



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 9:30-11:00 am

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1. **Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Andrea Spencer, City of Bremerton, Co-Chair*
2. **Reports (9:35)**
  - a. Meeting Summary for February 17, 2022\*
  - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
3. **Discussion Item (9:45)**
  - a. Puget Sound Data Trends\* – *Craig Helmann, PSRC*
4. **Discussion Item (10:15)**
  - a. Draft Regional Transportation Plan Public Review Comments and Adoption Schedule\* – *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*
5. **Information Item**
  - a. VISION 2050 Award Nomination Flyer
  - b. General Assembly Save the Date Flyer
6. **Next meeting: April 21, 2022**
7. **Adjourn (11:00)**

\*Supporting materials attached.

### Zoom Remote Connection Details

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### **Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary**

**Date: February 17, 2022**

**Location: Remote Only**

**Presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website: <https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>. Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.**

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### **Introductions and Announcements**

Andrea Spencer, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants were asked to view the meeting attendance on the “chat” feature on Zoom, and phone-in participants were asked to identify themselves verbally.

### **Reports**

Co-Chair Andrea Spencer welcomed the committee members and explained that PSRC staff would provide short updates on upcoming policy and Executive Board meetings and review the status of ongoing projects in the work program.

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, reminded the committee that PSRC’s offices remain closed to the public, and that committee meetings will continue to be conducted virtually through March. In January, PSRC began hosting hybrid board meetings, and members of the public are welcome to attend those meetings in person. He stated that the Regional Transportation Plan was released on Thursday, January 13, for a 45-day public comment period. He encouraged members to attend the PSRC online open house, or to comment in the remaining eleven days. Ben mentioned to members that the call for projects for PSRC’s 2022 Project Selection Process was released last Friday, February 11. Information on the process, including deadlines, applications, resource materials, eligibility, etc. are available [here](#). Workshops will be held remotely on February 18, 23, and 28, to review the materials for PSRC’s FHWA federal funds competition, and all potential sponsors of project applications are strongly encouraged to attend. Ben announced that after two years the VISION 2050 awards program is back, and PSRC is seeking nominations through April 1, 2022. A flyer for the awards program is available [here](#).

### **Discussion: Regional Housing Assistance**

Laura Benjamin, Senior Planner, provided an update on the development of the Regional Housing Strategy and the upcoming regional housing assistance work. The

committee was asked to provide feedback to help develop the regional housing work program for the next 1-2 years.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

*For more information, contact Laura Benjamin, Senior Planner, at [lbenjamin@psrc.org](mailto:lbenjamin@psrc.org).*

### **Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Update**

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, briefed the committee on preliminary themes from early comments received on the draft Regional Transportation Plan. A full report will be provided in March once the comment period has concluded, and staff has had time to comprehensively review and process.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

*For more information, contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org).*

### **Discussion Item: Climate Preparedness Collaborative**

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, updated the committee on ongoing work relating to climate preparedness and resilience, including policies and actions contained in VISION 2050 and the coordinated work of the Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative. She was joined by Lara Whitely Binder, of King County.

You can view Kelly's presentation [here](#), and Lara's presentation [here](#).

*For more information, contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org).*

### **Discussion Item: Comprehensive Plan Outreach and Support**

Maggie Moore, Senior Planner, briefed the committee on planned outreach activities and support opportunities for the 2024 comprehensive plan updates. She provided an overview of upcoming outreach events and shared results of a recent survey to cities and counties.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

*For more information, contact Maggie Moore, Senior Planner, at [mmoore@psrc.org](mailto:mmoore@psrc.org).*

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

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## **Members and Alternates Represented at the Table**

See attached attendance roster.

### **PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present**

Mikayla Svob, PSRC

Brian Lee, PSRC

Laura Benjamin, PSRC

Maggie Moore, PSRC

Kelly McGourty, PSRC

Brian Parry, SCA

Eric Clute, PSRC

Erika Harris, PSRC

Holly Hernandez

John Niles

Liz Underwood-Bultmann

Ben Kahn, PSRC

Casey Moreau, PSRC

Gil Cerise, PSRC

Kathryn Johnson, PSRC

Michelle Stewart, PSRC

Nancy Buonanno Grennan, PSRC

Paul Inghram, PSRC

Sarah Gutschow, PSRC

Grant Gibson, PSRC

Lara Whitely Binder, King County

Pauline Mogilevsky, Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Sara Nichols

**PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Member</b>		
<b>King County</b>	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office	R	<b>Federal, Regional, State, Tribal &amp; Other Agencies</b>		
	Sunaree Marshall, King County	R	FHWA	1	Matthew Kunic, Community Planner
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt				Vacant Alt
	McCaela Daffern, King County Alt		FTA	1	Linda Gehrke, Regional Administrator
<b>At-Large</b>	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity & Social Justice				Ned Conroy, Community Planner Alt
	Michael Kattermann, Bothell		Health	1	Keri Moore, Snohomish Health Dist.
	Vacant Alt				Amy Pow, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 1
	Vacant Alt				Marianne Seifert, Tacoma/Pierce Alt 2
<b>Transit</b>	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro Intergov Relations		Ports	1	Lindsay Wolpa, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
	Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt	R			Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt
<b>Economic Dev.</b>	1 Ashton Allison, King Co Exec Office, Econ Dev		PSCAA	1	Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Director
	Hugo Garcia, King County Exec Office, Econ Dev				Amy Fowler Alt
<b>Seattle</b>	2 Michael Hubner, Long Range Planning		Puget Sound	1	Stephanie Suter, Planning Program Director
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R	Partnership		Dan Stonington, Planning Manager Alt
	Patrice Carroll, Planning & Comm Dev Alt		Sound Transit	1	Matt Shelden, Planning & Innovation
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt				Alex Krieg, Planning & Integration Alt
<b>Bellevue</b>	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev	R	Tribal	1	Vacant
	Katie Kuciemba Halse, Transportation, Alt	R	Representatives		Vacant Alt
<b>Cities/Towns</b>	3 Chip Vincent, Renton, Planning, <b>Co-Chair</b>		US EPA	1	Susan Sturges
	Diana Hart, City of Woodinville	R			Vacant Alt
	Brian Davis, City of Federal Way		US HUD	1	Jack Peters
	Vacant Alt				Vacant Alt
	Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah, Alt		WA Dept. of	1	Steve Roberge
	Bob Sterbank, City of Snoqualmie, Alt		Commerce		Dave Andersen
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1 Eric Baker, Policy		WSDOT	1	Thomas Noyes, WSDOT
	Jeff Rimack, Alt				April Delchamps, WSDOT Alt
<b>At-Large</b>	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director		<b>PSRC Committees</b>		
	Vacant Alt		PSRC Co-Chair	1	Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
<b>Transit</b>	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit	R	BPAC	1	Thomas Noyes, WSDOT
	Vacant Alt				Eric Goodman, Community Transit Alt
<b>Economic Dev.</b>	1 Vacant		FAC	1	Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
	Vacant Alt				Vacant Alt
<b>Bremerton</b>	1 Andrea Spencer, Comm Dev, <b>Co-Chair</b>	R	RPEC	1	Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair
	Garrett Jackson, Senior Planner, Alt				Russ Blount, Fife, RPEC Vice Chair Alt
<b>Cities/Towns</b>	1 Nick Bond, Comm Dev., Port Orchard	R	SNTC	1	Vacant
	Heather Wright, Bainbridge Island, Alt				Vacant Alt
<b>Pierce County</b>	1 Dan Cardwell, Long Range Planning	R	TDM	1	Jennifer Hass, Community Transit
	Vacant Alt				Sarah Spicer, City of Seattle, Alt
<b>At-Large</b>	2 Jesse Hamashima, Transportation, <b>Co-Chair</b>	R	RTOC	1	Vacant
	Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning	R			Vacant Alt
	Ryan Windish, City of Sumner, Alt		<b>R = Remote attendance</b>		
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Plan. & Build., Alt	R			
<b>Transit</b>	1 Lindsey Sehmel, Pierce Transit				
	Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt				
	Duane Wakan, Pierce Transit, Alt				
<b>Economic Dev</b>	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development	R			
	Vacant Alt				
<b>Tacoma</b>	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Srvcs				
	Vacant				
<b>Cities/Towns</b>	1 Katie Baker, Puyallup				
	David Swindale, University Place, Plan & Dev Alt				
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director				
	David Killingstad, Planning & Development	R			
<b>At-Large</b>	2 Kelly Snyder, Director, <b>Co-Chair</b>	R			
	Ken Klein, Executive Director				
	Jay Larson, Transportation Specialist, Alt	R			
	Joshua Dugan, Chief of Staff, Alt				
<b>Transit</b>	1 Roland Behee, Director of Planning				
	Vacant Alt				
<b>Economic Dev</b>	1 Neepaporn Bounjaktha, Economic Dev				
	Vacant Alt				
<b>Everett</b>	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director	R			
	Becky Ableman McCrary, Long Range Planning Mgr				
<b>Cities/Towns</b>	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director	R			
	Patricia Love, Stanwood, Comm Dev. Director, Alt.	R			
<b>Total Members</b>	51		<b>Attended</b>	31	



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

March 17, 2022

**To:** Regional Staff Committee  
**From:** Craig Helmann, Director of Data  
**Subject:** **Puget Sound Data Trends**

### **IN BRIEF**

At the March 17th Regional Staff Committee meeting, PSRC staff will provide a background presentation on the latest Trends in the Puget Sound region.

