# **Regional Transportation Plan**

Puget Sound Regional Council

# **Transportation Planning Activities**

Topics covered in today's presentation:

- Regional Transportation Plan
  - Overview and work to date
  - Outreach activities and what we've heard
  - > Highlights of plan performance
  - Public Comment period and next steps



# **Regional Transportation Plan**



Growth

Management Act

**Transportation Plan** 

**Programs** 

VISION 2050 & Regional

Local Comprehensive Plans,

Transportation Improvement

Transit Agency Plans &

#### **VISION 2050 Implementation**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
VISION 205	VISION 2050 Adoption VISION 2050 Implementation (Housing Strategy, Equity Strategy, other guidance)				e)
		e Planning Policies & Growth Targets	Local Com	prehensive Plan Updates	
	Regional Transportation Plan				
		Regional Economic S	trategy		

## **Regional Transportation Plan**



- Builds from VISION 2050
- Objectives:
  - Make progress on existing challenges, address current and future needs of the transportation system
    - Provide better data and analysis to support local investment planning (2024 comprehensive plans)
  - Plan for long-term system investments to accommodate future growth
    - Improve existing system, big picture thinking on future investments (aviation, rail, ferries)



## **Key Policy Focus Areas**

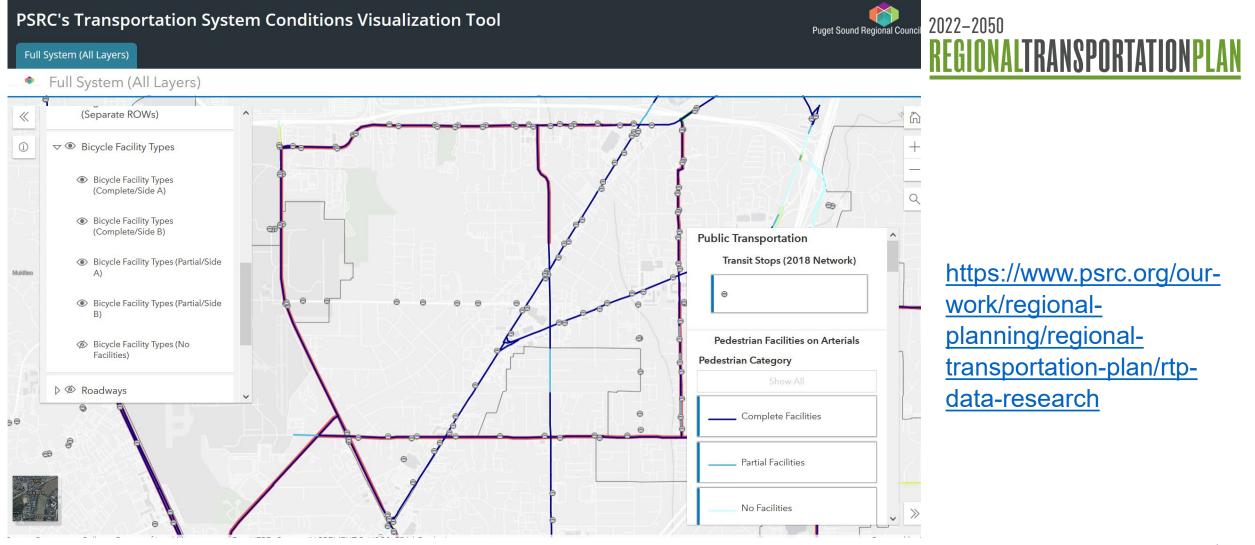


Building from VISION 2050, board identified key policy areas:

- Access to transit
- Safety
- Equity
- Climate
- Local agency needs
- Forward thinking/future investments



### Key Planning Work – System Needs and Opportunities





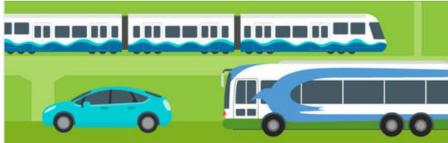
#### What Have We Heard?





**Puget Sound Regional Council** on Thursday

We want to hear from you! Take a survey to help plan the future of transportation in Puget Sound: https://engage.psrc.org/regionalG







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**Regional Transportation Plan** 

PSRC is developing the next Regional Transportation Plan, which will des...



