** *Discussion Item*
Chris Larson, GMCC Chair
6. **2022 Legislative Priorities** *Discussion Item*
Brynn Brady, Ceiba Consulting
7. **PCRC Committees** *Discussion Item*
What, Why, Structure
8. **PSRC Board Assignments** *Discussion Item*
Who, What, When, Why
9. **PCRC Committee Reports** *Discussion Item*
TCC, GMCC, OCC
10. **PSRC Committee Reports** *Discussion Item*
GMPB, TPB
11. **Zoo/Trek Authority Report** *Discussion Item*
12. **Announcements** *Discussion Item*
13. **Adjourn / Continue**

There will be an Ops Committee meeting just prior to PCRC, beginning at 5:00 PM, via Zoom.us.

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The next regular meeting of the PCRC is tentatively scheduled for November 18, 2021 via Zoom.us

Pierce County Regional Council

Regular Meeting Minutes | September 16, 2021, 6:00 PM

Remote meeting held via Zoom.us

Meeting ID: 980 7972 5179 | Passcode: 843607

Representative(s) Present	Jurisdiction	Representative(s) Present	Jurisdiction
	<i>City of Auburn</i>		<i>City of Puyallup</i>
Deputy Mayor Justin Evans	<i>City of Bonney Lake</i>	CM Yvonne Starks	<i>City of Roy</i>
Mayor Pat Johnson CM Brandon Green (Alt.)	<i>City of Buckley</i>		<i>Town of Ruston</i>
	<i>Town of Carbonado</i>		<i>Town of South Prairie</i>
CM Leo Gruba	<i>City of DuPont</i>	CM Roger Neal	<i>Town of Steilacoom</i>
	<i>Town of Eatonville</i>	CM Patrick Reed	<i>City of Sumner</i>
CM Nate Lowry	<i>City of Edgewood</i>		<i>City of Tacoma</i>
Deputy Mayor Bryan Yambe	<i>City of Fife</i>	CM Howard Lee (Alt.)	<i>City of University Place</i>
CM Shannon Reynolds, Vice Chair	<i>City of Fircrest</i>		<i>Town of Wilkeson</i>
CM Bob Himes	<i>City of Gig Harbor</i>		<i>PC Library District</i>
CM Linda Farmer	<i>City of Lakewood</i>		<i>Pierce Transit</i>
CM Susan Johnson	<i>City of Milton</i>	Paul Inghram	<i>Puget Sound Regional Council</i>
Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair CM Scott Drennen (Alt.)	<i>City of Orting</i>	Andrew Strobel (Alt.)	<i>Puyallup Tribe of Indians</i>
	<i>City of Pacific</i>		<i>South Sound Military & Communities Partnership</i>
CM Derek Young CM Ryan Mello CM Jani Hitchen (Alt.) CM Hans Zeiger (Alt.) CM Marty Campbell (Alt.)	<i>Pierce County</i>		<i>Tacoma-PC Health Dept</i>
Commissioner Deanna Keller	<i>Port of Tacoma</i>	Theresa Turpin	<i>WA State DOT</i>

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

Others Present:

Chris Larson, GMCC Chair/City of Fife
 Dan Cardwell, GMCC/PC PPW
 Russell Blount, TCC Chair/City of Fife
 Catherine Rudolph, PC Executive's Office
 Mayor Dick Muri, Town of Steilacoom
 Hugh Taylor, PC Council Office
 Austin Nielson, Sound Transit

Brynn Brady, Ceiba Consulting
 Scott Pingel, City of Fircrest
 Deirdre Wilson, Port of Tacoma
 Matthew Mauer, Port of Tacoma
 Rosa McLeod, City of Tacoma
 Steve Friddle, City of Fife

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

Citizen Testimony

No members of the public provided testimony.

Citizen testimony closed.

Minutes

(July 15, 2021)

Motion made (Keller/Yambe) to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion passed and minutes are adopted.

Countywide Planning Policies Update

Chris Larson, GMCC Chair/City of Fife, provided an overview of the chapters to be discussed, where in the process the update is, and possible formatting options.

Community and Urban Design

Chris Larson, GMCC Chair/City of Fife, discussed the proposed amendments and answered questions.

Urban Economic Development

Deirdre Wilson, GMCC/Port of Tacoma, discussed the proposed amendments and answered questions.

Freestanding Cities

Dan Cardwell, GMCC/Pierce County, discussed the proposed amendments and answered questions.

Agricultural Preservation and Lands

Dan Cardwell, GMCC/Pierce County, discussed the proposed amendments and answered questions.

Amendments and Transition

Dan Cardwell, GMCC/Pierce County, discussed the proposed amendments and answered questions.

Rural Areas

Dan Cardwell, GMCC/Pierce County, discussed the proposed amendments and answered questions.

