

Equity Advisory Committee Update

PSRC Executive Board

January 26, 2023



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Equity Strategy



Operating Procedures



- Up to **20 members**
- **At least two members** from each of the **four counties**
- **Residents, governmental and community-based organizations** providing lived experiences and perspectives
- **Co-create** Regional Equity Strategy
- **Advise** PSRC boards and committees on policies and programs with an equity lens.

2023 Cohort Outreach

Fall 2022

- Solicited applications
- Blogs & social media posts
- Translated materials
- Interviews
- Onboarding

Call for Applications

PSRC is currently accepting applications to join the 2023 cohort of the **Equity Advisory Committee**. Applications are due **Monday, October 10, 2022**.

Candidates should submit an online application, along with up to two references that can speak to the candidate's qualifications, connections to their community, and commitment to racial equity. Candidates selected to move forward will be asked to participate in a panel interview. Applications and interviews will be conducted by current committee members and PSRC staff.

Application Materials

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|---------------------------|---|
| English | + |
| 中文 Simplified Chinese | + |
| Soomaali Somali | + |
| Español Spanish | + |
| 中國人 Traditional Chinese | + |
| Tiếng việt Vietnamese | + |

Community Engagement

Equity Advisory Committee

- Center equity in PSRC work
- Involve stakeholders early and often
- Co-create Equity Strategy



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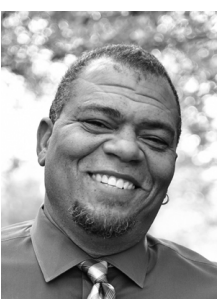
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Regional Representation

Counties

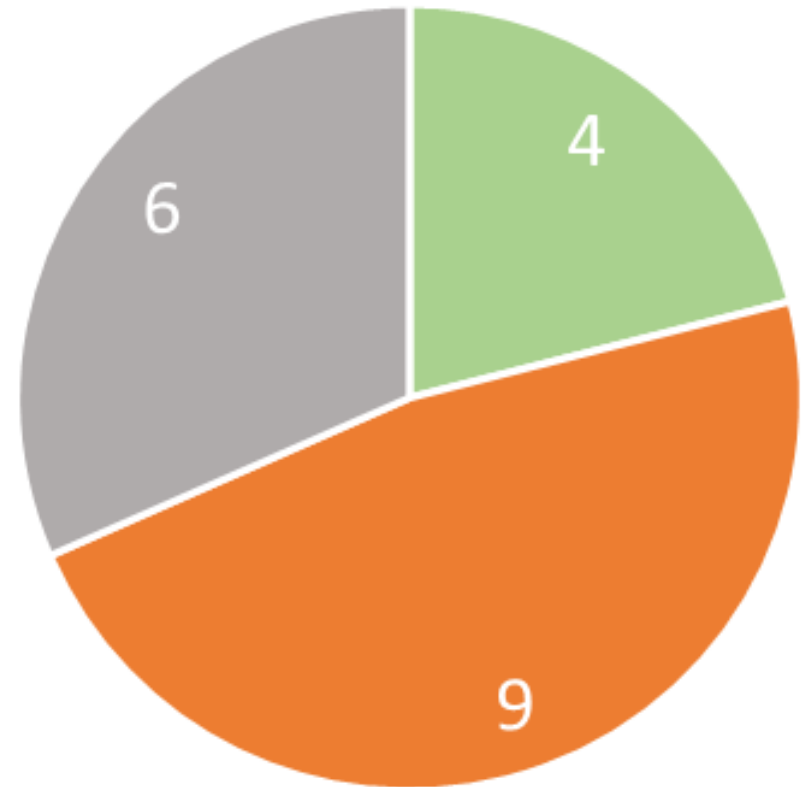
- King: 9 members
- Kitsap: 2 members
- Pierce: 4 members
- Snohomish: 4 members



Roster Demographics

Race / Ethnicity

- Asian American & Pacific Islander
- Black
- Multi-racial

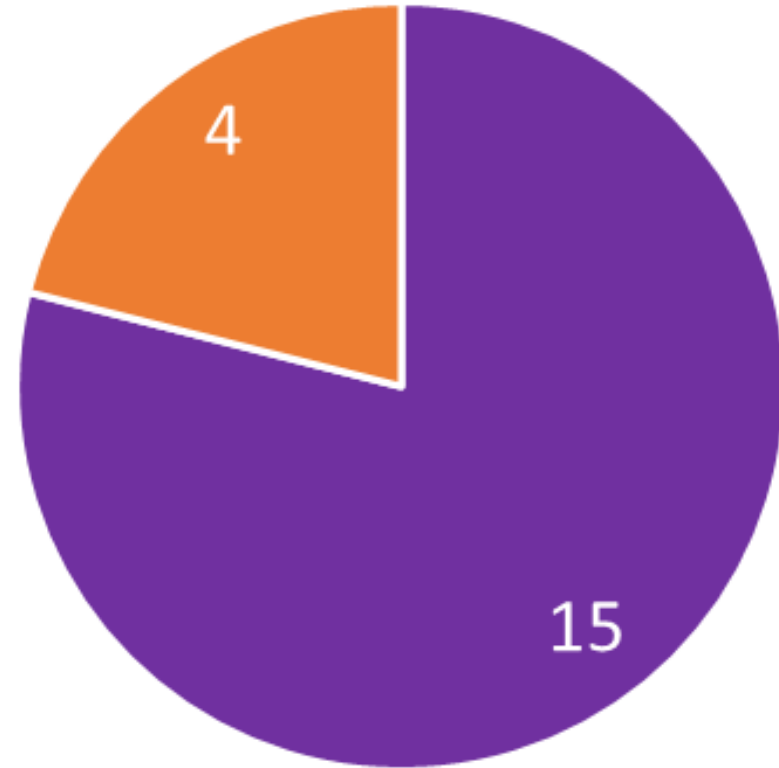


<https://www.psrc.org/committee/equity-advisory-committee>

Roster Demographics

Gender

- Men
- Women



Executive Board Action



The Executive Board act to approve the proposed roster for the Equity Advisory Committee.

Looking Ahead to 2023

- Project Selection Equity Pilot Program
- Complete Regional Equity Strategy
- Other potential topics



2023 Work Program-Equity Pilot Program

New set-aside for a Transportation Equity Pilot Program

- For the 2022 process, \$6 million are set aside for a new Equity Pilot Program.
 - *This amount equals 5% of the total FHWA Transportation Funds*
- The EAC will develop this pilot starting in January 2023, with the following scope:
 - *Evaluate the outcomes of the 2022 transportation project selection process and the effectiveness of the revisions to the equity and safety criteria*
 - *Advise on the scope, eligibility and criteria for the equity pilot competition*
 - *Advise on procedural roles and responsibilities for conducting the competition*



New Equity Pilot-Proposed Schedule

Phase One: Evaluating and Understanding 2022 Project Selection

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- January 2023 – Introduction to PSRC’s federal funds and project selection process
- February 2023 – Learn from other MPOs
- March 2023 – Further details into the equity criteria, scoring process



New Equity Pilot-Proposed Schedule

Phase Two: Designing Pilot

- April to May 2023 – Identification of needs and gaps, begin development of the equity pilot
- June to August 2023 – Design pilot program
- September to October 2023 – Pilot program conducted

Phase Three: Informing Future of PSRC's Project Selection Process

- November to December 2023 – Review of process and discuss recommendations for next funding process



Other Potential Topics for 2023

- Finalize Regional Equity Strategy
- Public Participation Plan
 - Youth Engagement
 - Data Collection Practices
- Legislative Agenda



Thank you

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