#### **Top five priorities:**

- Reliable, well-maintained roads and highways
- Reliable, well-connected transit service for local neighborhoods
- Expanded transit to major destinations
- Complete bike/ped facilities
- High speed rail

#### Top three motivators to use transit more:

- Shorter trip times
- Easier to access
- Extended service



## **Continued Outreach**

- Continued outreach on Coordinated Mobility Plan
- Targeted focus groups
  - Business community
  - Underrepresented communities
- Outreach to countywide organizations, others
- Draft plan public comment period, including an online open house
- Board review of public comments



2022-2050





## What's in the Plan?



- \$300 billion of investment over the next 28 years
  - 56% will maintain, preserve and operate the system
  - 70% of the plan's system improvements are for investments in local and regional transit
  - 84% of the plan funded with forecast current law revenues







routes



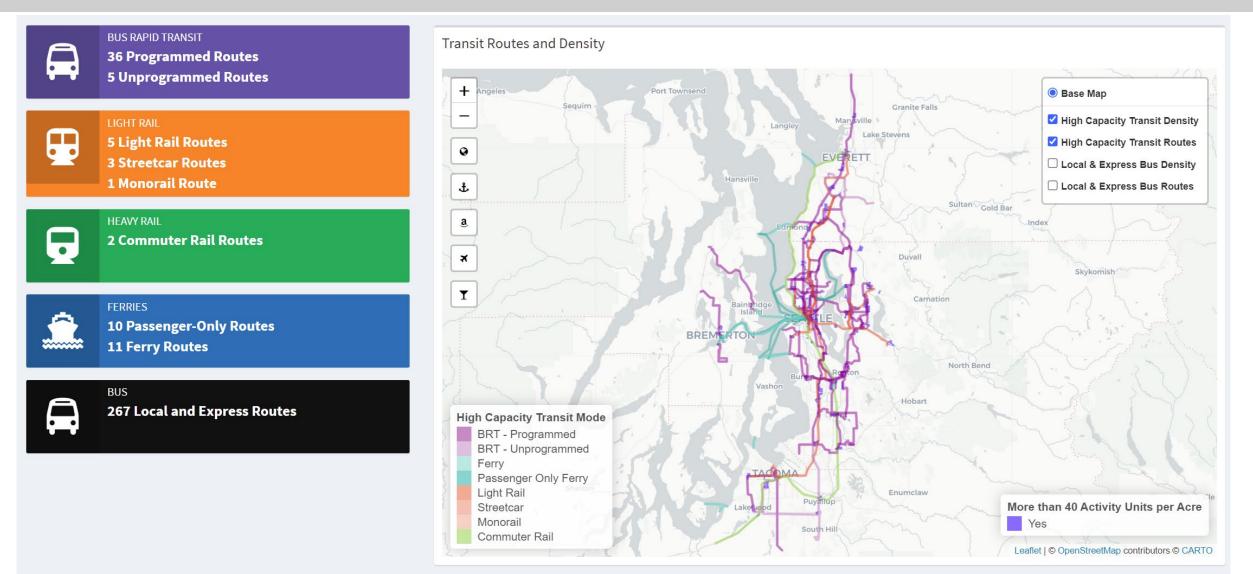
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Miles of light rail and 80+ stations