Rules of Interpretation

Chris Larson, GMCC Chair/City of Fife, discussed the proposed amendments and answered questions.

The Council created an ad hoc committee to review and make recommendation on the use of should vs. shall throughout the document. The following members volunteered to sit on the ad hoc committee: Chair Penner, CM Gruba, Commissioner Keller, CM Mello, and CM Neal.

2022 Legislative Priorities

Brynn Brady, legislative consultant with Ceiba Consulting, led the discussion on possible 2022 legislative priorities and answered Council questions.

PCRC Committee Reports

TCC

Russell Blount, TCC Chair, provided an update: 1) The PSRC will be holding a funding cycle this fall for the transportation alternatives program and rural town centers and corridors. 2) The annual project delivery deadline just passed.

GMCC

Chris Larson, GMCC Chair, provided an update: 1) The population, housing, and employment targets will be coming to the PCRC soon. 2) The GMCC has a formatting working group for the CPPs.

OCC

Chair Penner provided an update: 1) The Committee began discussions on February's general assembly. 2) Discussed getting a brief on the details of each committee (both PCRC and PSRC). 3) Discussed electing officers soon for 2022.

PSRC Committee Reports

GMPB

No report.

TPB

Deputy Mayor Yambe, City of Fife, provided an update: 1) Held preliminary discussions on the regional transportation plans preliminary analysis report. 2) Discussions on equity; received a briefing on PSRC's efforts to develop a regional equity strategy; the new Equity Advisory Committee had a joint workshop at the July meeting to incorporate equity in agencies' transportation work programs.

Zoo and Trek Authority

No report.

Announcements

CM Neal: Mayor Muri held his 9th electric vehicle car show.

Commissioner Keller: Councilmember Neal of Steilacoom was recently recognized for his volunteer work.

Adjourn/Continue

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Who Are We?

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 and strategic investment. PCRC represents an area that includes:

- 23 Cities and Towns
- Pierce County
- Two Transit Agencies
- The Port of Tacoma
- The Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- 900,700 People
- Over 390,000 Jobs

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2021 Legislative Priorities

Pierce County Regional Council

Preserving Local Infrastructure

The PCRC is a partner in the integration of future state transportation projects into a functioning grid that moves people and freight throughout the South Sound region.

Current transportation revenue sources do not provide local jurisdictions with the stable, long-term funding necessary to adequately fund maintenance, operations, and preservation of existing infrastructure. In Pierce County alone, the estimated cost to preserve roads over the next 30 years is over \$2 billion.

We request the Legislature to:

- 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.
- Continue funding for the Transportation Improvement Board and the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board.
- Identify priority fish barriers in the region and provide adequate funding to address the most critical systems for salmon recovery.

Transportation Project Priorities

- SR 167 Completion
- I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange
- SR 162 Corridor
- Canyon Road Regional Connector
- SR 410/166th Ave Interchange
- Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge

Membership

VOTING JURISDICTIONS

Auburn	Bonney Lake
Buckley	Carbonado
DuPont	Eatonville
Edgewood	Fife
Fircrest	Gig Harbor
Lakewood (2)	Milton
Orting	Pacific
Pierce County Executive	Port of Tacoma
Pierce County Council (3)	Puyallup (2)
Roy	Ruston
South Prairie	Steilacoom
Sumner	Tacoma (3)
University Place (2)	Wilkeson

EX OFFICIO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Pierce County Library System
Pierce Transit
Puget Sound Regional Council
Puyallup Tribal Council
South Sound Military & Communities Partnership
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
WSDOT – Olympic Region

PLANNING FOR COMMUNITIES

The primary responsibility of the PCRC is to ensure that Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements are coordinated within the county and the region. Current revenues have not been sufficient to provide the necessary infrastructure and services to support population growth, and resources are even scarcer to fund the level of planning required to realize the goals of the GMA and other state mandates. To deliver the myriad services mandated to counties, we request the Legislature fund current priority issues and reduce burdensome and costly requirements.

- Updates to the GMA that require additional responsibilities for local governments must provide reliable and sustainable funding. New requirements to address climate change should also provide adequate funding.
- Support and enhance actions to increase affordable housing and decrease homelessness through more investment in the Housing Trust Fund.
- Develop additional resources to address housing instability created by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic including rent and utility assistance and foreclosure/eviction prevention assistance.

Fiscal Sustainability

Current methods for funding county and city services are fundamentally flawed. Revenue options are constricted, restricted, or unpredictable. Local governments need stable revenue streams to provide essential services to our growing communities. The PCRC supports legislation that controls cost drivers and provides adequate revenue to achieve state mandates.

- Maintain the partnership for shared revenues that fund key services and oppose unfunded mandates.
- Provide greater flexibility to use funds from existing revenue sources toward pressing community needs in efforts to manage the impacts of the current economic downturn more effectively.