



Puget Sound Regional Council

Executive Board - *revised*

Thursday, December 1, 2022 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **[note MEETING EXTENDED]**

Hybrid Meeting • PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle 98104

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (10:00) - Councilmember Claudia Balducci, President**
- 2. Communications and Public Comment**
- 3. President's Remarks**
- 4. Executive Director's Report**
- 5. Committee Reports**
 - a. Operations Committee - Mayor Becky Erickson, Vice President
- 6. Consent Agenda (10:15)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held October 27, 2022
 - b. Approve Vouchers Dated September 30, 2022 through November 7, 2022 in the Amount of \$953,806.65
 - c. Approve Contract Authority for ACE Event Planning

- d. Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for a Federal Policy and Grant Consultant
- e. Approve Contract Authority for Facilitation Services

7. New Business (10:20)

- a. Legislative Agenda Briefing -- *Robin Koskey, PSRC*

8. Discussion Item (10:40)

- a. Equity Advisory Committee Update -- *Charles Patton, PSRC and Shannon Turner, Kitsap County, EAC Co-Chair*

9. Discussion Item (11:00)

- a. Climate Change Work Program -- *Kelly McGourty and Craig Helmann, PSRC*

10. Executive Session (11:30)

- a. Review Performance of the Executive Director

11. Information Items

- a. New Employee Status Report
- b. 2023 Executive Board and Operations Committee Meeting Schedule

12. Other Business

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 26, 2023, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Hybrid Meeting

14. Adjourn (12:00)

Board members please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Sheila Rogers, e-mail srogers@psrc.org; fax (206) 587-4825; or mail.

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Transit Integration Report

The Transportation Policy Board was briefed on the annual Transit Integration Report which documents how the region's nine transit agencies are working together to provide seamless and efficient transit services in the region. The 2022 Report highlights the work to implement a free youth transit pass as well as continued improvements to ORCA and other customer-focused initiatives. The report also identifies opportunities for future collaboration to address shared challenges—like workforce shortages—and continue coordination on service and capital planning. View the [presentation](#) or watch the [meeting video](#).

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at GCerise@psrc.org or (206) 971-3053.

Climate Change Work Program

The Transportation Policy Board was briefed on the planned approach and next steps for completing a 2030 climate analysis. This includes various sensitivity tests to analyze potential impacts of additional strategies within the framework of the Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy. The board provided feedback on these proposed levers, which include various road usage charge scenarios, acceleration of high-capacity transit expansions, additional transit service, adjustments to roadway capacity expansion, percentages of electric vehicles, and more. It is anticipated that preliminary results of the 2030 analysis and a comparison to the 2030 climate goals will be available for board review at its meeting on December 8. A more comprehensive reporting will be provided in January 2023. View the [presentation](#).

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org or (206) 971-3601.

Transportation Demand Management Activities

The Transportation Policy Board was briefed on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) activities in the region, including a new proposal from the Washington State Department of Transportation for the upcoming legislative session. The proposal would create a new Mobility Partnership Grant program to expand TDM beyond the existing Commute Trip Reduction program.

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at GCerise@psrc.org or (206) 971-3053.

Project Tracking and Delivery

PSRC has been monitoring the progress of projects awarded PSRC's federal funds through a project tracking system first implemented in 2000. The Transportation Policy Board was briefed on the status of current and historic delivery targets, trends and challenges, and planned steps for continued improvements to the project tracking program. View the [presentation](#).

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at jbarnes@psrc.org or (206) 389-2876.



Growth Management Policy Board | At Work


Puget Sound Regional Council

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Stormwater Parks Projects and Guidance

Puget Sound recovery is a key goal in VISION 2050. The development of stormwater parks is one effective method for fixing legacy stormwater problems, and is an efficient way to treat stormwater and provide recreational opportunities for local communities. In 2020, PSRC received a [Puget Sound National Estuary Grant](#) to help fund the development of stormwater parks and develop planning guidance for stormwater parks.