### **2050 Regional Transit Network**

#### 2022–2050 **REGIONALTRANSPORTATIONPLAN**





### **Key Performance Measures**



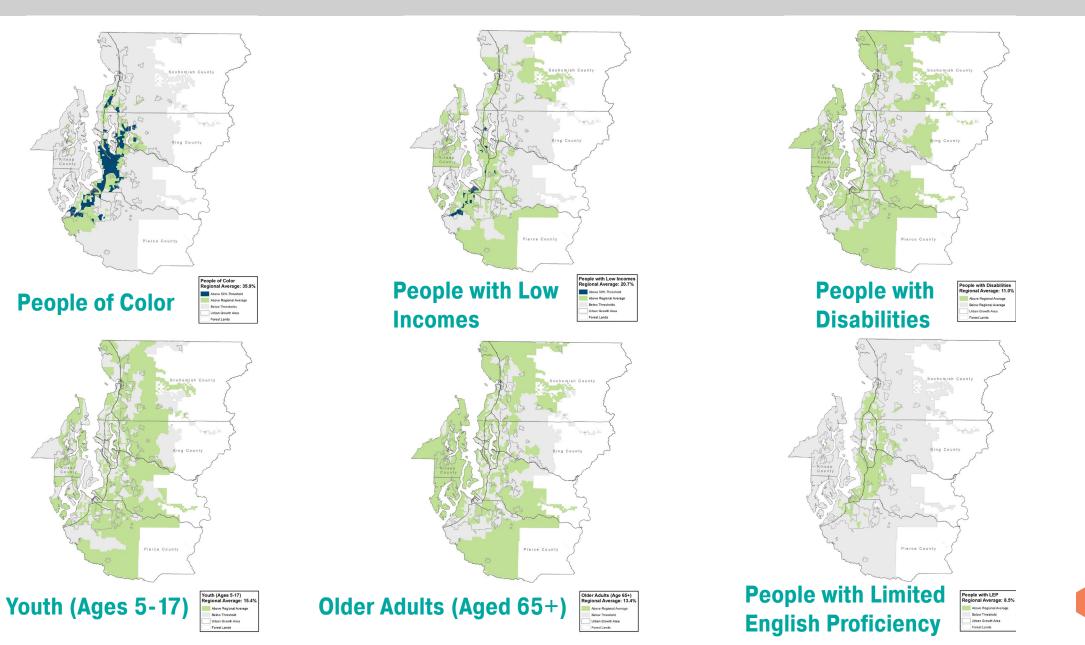
Centered on race and equity, the levels of geography that are analyzed =

- County
- Regional Growth Center
- Regional Geography
- Equity Focus Areas
  - Above 50% / Above Regional Average People of Color
  - Above 50% / Above Regional Average People with Low Incomes
  - Above Regional Average Youth (age 5-17)
  - Above Regional Average Older Adults (aged 65+)
  - Above Regional Average People with Limited English Proficiency
  - Above Regional Average People with Disabilities



#### **Equity Focus Areas**

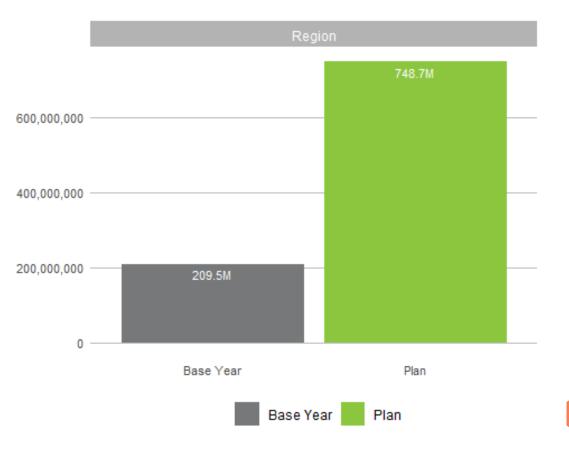


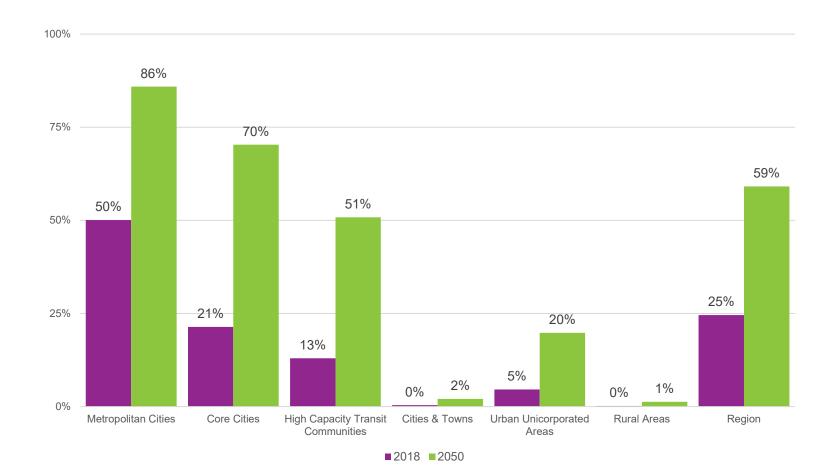


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Transit boardings are forecasted to **more than triple** by 2050 with expansion of High-Capacity Transit investments in rail, bus rapid transit and passenger only ferries







