



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 9:30-11:00 am

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Chip Vincent, City of Renton*
- 2. Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for January 19, 2023*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
- 3. Discussion Item (9:45)**
 - a. 2022 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey (HITS) Report – *Ben Kahn, PSRC*
- 4. Discussion Item (10:15)**
 - a. PSRC Plan Review Outreach – *Maggie Moore, PSRC*
- 5. Discussion Item (10:35)**
 - a. Local Growth Targets and Forecasts* – *Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC*
- 6. Information Item**
 - a. VISION 2050: Call for Nominations 2023
- 7. Next meeting: March 16, 2023**
- 8. Adjourn (11:00)**

*Supporting materials attached.

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: January 19, 2023

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.

Introductions and Announcements

Jesse Hamashima, 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 Jesse Hamashima 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, shared that the Passport to 2044 comprehensive plan update support series has included nine events in partnership with Commerce and MRSC, over 1,000 attendees at the webinars, more than 650 more on the PSRC YouTube channel, and eighty percent of cities and counties in the region had staff attend at least one session. Looking forward in 2023, PSRC will hold a session on housing need & capacity with Commerce on February 15, with registration now open [here](#). PSRC is also planning a session specific to elected officials and planning commissioners later this spring. Ben also reminded committee members and alternates to reconfirm their seat on the committee, and/or identify new representatives and alternates.

Discussion: Housing Public Opinion Poll

PSRC and the Washington State Department of Commerce hired consulting firm PRR to conduct a state-wide public opinion survey on housing. PSRC staff provided a briefing on survey results to the Regional Staff Committee.

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

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

Discussion: REV Clearinghouse Launch

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, and Sara Hetrick, PSCAA, provided an overview of the Regional Electric Vehicle Clearinghouse launch. More information can be found on the PSCAA website at <https://pugetsoundrev.org/>.

Questions? Contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Discussion: 2030 GHG Analysis

The Transportation Policy and Executive Boards have been briefed on the work to develop a 2030 climate analysis as identified in the Regional Transportation Plan as an implementation item due by the end of 2022. In December, the boards were briefed on the results of the analysis and various sensitivity tests conducted to evaluate potential additional strategies towards meeting the region’s climate goals. At the January RSC meeting, additional background and documentation on the analysis and performance metrics was provided, including preliminary results of a hybrid combination of selected levers.

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

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kcmourty@psrc.org or Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at chelmann@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

- Mikayla Svob, PSRC
- Grant Gibson, PSRC
- Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
- Laura Benjamin, PSRC
- Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
- Maggie Moore, PSRC
- Megan Grzybowski, PSRC
- Nancy Buonanno Grennan, PSRC
- Craig Helmann, PSRC
- Erin Hogan, PSRC
- Robin Koskey, PSRC
- Eric Clute, PSRC

Ben Kahn, PSRC
Pauline Mogilevsky, Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Sara Hetrick, PSCAA
Josh Brown, PSRC
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Suzanne Childress, PSRC