At the November meeting, the Growth board was briefed about the development of six new stormwater parks, currently receiving technical assistance for early planning. Services being provided include community engagement, feasibility studies, alternatives development, conceptual design, and cost estimates. The board also learned that PSRC staff is developing planning guidance to make it easier for jurisdictions to plan for and construct stormwater parks in the region and improve water quality. The guidance is expected to be available in late December.

For more information, contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org.

Regional TOD Event Recap

Board members were provided a recap of the [TOD for All: Planning for 1 Million+ New People Near Transit](#) event that took place on October 21. Board members were also invited to share their thoughts on the event.

The TOD event included a webinar with two panels highlighting industry

perspectives and community-led transit-oriented development, as well as in-person walking tours at various locations in the region. The event was sponsored by the [Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee](#). A video of the webinar is available on [PSRC's website](#).

For more information, contact Laura Benjamin, Principal Planner, at lbenjamin@psrc.org.

2022 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey

Housing affordability and availability continues to be a major challenge for the central Puget Sound region. Addressing the full range of housing needs is complex, and requires coordinated action from local jurisdictions, residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. PSRC developed the [Regional Housing Strategy](#) to serve as a playbook for local action to help promote, affordable, accessible, and safe housing choices.

As an implementation step of the Regional Housing Strategy, PSRC fielded a survey - the 2022 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey - to local jurisdictions to better understand how tools, incentives, and strategies are being used, and which have the biggest impact on increasing housing development and affordability. The Growth board was briefed on initial findings:

- MFTE was the third most used incentive in 2019 and continues to be active in 2022.
- Parking reduction policies have been adopted by 18 local jurisdictions since 2019.
- Forty-one cities responded they have or are planning to adopt at least one zoning change to increase housing capacity since 2019.

PSRC staff is continuing to process responses and further develop findings. A complete report will be made available at the February 2023 board meeting.

For more information, contact Laura Benjamin, Principal Planner, at lbenjamin@psrc.org or Ben Kahn, Associate Planner, at bkahn@psrc.org.

Housing Public Opinion Survey

PSRC is working with the state Department of Commerce and the consulting firm PRR to conduct a state-wide public opinion survey on housing. The Growth

board was provided an overview of the survey, including preliminary results. Key takeaways include:

- Homelessness and housing costs/rents are the top-rated problems in Washington state.
- Most respondents think rents and costs to buy a home are too high.
- Most respondents agreed that multi-family housing should be allowed in single-family zones if they meet the standards of the zone, such as heights, setbacks, and parking.

Full results are expected later this month, and will be reported to the Executive Board.

For more information, contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org, or Laura Benjamin, Principal Planner, at lbenjamin@psrc.org.

Joint Board Session on Institutional and Structural Racism

The next board meeting will be a joint board session, taking place on November 30 from 10:00 - 11:30 am, which will examine institutional and structural racism, including what these terms mean and how these forms of racism have created long-lasting racial disparities in the region. The session will feature small group discussions for participants to explore strategies to reduce racial disparities in the future. For those that can't attend, a video of the session will be made available on [PSRC's website](#).

A video of the meeting is available on the [Board Meeting Video Archive page](#). Meeting materials, including agendas and presentations, can be found on the [Agendas and Resources page](#). Filter by "Growth Management Policy Board."



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, October 27, 2022
Hybrid Meeting, PSRC Board Room**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:01 AM by King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and will be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen live to the meeting. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Robin Briggs
- Alex Tsimerman

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Claudia Balducci thanked members of the board for joining the meeting. She announced that at the December meeting, the board will be conducting the annual performance review for the executive director. She reminded board members to complete the Executive Director Performance Input survey by October 28th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee, reported that at today's Operations Committee meeting, the committee recommended approval of vouchers dated August 15, 2022 through October 10, 2022 in the Amount of \$1,332,640.64. The committee also approved contract authority for new office furniture, approved contract authority and budget amendment for employee sharing agreement with University of Washington, and approved PSRC Executive Board Representation.

