

**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE  
PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
APRIL 16, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Mike Lonergan, Chair**  
**Gene Cerino**  
**Pat Johnson**  
**James Rackley**  
**Larry Wilcox**  
**Bobbi Allison, Tom Smallwood**  
**Donna O’Ravez**  
**Kathy McVay**  
**Butch Brooks**  
**Helen McGovern**  
**Derek Young**  
**Pad Finnigan**  
**Bob Whalen**  
**Joe Pestinger**  
**Pat McCarthy**  
**Don Johnson**  
**John Knutsen**  
**Rick Hansen**  
**Ray Bourne**  
**Matthew Richardson, Vice Chair**  
**Debbie Klowoski**  
**Linda Bird, *Jean Brooks***

**City of Tacoma**  
**City of Auburn**  
**City of Buckley**  
**City of Bonney Lake**  
**City of DuPont**  
**Town of Eatonville**  
**City of Edgewood**  
**City of Fircrest**  
**City of Fife**  
**City of Lakewood**  
**City of Gig Harbor**  
**City of Lakewood**  
**City of Milton**  
**City of Orting**  
**Pierce County Executive**  
**Port of Tacoma**  
**City of Puyallup**  
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**City of Roy**  
**City of Sumner**  
**City of University Place**  
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**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Richie Morgan  
Gary Hulsey  
Joyce McDonald  
Roger Bush  
Tim Farrell  
Vacant  
Peggy Levesque  
Ron Lucas  
Bill Baarsma  
Marilyn Strickland  
Janet Kepka

Town of Carbonado  
City of Pacific  
Pierce County Council  
Pierce County Council  
Pierce County Council  
Town of Ruston  
Town of South Prairie  
Town of Steilacoom  
City of Tacoma  
City of Tacoma  
Town of Wilkeson

**Non-members present:**

Don Wickstrom, TCC Vice Chair  
Ryan Windish, GMCC Chair  
Ian Munce, GMCC Vice Chair  
Dana Brown, City of Tacoma  
Bud Rehberg, Citizen  
Mart Kask, Consultant

Pat O’Neill, TCC Chair  
Norman Abbott, PSRC  
Christine Mudgett, Pierce County  
Ike Nwankwo, CTED  
Sean Eagan, Port of Tacoma

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: (Linda Bird, Bobbi Allison, second) - To approve the meeting minutes from 03/10/09 and 03/19/09.**

Rick Hansen requested the following correction to the March 10, 2009 minutes: remove Gary McLean from the meeting attendance, he was not present at the meeting.

Mike Lonergan requested the following change to the March 10, 2009 minutes on page 5 his statement should read: "The Chair ruled the motion was not appropriate and the question was called for and the original motion passed."

**The motion passed unanimously with the corrections.**

### **GMCC Report**

Ryan Windish, GMCC Chair, provided a brief report. At the last meeting there was an informative presentation from Department of Ecology (DOE) on the Shoreline Master Program update. He stated all jurisdictions in Pierce County need to update their shoreline regulations. There is a model scope of work on the State's website and jurisdictions should be underway by July. The DOE expects the updates will take a full three years. The WAC updates are continuing to be reviewed by a GMCC subcommittee. CTED will review the comments and is seeking formal adoption in August. The Population/Housing Allocation Procedures subcommittee will bring its recommendations to the GMCC at the May 28th meeting. The Buildable Lands policies subcommittee is working on updates to the Countywide Planning Policies. Finally, there is a subcommittee looking at Regional 2040 Transportation updates.

Ryan Windish stated the upcoming May PCRC meeting is very important. The affordable housing policies will be discussed and will be an action item. Mike Lonergan stated the PCRC needed to take some sort of action on the affordable housing policies to comply with the generous grant received from CTED which helped fund the update, review, and the hiring of a consultant.

The GMCC report finished with Ike Nwankwo explaining how CTED is currently in the review and policy development process of the WAC updates. He stated after they review all the comments provided by jurisdictions, those recommendations will be brought back to the GMCC. He projected CTED will have final approval of the WAC updates in late fall.

### **Stimulus Funding Transportation Projects Contingency List**

Don Wickstrom, TCC Vice Chair, summarized how the TCC produced the contingency list for the stimulus funding.