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

Jurisdiction	Member	Jurisdiction	Member
King County	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office	Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies	
	Sunaree Marshall, King County	FHWA	1 Matthew Kunic, Community Planner
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt		Vacant Alt
	McCaela Daffern, King County Alt	R FTA	1 Ned Conroy, Community Planner
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity & Social Justice	R	Vacant Alt
	Vacant	Health	1 Keri Moore, Snohomish Health Dist.
	Vacant Alt		Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1
	Vacant Alt		Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 2
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro Intergov Relations	R Ports	1 Lindsay Wolpa, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
	Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt		Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt
Economic Dev.	1 Ashton Allison, King Co Exec Office, Econ Dev	PSCAA	1 Amy Fowler, Policy Manager
	Hugo Garcia, King County Exec Office, Econ Dev		Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Director Alt
Seattle	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
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev	Tribal	1 Vacant
	Katie Kuciemba Halse, Transportation, Alt	R Representatives	Vacant Alt
Cities/Towns	3 Chip Vincent, Renton, Planning, Co-Chair	US EPA	1 Susan Sturges
	Bob Sterbank, City of Snoqualmie, Alt		Vacant Alt
	Brian Davis, City of Federal Way	R US HUD	1 Jack Peters
	Jeff Churchill, City of Redmond, Alt	R	Vacant Alt
	Diana Hart, City of Kirkland, Alt	R WA Dept. of	1 Chris Green
	Andrea Snyder, City of Issaquah, Alt	R Commerce	Marie Davis
Kitsap County	1 Eric Baker, Policy	R WSDOT	1 Thomas Noyes, WSDOT
	Jeff Rimack, Alt		April Delchamps, WSDOT Alt
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director	R PSRC Committees	
	Vacant Alt	PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
	Jennifer Sutton, Senior Planner	BPAC	1 Thomas Noyes, WSDOT
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit		Eric Goodman, Community Transit Alt
	Vacant Alt	FAC	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
Economic Dev.	1 Kathy Cocus, KEDA		Vacant Alt
	Vacant Alt	RPEC	1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Comm Dev, Co-Chair	R	Vacant Alt
	Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt	SNTC	1 Susan Carter, SNTC Chair
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Dev., Port Orchard	R	Vacant Alt
	Vacant Alt	TDM	1 Jennifer Hass, Community Transit
	Jennifer Sutton, Senior Planner		Sarah Spicer, City of Seattle, Alt
Pierce County	1 Vacant	RTOC	1 Vacant
	Vacant Alt		Vacant Alt
At-Large	2 Jesse Hamashima, Transportation, Co-Chair	R	R = Remote attendance
	Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning	R	
	Ryan Windish, City of Sumner, Alt	R	
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Plan. & Build., Alt		
Transit	1 Lindsey Sehmel, Pierce Transit	R	
	Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development	R	
	Vacant Alt		
Tacoma	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Svcs		
	Vacant		
Cities/Towns	1 Katie Baker, Puyallup		
	Vacant Alt		
Snohomish County	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director	R	
	David Killingstad, Planning & Development		
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director, Co-Chair		
	Ken Klein, Executive Director		
	Jay Larson, Transportation Specialist, Alt		
	Joshua Dugan, Chief of Staff, Alt		
Transit	1 Roland Behee, Director of Planning		
	Melinda Adams, Everett Transit Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Neepaporn Boungjaktha, Economic Dev		
	James Henderson, Economic Dev Alt		
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director	R	
	Becky Ableman McCrary, Long Range Planning Mgr		
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director	R	
	Patricia Love, Stanwood, Comm Dev. Director, Alt.		
Total Members	51	Attended	30



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DISCUSSION ITEM

February 16, 2023

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Ben Kahn, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: 2022 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey (HITS) Report

IN BRIEF

PSRC administered the 2022 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey (HITS) to local jurisdictions to better understand the use of tools and incentives to support the development of housing and affordable housing. Staff will provide a briefing on findings.

DISCUSSION

As an implementation step for the [Regional Housing Strategy](#), PSRC fielded a survey in the summer of 2022 – the Housing Incentives and Tools Survey (HITS) – to local jurisdictions to better understand how these tools, incentives, and strategies are being used and which are having the biggest impact on increasing housing development and affordability. The 2022 HITS builds off a similar [2019 survey](#) and captures new incentives, zoning and development codes and regulations, and success, challenges, and opportunities for local jurisdictions in implementing housing strategies. A total of 74 responses were collected – 87% of the cities, towns, and counties in the central Puget Sound. The 2022 HITS Report is slated to be published in early March, along with a supplemental data appendix.

Key Findings

Findings from the survey are organized under the Regional Housing Strategy's focus areas of Supply, Stability, and Subsidy. Findings include:

Supply

- More local jurisdictions are promoting housing affordability and access, but adoption of local zoning changes and incentives remains uneven.
- Local jurisdictions are expanding capacity and diversity of housing types, with a large increase in the number of jurisdictions considering new middle density zoning.
- Incentives and tools can have the greatest impact when calibrated to local conditions and used in combination with other tools.

- Housing access and affordability is a focus area for 2024 local comprehensive plan updates, including a focus on housing for larger households.

Stability

- The Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) is a critical incentive for many cities.
- Housing Action Plan grant funding is linked to adoption of new housing tools and zoning regulations.
- Jurisdictions are beginning work to link larger goals for racial equity with housing access and affordability.

Subsidy

- Subsidies are needed to meet need for very affordable (0-50% AMI) housing.
- Jurisdictions are contributing to subregional partnerships to fund and implement local housing goals.

Next Steps

The 2022 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey report and supporting data appendix will be available in early March and will be shared with the Growth Management Policy Board at the March 2 meeting.

Staff plan to field the survey following the 2024 major period update to comprehensive plans as part of implementation monitoring.

Lead Staff

For more information, please contact Laura Benjamin, Principal Planner, at LBenjamin@psrc.org, or Ben Kahn, Associate Planner at BKahn@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

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TO: Regional Staff Committee
FROM: Maggie Moore, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: PSRC Plan Review Outreach

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will brief the committee on current and planned outreach activities and support for the 2024 comprehensive plan updates. VISION 2050 calls for PSRC to support efforts to update local comprehensive plans through updates to plan review and certification guidance and building awareness on VISION 2050 (RC-Action-1 and RC-Action-4). Staff will provide an overview of upcoming outreach events and share what has taken place so far.