Vice President Erickson reported that the committee was briefed on the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program assumptions and financial policies. The committee is scheduled to recommend the draft budget at its December meeting. She also reported that the committee met two new PSRC employees.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Erickson) to: (a) Approve Minutes of Meeting held September 22, 2022, (b) Approve Vouchers Dated August 15, 2022 through October 10, 2022 in the Amount of \$1,332,640.64, (c) Approve Contract Authority for New Office Furniture, (d) Approve Contract Authority and Budget Amendment for Employee Sharing Agreement with University of Washington, (e) Approve PSRC Executive Board Representation, and (f) Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Federal Partners Report on TMA Certification Report

Ralph Rizzo, Division Administrator, FHWA WA and Linda Gehrke, Regional Administrator, FTA Region, provided brief remarks about PSRC's 2022 Transportation Management Areas (TMA) certification review.

Per federal legislation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required to review and certify the planning processes for federally designated Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) every four years. A TMA is designated for urbanized areas with greater than 200,000 population, and PSRC is the designated TMA for the central Puget Sound area. The current review process was conducted in July 2022 and resulted in continued certification of PSRC's planning processes.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of the 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC Program Manager, briefed the board on the requested action to adopt the 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

The Draft 2023-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was released for public review and comment on September 8, 2022. The 2023-2026 TIP includes the projects approved by the Executive Board in July as part of PSRC's 2022 project selection process, as well as projects with local, state and other federal funds expected to be utilized during this timeframe. The TIP document also includes a positive

air quality conformity finding, background on the project selection process, an equity analysis, and additional information.

At its October 13 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board recommended Executive Board adoption of the 2023-2026 Regional TIP.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Figueroa/Wahl) to adopt the 2023-2026 Regional TIP, including the following actions and findings:

- A. Compliance with State and Federal Requirements - PSRC finds that the 2023-2026 Regional TIP satisfies all state and federal requirements, including consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan, financial feasibility, and a positive finding of air quality conformity. PSRC has also provided reasonable opportunity for public review and considered public comments. Therefore, the 2023-2026 Regional TIP should be adopted by PSRC and submitted to the state and federal funding agencies for approval.**
- B. Project Selection, Required for the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Funds Managed by PSRC - PSRC approves project selection for all projects in the 2023-2026 Regional TIP for which PSRC has project selection responsibilities. These include projects with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funds.**
- C. Authorization for Administrative Amendments to the TIP - PSRC staff are authorized to continue to achieve flexibility and efficiency in the administration of PSRC's programming responsibilities. This authorization enables staff to execute administrative approval for reasonable agency requests for routine project and programming amendments to the approved TIP.**

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Climate Change Analysis and Implementation Strategy

Kelly McGourty, PSRC Director of Transportation Planning, briefed the board on work to provide additional 2030 climate analysis.

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies numerous implementation items, covering all of the major plan elements and policy focus areas. These implementation items call for new and continued work to be done by PSRC, local agencies and other regional and state partners. Over the last several months the Transportation Policy

Board and an Executive Steering Committee have reviewed a summary of these various work program items and provided preliminary feedback on priority timelines, as well as additional details on key scoping elements.

Since 2010 PSRC has had an adopted Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy (addressing land use, transportation choices, pricing and technology) and conducted a climate analysis for the horizon year of the RTP. The most recent analysis forecasted emissions and applied the strategy to a horizon year of 2050. The plan further calls for PSRC to develop an interim year transportation network and conduct a 2030 analysis, and to continue to work with partner agencies including the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to develop a climate implementation strategy for achieving the climate goals and to monitor progress.

Ms. McGourty provide a status report on work conducted to date, including partnership projects currently underway. Information was also provided on the planned approach and next steps for completing this work. This includes various sensitivity tests that can be modeled to analyze potential impacts of additional strategies within the framework of the Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy.

It is anticipated that preliminary results of the 2030 analysis and a comparison to the 2030 climate goals will be available for board review at its December meeting.