### **DISCUSSION**

As part of the long-range performance-based planning process, PSRC is involved in an ongoing effort to track a variety of regional demographic and transportation trends across the region. This presentation will look at several trends that highlight how our region is changing with a focus on the continued changes that occurred this past year due to the impacts of COVID-19 and emerging towards a new normal. Some of the data includes changes in jobs and unemployment within the region along with changes in vehicle and transit usage.

Following the presentation, PSRC staff will take questions and comments from committee members.

### **Lead Staff**

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at [chelmann@psrc.org](mailto:chelmann@psrc.org).



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## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

March 17, 2022

**TO:** Regional Staff Committee

**FROM:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**SUBJECT: Draft Regional Transportation Plan Public Review Comments and Adoption Schedule**

## **IN BRIEF**

The public comment period for the draft Regional Transportation Plan concluded on February 28, 2022. Staff will provide an overview of the comments received, including the number and type of commenters and overall comment themes. Specific proposals for plan revisions that have been identified for board review and consideration will also be discussed.

## **DISCUSSION**

The public comment period for the draft Regional Transportation Plan was conducted between January 13 and February 28, 2022. Comments were received from 74 individuals, 17 of PSRC's member agencies, and 23 other organizations including tribal governments, public agencies, non-profit and community organizations. All comments are now posted on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/rtp>.

Staff will provide an overview of the public comments received, including a categorization of comments across specific plan topics as well as by three comment types: general plan comments, technical corrections, or comments for board review. Staff is working to provide draft responses to each and every comment and will provide this information in a complete report that will be posted to the website by March 17.

In addition, Transportation Policy Board members were requested to submit any additional plan amendments to PSRC by Friday, March 4. Staff will review these amendments as well as the initial feedback provided by the board at their meeting on March 10.

## **Next Steps**

The Transportation Policy and Executive Boards will have opportunity at their upcoming meetings to discuss any proposed revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan, with

final action to be taken in advance of the May General Assembly meeting. Staff will brief the Regional Staff Committee as this process moves forward.

**Lead Staff**

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org), or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at 206-971-3286 or [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org).



# VISION 2050 AWARDS

## Call for Nominations 2022

The Puget Sound Regional Council is seeking nominations for the VISION 2050 Awards Program through April 1, 2022.

The VISION 2050 Awards celebrate progress to enhance the region's communities and natural environment while advancing equity and opportunity for all. The awards recognize innovative work by jurisdictions, Tribes, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and other groups in the region to create a better future for central Puget Sound.

We welcome nominations in the following categories:

### On the Ground

Projects that show VISION 2050 in action today, including housing, mixed-use development or redevelopment, expanding access to opportunity, open space preservation, and transportation investments.

### Planning Ahead

Comprehensive or subarea plans, economic development plans, climate action plans, equity initiatives, design guidelines, outreach programs, and other similar efforts that are shaping a positive future for the region.

### Working Together

Cross-jurisdictional or public/private partnerships focused on solutions or working together to tackle tough problems and advance VISION 2050. Examples include multijurisdictional work on housing affordability, environmental and climate initiatives, corridor transportation planning, or other similar efforts to face long-term regional challenges.

### The region's vision for 2050

is to provide exceptional quality of life, opportunity for all, connected communities, a spectacular natural environment, and an innovative, thriving economy. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at <https://www.psrc.org/vision>

## Eligibility

Nominations must be for projects, programs, plans and partnerships in the four-county region (King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties) that are developed in the public or private sectors, or through public/private partnerships. Any individual, business, agency, Tribe, organization or jurisdiction may submit a nomination.

## Submit a Nomination!

Nominations must be submitted online through the [VISION 2050 Awards Nomination Form](#)

Learn more at: [psrc.org/vision-2050-awards](https://psrc.org/vision-2050-awards)

Scan the code for  
the nomination form



## Schedule

- **Feb 16, 2022** – Call for Nominations announced
- **April 1, 2022** – Nominations due
- **April-May 2022** – Awards Selection Committee composed of PSRC board members will select the award winners
- **June-August 2022** – Awards presented on location around the region



# SAVE THE DATE

Puget Sound Regional Council  
2022 Annual General Assembly



**May 26, 2022 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Location and/or remote participation TBD**

PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 26, 2022**, to vote on major decisions, establish the budget, and elect new officers. Please save the date!

All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes have votes at the Assembly and are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open in **early April**.

For questions, please contact **Sheila Rogers** at (206) 354-6560 or email [srogers@psrc.org](mailto:srogers@psrc.org).



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