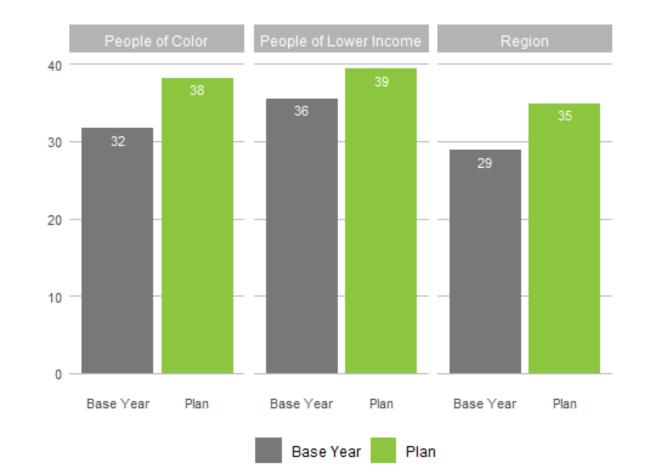


By 2050, **59% of households will live within a 1/2 mile** of highcapacity transit service





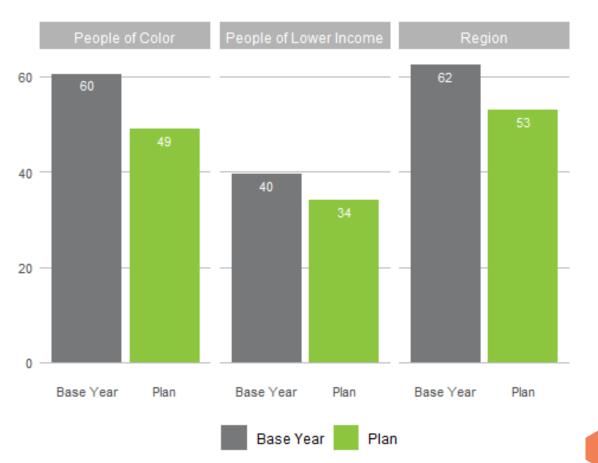
By 2050, the average person will walk or bike 21% more than today





In 2018, the average household spent an additional 62 hours a year traveling due to congestion. By the year 2050, the average household is forecast spend 53 additional hours each year traveling, a **-15%** reduction over the Base Year.

#### 2022–2050 **REGIONALTRANSPORTATIONPLAN**

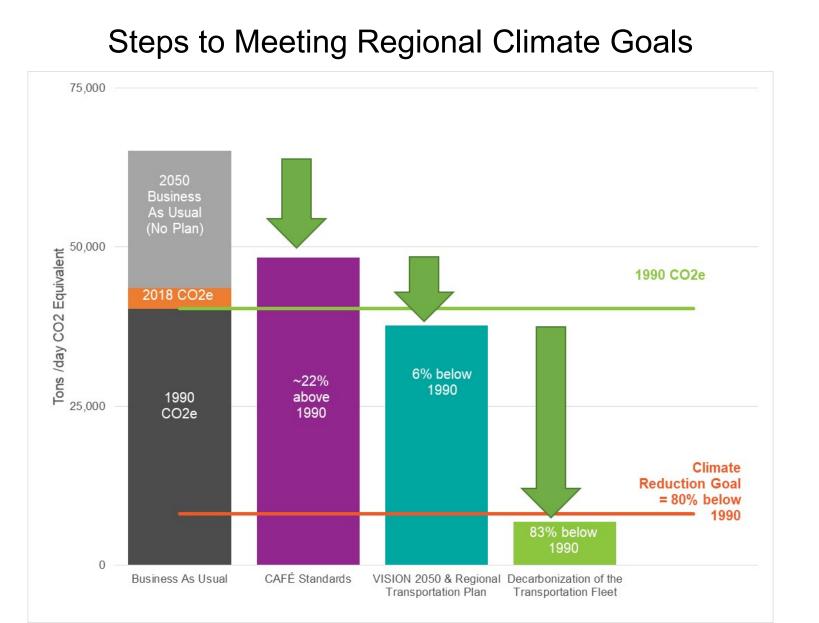






In 2018, the average household drove more than 15,900 miles per year. By the year 2050, the average household is forecast to drive approximately 12,300 miles per year, a -23% reduction over the Base Year.