Regional Transportation Plan Performance Dashboard

Craig Helmann, PSRC Director of Data, briefed the board on work on a Regional Transportation Plan performance dashboard.

The plan calls for PSRC to identify performance measures and targets for meeting key aspects of VISION 2050 and the RTP, including but not limited to emissions, safety, active transportation, finance, vehicle miles traveled and transit ridership. The plan also calls for PSRC to track the progress of these measures through an online dashboard.

Preliminary feedback provided by board members, to date, included direction to track progress over time, to report measures at a variety of scales, and to align with the equity dashboard under development.

Mr. Helmann provide a proposed outline of the performance dashboard for board review and feedback. He also provided information on available metrics for comparison to the performance results of the RTP over time.

INFORMTION ITEMS

Included in the agenda packet was a new employee status report and a reminder to save the date for the November 30, 10 – 11:30 AM Joint Board Session on Institutional and Structural Racism.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board will not meet in November. The board will next meet on Thursday, December 1, 2022, 10:00 - 11:30 AM. This will be a hybrid meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM.

Adopted this 1st day of December 2022.

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

Attachments:
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Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:

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King County	EXC Dow Constantine	1
	CM Claudia Balducci	1
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	CM Jeanne Kohl Welles Alt	
Seattle	MYR Bruce Harrell	1
	CM Andrew Lewis	
	CM Tammy Morales	
	CM Dan Strauss	
	CM Teresa Mosqueda Alt	
Bellevue	CM Alex Pedersen Alt	
	MYR Lynne Robinson	1
Federal Way	CM Jennifer Robertson Alt	
	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
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Kirkland	CM Toni Troutner Alt	
	MYR Penny Sweet	
Renton	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	1
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Redmond	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	
	MYR Angela Birney	1
Auburn	CM Jessica Forsythe Alt	1
	MYR Nancy Backus	1
Cities/Towns	Vacant Alt	
	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
	MYR Allan Ekberg, Tukwila	1
	CM James McNeal, Bothell	
	CM David Baker, Kenmore Alt	
	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington Alt	1
	MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah Alt	1
Kitsap County	MYR Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw 2nd Alt	
	MYR Rob McFarland, North Bend 2nd Alt	
Bremerton	COM Charlotte Garrido	1
	COM Robert Gelder Alt	1
Port Orchard	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
	CM Michael Goodnow Alt	
Cities/Towns	MYR Rob Putaansuu	1
	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
Pierce County	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
	MYR Joe Deets, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
Tacoma	EXC Bruce Dammeier	1
	CM Derek Young	1
Lakewood	CM Dave Morell Alt	
	MYR Victoria Woodards	1
Cities & Towns	CM Keith Blocker Alt	
	CM Don Anderson	
Snohomish County	CM Linda Farmer Alt	
	MYR Pro Tem Javier Figueroa, University Place Alt	1
Everett	DP MYR Ned Witting, Puyallup Alt	
	EXC Dave Somers	1
Cities/Towns	CM Sam Low	1
	CM Strom Peterson Alt	
Port of Bremerton	MYR Cassie Franklin	
	CM Don Schwab Alt	
Port of Everett	MYR Barbara Tolbert, Arlington	
	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
Port of Seattle	CM George Hurst, Lynnwood Alt	
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	1
Port of Tacoma	COM Axel Strakeljahn	
	COM Cary Bozeman Alt	
Washington State Department of Transportation	COM Gary Anderson Alt	
	COM Glen Bachman	1
Washington State Transportation Commission	COM Tom Stiger Alt	
	COM Ryan Calkins	
Washington State Department of Transportation	COMM Sam Cho Alt	
	COM Dick Marzano	
	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
	Secretary Roger Millar	
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Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Vouchers Dated September 30, 2022 through November 7, 2022 in the Amount of \$953,806.65**

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080, following the Operations Committee's review, the Executive Board approves the vouchers. Because the meeting is being attended remotely, PSRC will email voucher information to 2 members of the Operations Committee for review and approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

REQUESTED

<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>
10/17/22 - 11/07/22	AP Vouchers	\$	263,100.22
09/30/22 - 10/15/22	Payroll	\$	690,706.43
			\$ 953,806.65

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann at 206-971-3292; email awerfelmann@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board
From: Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee
Subject: **Approve Contract Authority for ACE Event Planning**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter into a contract in excess of \$10,000. A request is being made to authorize consultant contracts to help plan the Americas Competitiveness Exchange program to be held in the Seattle region in spring 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more consultant contracts for event planning services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 includes sufficient funding for this task.