DISCUSSION

PSRC develops data, guidance, and resources to support implementation of VISION through local planning. PSRC has published numerous guidance documents to date, which are available on the [VISION 2050 Planning Resources](#) page. Following adoption of VISION 2050 in 2020, [PSRC has updated the Plan Review Manual](#) and issued guidance on [growth target development](#), [economic development](#), [climate change](#), [coordination with Tribes](#), [housing](#), [equitable engagement](#), and [transit-oriented development](#).

Outreach to Date

At the beginning of 2022, PSRC staff distributed a survey to local jurisdictions to learn more about timelines and priorities for updating their comprehensive plans. This information was used to develop outreach opportunities in 2022.

To support staff in updating local comprehensive plans, PSRC staff have been working along with the Department of Commerce and MRSC on the [Passport to 2044](#) series of webinars. Nine events took place in 2022 covering available resources, best practices, and changes in state law since the last periodic update.

PSRC began a quarterly [Comprehensive Planning Newsletter](#) that includes highlights from PSRC and partners on new guidance documents and outreach opportunities.

Upcoming Outreach

In 2023 PSRC staff will continue the Passport to 2044 series and are looking for input on how it can best meet current needs of local staff. A session for elected officials is also being planned for May 2023, covering key issues in the region and a panel of elected officials.

In the first quarter of 2023, PSRC staff will be reaching out to all the 86 cities and counties in the region to share resources and information on the plan review process. This will be a great time to meet with PSRC staff to discuss current opportunities and challenges.

PSRC staff welcome any feedback from the Regional Staff Committee on information and tools needed for the comprehensive plan updates, as well as approach to engage with local staff.

Next Steps

Staff will provide more information to committee members and staff from local jurisdictions with specifics on upcoming events.

Lead Staff

For more information, contact Maggie Moore, Senior Planner, at 206-464-6171 or mmoore@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

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TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: GMA Projections, Growth Targets, and Land Use Forecast update

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will brief the committee on the 2022 Office of Financial Management Growth Management Act projections and implementation of the Regional Growth Strategy through growth targets. Staff will also provide an update on release of an updated regional land use forecast product. PSRC staff welcome feedback from the Regional Staff Committee on data to support comprehensive plans or implementation of the Regional Growth Strategy.

DISCUSSION

At the end of 2022, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) released updated population projections to inform Growth Management Act planning. Given the local planning schedule, counties adopted growth targets in 2021-22 based on the Regional Macroeconomic Forecast and the 2017 OFM release of population projections. PSRC staff will provide an update on how the most recent OFM release aligns with the Regional Macroeconomic Forecast and the previous state projections.

Under the Growth Management Act, counties, in consultation with cities, are responsible for adopting 20-year growth targets. These growth targets are a key input to local comprehensive plans, ensuring that each county is accommodating population and employment growth. Jurisdictions use growth targets to inform land use, transportation, and capital facilities in their comprehensive plans. PSRC staff will provide an update on progress to adopt growth targets consistent with VISION 2050.

PSRC produces a land use forecasting product consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy and countywide growth targets. Following the adoption of VISION 2050 in 2020 and subsequent adoption of countywide growth targets in 2022, PSRC is producing an updated Land Use Vision forecast product. The Land Use Vision – Implemented Targets (LUV-it) forecast product is being developed to be consistent with these updated growth allocations and policies. The projections are also consistent with the goal established in the VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy to accommodate most

of the region's growth (65% of the population and 75% of the employment) in regional growth centers and near current and planned high-capacity transit service. PSRC staff will provide an update on release of the forecast product. The timing of the release supports the comprehensive plan updates due in 2024, as well as other studies that benefit from having a consistent representation of regional growth planning.

PSRC staff welcome feedback from the Regional Staff Committee on data to support comprehensive plans or implementation of the Regional Growth Strategy.

Next Steps

Staff will share release of the forecast product with the Regional Staff Committee and are available to provide assistance as needed.

Lead Staff

For more information, contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at 206-464-6174 or LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org.

VISION 2050 AWARDS

Call for Nominations 2023

The Puget Sound Regional Council is seeking nominations for the VISION 2050 Awards Program through April 1, 2023.

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 www.psrc.org

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: www.psrc.org

Scan the code for
the nomination form



Schedule

- April 1, 2023 – Nominations due
- April-May 2023 – Awards Selection Committee composed of PSRC board members will select the award winners
- Summer/Fall 2023 – Awards presented on location around the region