#### **Reflecting:**

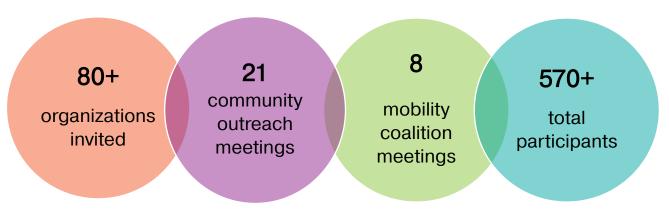
- VISION 2050
- RTP investments
- Fuel economy improvements
- Transition to zero emission transportation system



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## What Have We Heard?





#### Virtual Activities:

- Presentation on RTP
- Engagement session to identify mobility needs and priorities of the communities with special transportation needs

#### Top six mobility needs for people with special transportation needs:

- Shorter travel times when taking regular transit or specialized transportation
- More transportation services at times when they are needed
- Accessible information about available services and language services
- Better access to health and wellness
  destinations
- Affordable transportation services
- More connected ADA-accessible infrastructure (i.e., curb ramps)



Mobility Need	Strategy	Prioritization
1. Shorter travel times when taking regular transit or specialized transportation	1.1 - Promote increased coordination between transportation providers to provide cross-jurisdiction and/or cross-agency transportation that reduces the need for long transfer wait times.	High
	1.2 - Improve on-time reliability and timeliness of transportation services for people with special transportation needs.	Other
	1.3 - Continue to identify and implement ways to increase flexibility in scheduling return trips for ADA paratransit and other demand response service trips.	Other
2. More transportation services at times when they are needed.	2.1 - Expand service levels to provide regular transit and specialized transportation services at times they are needed, especially within equity focus areas.	High
2022–2050 <mark>REGIONALTRANSPORTATIONPLAN</mark>	2.2 - Develop partnerships to support context-appropriate, flexible, and/or feeder-to-fixed route transportation services in areas not well served by regular transit, like rural areas.	Other

Mobility Need	Strategy	Prioritization
3. More information about available services	3.1 - Conduct and tailor mobility management programs, such as travel training, mobility coalition, and information referral and assistance, to meet the needs of potential riders, including people with limited English proficiency (LEP).	High
	3.2 - Coordinate to develop a comprehensive trip planning tool, like a One-Call/One-Click platform, to help riders with special transportation needs navigate and use available services, keeping in mind language, cultural, technological, and accessibility needs.	High
<b>4. Better access to health and wellness destinations</b> 2022-2050 <b>REGIONALTRANSPORTATIONPLAN</b>	4.1 - Strengthen and coordinate partnerships between healthcare and transportation providers to better understand and address patients' unmet transportation needs and ensure that patients understand their transportation options.	High

Mobility Need	Strategy	Prioritization
5. Affordable transportation services	5.1 - Review and adjust fare structures and reduced fare programs to ensure they are fully accessible to low-income communities within service areas.	High
	5.2 - Simplify processes to apply for and renew reduced fare options like ORCA LIFT, ORCA Youth, the Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP), and subsidized annual passes.	Other
6. More connected ADA- accessible infrastructure	6.1 - Build connected, ADA-accessible facilities, especially around/within health and wellness destinations, transit stations, and equity focus areas.	High
2022–2050 <mark>REGIONALTRANSPORTATIONPLAN</mark>		

Mobility Need	Strategy	Prioritization
7. Better regional coordination to meet growing mobility needs	7.1 - Improve regional coordination based on the federal example of the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM).	High
	7.2 - Define regional roles and responsibilities before, during, and after emergencies, especially for transportation providers, emergency management agencies, and jurisdictions.	Other
	7.3 - Coordinate with the state to develop a transit asset management (TAM) framework for specialized transportation projects/programs, including those seeking capital grants, and provide technical assistance, as needed.	Other
2022–2050 <mark>REGIONALTRANSPORTATIONPLAN</mark>		

#### **Schedule and Next Steps**





Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement

Public comment period January 13 through February 28, 2022



### **RTP Public Comment**



- Public comment period January 13<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Opportunity to review draft RTP and submit comments
  - Visit RTP webpage at: <a href="https://www.psrc.org/our-work/rtp">https://www.psrc.org/our-work/rtp</a>