DISCUSSION

At its October 2022 meeting, the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board (EDD) heard from representatives from the Organization of American States (OAS) and the U.S. Economic Development Administration on the work to finalize the Seattle region as the host for the Spring 2023 Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) program.

By way of background, the ACE is the premier economic development, innovation, and

entrepreneurial network of the Americas and is one the leading high-level events of the OAS. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the OAS is an international organization founded in 1948 for the purpose of bringing together all 35 independent states of the Western Hemisphere to enhance development, democracy, human rights, and security. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration and the International Trade Administration, the U.S. Department of State, and the OAS comprise the Coordinating and Advisory Committee for the ACE program.

The ACE brings together up to 60 senior-level government, business, policy, and economic decision-makers from across the Americans and beyond to experience first-hand the diverse range of projects, strategic investments, public-private partnership, and best practices from a particular region's economic, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. The complete ACE delegation for the week-long event including participants, global and regional leaders, ACE Committee members and organizers, could include up to 80 participants.

The Seattle region has been selected to host the Spring 2023 ACE event. PSRC and the EDD are the among lead entities planning the programming for the week-long event. Assistance from experienced major event planning consultants will be necessary to ensure a successful event.

Expected outcomes include bringing together senior global leaders from the public, private, and academic sectors to create outcomes such as enhanced supply chains, new research agreements, enhanced foreign direct investment, and others.

The event will span over six days of programming, include visits to the four counties in the PSRC region and involve multiple business, government association and philanthropic partners. Support is needed for project and event management, outreach and coordination between partners and program development.

For more information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at (206) 971-3286 or bbakkenta@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for a Federal Policy and Grant Consultant**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter a contract in excess of \$10,000. A request is being made to authorize a consultant contract to provide strategic information and advice on federal legislation, policy and grant opportunities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter a consultant contract for federal affairs and funding services. The total budget for this consultant work is not to exceed \$230,000 over a two-year period.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 includes funding for this project.

DISCUSSION

The passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act have created unprecedented opportunities for federal funding for cities, counties, tribes and Metropolitan Planning Organizations. PSRC staff are receiving many requests from members for information and strategy to access these federal funds. A consultant's advice, expert information and relationship building support will position PSRC and PSRC members to be competitive for federal funding opportunities.

The consultant will provide PSRC with consulting services to relay information and expertise on federal legislation and programs. They will help maintain deep relationships with federal stakeholders, including the regional federal delegation, and federal agency officials. The consultant will assist with access to federal funding and will provide tailored updates to PSRC boards, as well as weekly updates to PSRC staff on federal legislative, budget and grant development.

This work is anticipated to be ongoing over the next two years. We anticipate the consultant will charge a regular monthly fee that will be the same amount each month. The consultant will provide a list of activities performed with each monthly invoice.

For more information contact Robin Koskey at (206) 971-3602 or rkoskey@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

CONSENT AGENDA

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board
From: Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair, Operations Committee
Subject: **Approve Contract Authority for Facilitation Services**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter into a contract in excess of \$10,000. A request is being made to authorize a consultant contract to facilitate a working group of Transportation Policy Board members to develop a recommendation for the distribution of PSRC's Federal Transit Administration funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a consultant contract for facilitation services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 includes sufficient funding for this task.