Linda Bird expressed her city's need for funding assistance with its dirt-ready transit/library project. If they do not receive three million dollars soon, they are in jeopardy of losing out on millions of dollars. If they could get the money now, the construction could begin immediately. Currently, there is a King County city that is not ready to construct a project they have been funded for in the last STP/CMAQ funding cycle. It was recommended by PSRC to have the City of University Place

borrow the money from King County and pay them back once the 2009-2010 monies have been allocated through the upcoming funding cycle. Essentially, they could get a loan from King County right now; however they need approval from this group. PSRC staff recommended having the PCRC take action and earmark the STP/CMAQ funding for University Place to pay King County back in 2010. She stated Pierce County will be competing for CMAQ and STP funding of \$12.9 million. She requested University Place have its project designated ahead of the allocations for that funding. In return, University Place will not put any other projects in the competition. Linda Bird presented a hard copy of a motion with the proposal. This body needed to make a motion to direct the TCC to earmark three million dollars for the University Place Transit Center/Downtown Revitalization project. Their city cannot take action with King County until this body makes a motion.

Mike Lonergan stated in the past all applications were turned in and reviewed prior to any action on funding allocations taken place. He questioned if this would change the established process.

Pat McCarthy expressed her support of Linda Bird's situation and believed this group should consider her suggestion. She supported her proposal.

Helen McGovern stated she also was supportive of Linda Bird's proposal and seconded Pat McCarthy's statement. She felt the PCRC should take the opportunity to provide the city with the funding because it has a significant regional impact.

Matt Richardson questioned if there were any worst case scenarios with the proposal. Linda Bird stated the only worst case scenario would be if Congress didn't fund the STP/CMAQ funding and the City of University Place had to pay back the money to King County.

The following questions were raised by the group: Could the PCRC earmark federal dollars without a competitive process and without having applications? Was it legal? Did they need to get a legal opinion?

Matt Richardson suggested the motion include a statement "valid after a legal opinion."

Pat O'Neill stated this idea was floated by Charlie Howard to bring to this body.

**Motion: (Joe Pestinger, Jean Brooks, second) - To approve the TCC recommended Stimulus Funding Transportation Projects Contingency List. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion: (Linda Bird, Pat McCarthy, second) – To move that the Pierce County Regional Council enter into an agreement with the Puget Sound Regional Council and / or a city in King County, to accept the loan of \$3 million dollars of its already awarded Federal Transportation money (CMAQ or STP) to fund the University Place Transit Center/Downtown Revitalization project: the money to be repaid in 2010 using \$3 million dollars from the Pierce County STP or CMAQ funds awarded in the 2009-2010 funding cycle. In return for receiving this money for it's Transit Center/Downtown Revitalization project in Spring 2009, University Place agrees not to submit any additional projects for funding in the 2009-2010 CMAQ or STP funding cycle and to remove this project from the Federal Stimulus Contingency List.**

**Friendly amendment:**

**Motion: (Matt Richardson, James Rackley, second) - To amend the motion with the following language: This authorization will become effective upon a favorable opinion by PSRC staff.**

Kathy McVay stated her support. Tom Smallwood stated he was supportive of the project. Scott Malkuch was encouraged by their effort, supportive, and felt it also helped the stimulus effort as well.

**The question was called for and all were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.**

**PSRC Transportation 2040 Update**

Robin Mayhew, PSRC, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Transportation 2040, *Developing the Region's New Long-Range Plan*, and held a group discussion. Please see the PSRC website for additional information. She asked members to provide comments via any of the methods reviewed during the presentation. If members are interested in a presentation for its council, please contact her at [rmayhew@psrc.org](mailto:rmayhew@psrc.org).

Pat McCarthy expressed her concerns with the assumptions that are in the current VISION 2040. She requested clarification on what those assumptions are in Pierce County so Pierce County can be sustainable. She also expressed concern with Pierce County serving as a feeder for King County.

**Stimulus Block Grant Funding for Energy Efficiency**

Jake Fey, Director, WSU Extension Energy Program, shared information on a grant opportunity for jurisdictions. There are three programs available for the local level. The purpose of the money is very broad (e.g., retrofits to buildings, street lights, community programs, etc). Jurisdictions need to apply by June 25th. This funding project is a priority in federal regulations and the money needs to be spent in a three year period. In order to qualify, activities would need to begin by June 2010. It can be used for transportation funding, if for example, it was used for a program for commute trip reductions. Any energy saving projects will qualify. There will be a competitive advantage to partner with another jurisdiction.

If you would like further information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program please contact the phone number or website below:

Phone: 1877-EEREINF or Website: [www.eecbg.energy.gov](http://www.eecbg.energy.gov) .

**Committee Reports/Announcements**

Mike Lonergan announced the PSRC General Assembly will be held Thursday April 30th at the Seattle City Council Chambers. The cost is \$25.00. For further information or to register visit the website at: [www.psrc.org](http://www.psrc.org).

**The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

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