DISCUSSION

At its June 2022 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) called for the creation of a working group of TPB members to discuss the methodology and to develop a recommendation for distribution of PSRC's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. PSRC retained a facilitator to aid in these discussions. The FTA Funding Working Group convened in early September and have held three facilitated meetings to date. While the working group has made significant progress, the group members have asked for additional meetings to further discussion options and the implications of

each option. Additional meetings will likely require exceeding the originally estimated facilitation cost of less than \$10,000.

The group is anticipated to finish its work before the end of 2022, in time to bring its recommendations back to the full Transportation Policy Board and ultimately the Executive Board for discussion and action.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at (206) 971-3601 or kmcgrouty@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

ACTION ITEM

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Legislative Agenda Briefing**

IN BRIEF

Following direction by the Executive Board, PSRC staff have been working to support the adoption of a legislative agenda in advance of the 2023 legislative session. PSRC staff will brief the Executive Board on the process to adopt a legislative agenda and seek adoption of the 2023 Recommendations to the State Legislature.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt the proposed recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature.

DISCUSSION

In February, the Executive Board adopted a resolution to support the adoption of Move Ahead Washington, a comprehensive transportation investment package which was subsequently passed by the legislature. Following this effort, the Executive Board directed PSRC staff to draft a legislative agenda for deliberation and adoption by the Executive Board ahead of 2023 legislative session. PSRC staff reviewed adopted regional plans and policies to arrive at focus policy areas of Transportation, Housing Choices and Affordability and Climate Change.

PSRC staff presented the proposed policy focus areas to the Growth Management Policy Board, Economic Development Board and Transportation Policy Board during the month of October. Members of the Economic Development Board advised that economic development should be included as a fourth policy area on the agenda. Feedback from each of the policy boards was incorporated into a draft legislative agenda presented to the Executive Committee at their October meeting for review and

approval. Executive Board feedback is included in the attached Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature document.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations & Communications, at Rkoskey@psrc.org, 206-798-4462

Attachments:
2023 State Legislative Agenda

Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature



The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) supports adoption of state legislation that provides an exceptional quality of life, opportunity for all, connected communities, a spectacular natural environment and an innovative, thriving economy in alignment with adopted regional plans.



Keep the Region Moving

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan lay out a foundation for completing regional transportation investments and future work to strengthen connections to and between the region's centers. PSRC supports:

- Sustaining the transportation investments made with Move Ahead Washington during the 2021 legislative session
- Developing an equitable road usage charge (RUC) system through the work of the Washington State Transportation Commission to generate necessary revenue to eventually replace the gas tax, fund the state's long-term transportation needs, including multimodal connections and introduce revenue flexibility
- Maintain agreed upon state and local funding split decisions as agreed upon by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) workgroup

Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy identifies coordinated strategies, policies, and actions to expand housing options create greater affordability, and promote fair and equal housing access to address the housing affordability crisis in our state. The PSRC region needs to build 800,000 more homes by 2050 and 20% of these homes need to be affordable to people earning less than half of the Area Median Income. PSRC supports legislation and funding in three action areas:

- **Supply:** Build more housing of different types
- **Stability:** Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs
- **Subsidy:** Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very low-income households and unhoused residents

Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan outline how state, regional, and local partners can act in coordination to reduce emissions in the region and prepare for climate impacts. PSRC supports state legislation to respond to the urgent environmental, economic and equity threat of climate change in alignment with the essential components of regional long-range planning:

- Transit-focused land use
- Multimodal transportation choices
- Pricing the transportation system
- Decarbonization of the transportation system, including improvements to freight and passenger vehicles and fuels

PSRC supports state legislation to address these components to respond to the urgent environmental, economic, and equity threat of climate change.

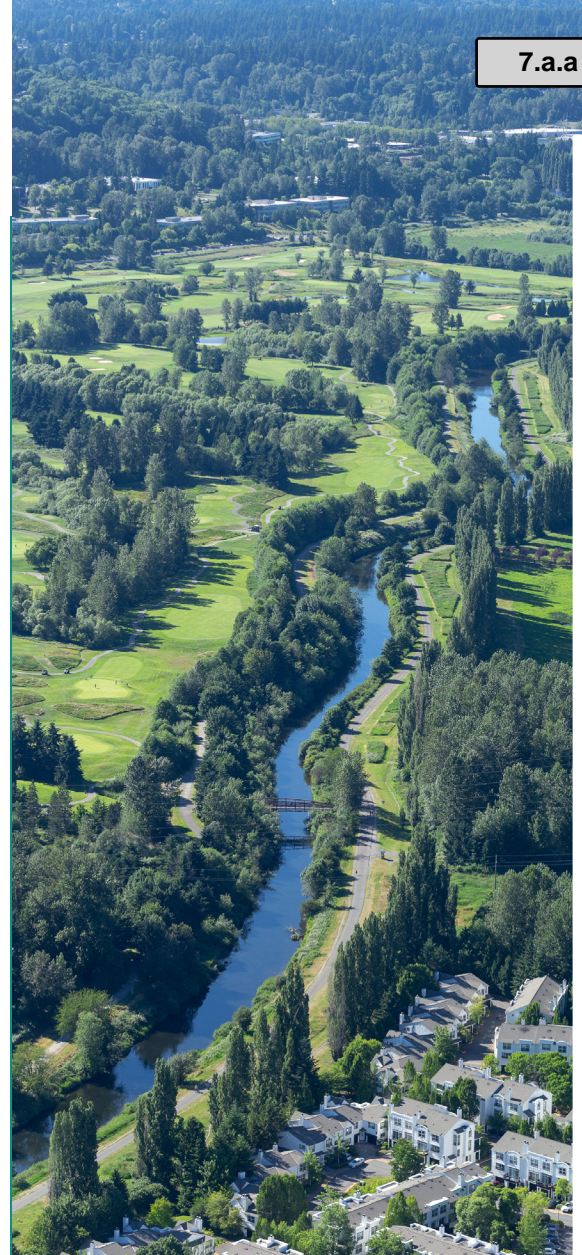
Sustain a Strong Economy

VISION 2050 and the Regional Economic Strategy plan for economic growth and opportunity that creates widespread prosperity and living-wage jobs throughout the region. PSRC supports continued investments in critical infrastructure and workforce development programs that help sustain the region's economy.

PSRC supports strong state engagement for a successful American Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) learning visit by up to 50 senior-level government, business, policy, and economic decision-makers from across the Americas exploring economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the Puget Sound region.

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Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Equity Advisory Committee Update**

IN BRIEF

Equity is a key policy area in [VISION 2050](#), the region's long-range plan for growth. A new action in the draft VISION 2050 plan (RC-Action-3) directs PSRC to develop a regional equity strategy, which is intended to make equity central to PSRC's work and to support the 2024 local comprehensive plan updates.

PSRC staff and the [Equity Advisory Committee](#) (EAC) have made progress on regional equity work, including co-creating elements of the [Regional Equity Strategy](#), which will provide guidance to help members work in a coordinated manner towards the region's goal of providing an exceptional quality of life and opportunity for all. It will also provide guidance and training for staff to ensure the agency effectively uses its roles to advance racial equity.

DISCUSSION

Regional Equity Strategy

Based on feedback from PSRC boards and committees as well as various stakeholders from around the region, staff worked with the Equity Advisory Committee to help shape both the [Regional Housing Strategy](#) and [Regional Transportation Plan](#). Additionally, staff are currently working with the Equity Advisory Committee to co-create the Regional Equity Strategy. The strategy will include components such as:

Capacity Building

- Learning Opportunities
- Prioritizing Equity
- Inclusive Procurement

- Hiring and Retention

Data and Research

- Equity Tracker
- Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report
- Data & Analysis

Community Engagement

- Equity Advisory Committee
- Anti-Displacement Organizations Report
- Inclusive Engagement Guidance

Best Practices

- Racial Equity Impact Assessment
- Equity Planning Resources

Staff have engaged with the EAC on the resources most relevant to the comprehensive plan update process: Equity Tracker, Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report, Anti-Displacement Organizations Report, Inclusive Engagement Guidance, Racial Equity Impact Assessment, and Equity Planning Resources.

Staff leading these resources attended 2-3 EAC meetings to: 1) share an overview of the work, 2) facilitate a discussion to get feedback from the EAC, and 3) close the feedback loop, detailing how the EAC's thoughts were incorporated in the work.

Co-chairs for the Equity Advisory Committee will share how feedback from the EAC was incorporated into the Regional Housing Strategy, Regional Transportation Plan, and Regional Equity Strategy. Additionally, the co-chairs will share the 2023 workplan for the EAC.

NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the Equity Advisory Committee will be held on December 1, 2022. Members will share suggestions on how to improve the Public Participation Plan and learn how EAC feedback will be incorporated into the Legacy of Structural Racism Interactive Report.

For more information, please contact Charles Patton at cpatton@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Climate Change Work Program**

IN BRIEF

The Executive Board received a presentation in October on the 2030 climate analysis work underway and provided feedback on various sensitivity tests being considered to evaluate potential additional strategies towards meeting the region's climate goals. Preliminary results of these analyses will be provided to the board at its meeting on December 1.

DISCUSSION

The [Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP) identifies numerous implementation items, covering all the major plan elements and policy focus areas. These implementation items call for new and continued work to be done by PSRC, local agencies and other regional and state partners. Scheduled for completion by December 2022 is an analysis of 2030 greenhouse gas emissions compared to the region's climate goals.

Since 2010 PSRC has had an adopted Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy (addressing land use, transportation choices, pricing and technology) and conducted a climate analysis for the horizon year of the RTP. The most recent analysis forecasted emissions and applied the strategy to a horizon year of 2050. The plan further calls for PSRC to develop an interim year transportation network and conduct a 2030 analysis, and to continue to work with partner agencies including the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to develop a climate implementation strategy for achieving the climate goals and to monitor progress.

At the meeting on October 27, staff provided a status report on the analysis work conducted to date and next steps, including various sensitivity tests that can be modeled to analyze potential impacts of additional strategies within the framework of the Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy. The board provided feedback on these proposed levers, which include various road usage charge scenarios, acceleration of high-capacity transit expansions, additional transit service, adjustments to roadway capacity expansion, percentages of electric vehicles, and others.

Preliminary analysis results will be provided to the board at its meeting on December 1, including a comparison of the 2030 plan results to the 2030 climate goals and an assessment of the various sensitivity tests for further implementation possibilities. A more comprehensive reporting and discussion of implementation strategies will be held in January 2023.

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INFORMATION ITEM

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **New Employee Status Report**

PSRC has two new employees:

Ananda Gordon-Peabody – Housing/Planning Intern in Planning Department

Ananda majored in Political Science and minored in Urban Ecological Design and Urban Planning & Design from University of Washington and is currently pursuing a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University. Prior to joining PSRC, Ananda was an Urban Design and Policy Analyst Intern at Cascadia Partners in Portland, OR.

Heather Culver – Administrative Assistant II in Growth Management Planning and Data Departments

Heather has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Communications and minors in Music and English Literature from Chapman University and a Certificate of Paralegal Studies from South Seattle College. Prior to joining PSRC, Heather was a Receptionist at Cozen O'Connor.

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INFORMATION ITEM

November 22, 2022

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: 2023 Executive Board and Operations Committee Meeting Schedule

The Executive Board and Operations Committee meet on the **fourth Thursday of every month**. Unless noted, Operations Committee meetings are held from 9:00-9:50 a.m. and the Executive Board from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Members will be notified if a meeting is changed or cancelled.

January 26

February 23

March 23

April 27

May 25 – PSRC General Assembly, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, location TBD

June 22

July 27

August – No meeting

September 28

October 26

November – No meeting

December 7 – Early meeting date

Questions can be directed to Sheila Rogers at (206) 464-5815 or srogers@psrc.org. For additional board information, visit PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/calendar>.