

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 • 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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)**
2. **Communications and Public Comments**
3. **President's Remarks**
4. **Staff Report**
5. **Consent Agenda (10:30)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held December 7, 2022
 - b. Approve Vouchers dated October 31, 2022 thru January 27, 2023 in the amount of \$3,586.01
 - c. Ratify 2023-2024 Executive Committee
6. **Discussion Item (10:35)**
 - a. 2024 PSRC Office Relocation -- *Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC*
7. **Discussion Item (10:45)**
 - a. VISION 2050 & Housing -- *Paul Inghram, Laura Benjamin, & Ben Kahn, PSRC*
8. **Discussion Item (11:20)**
 - a. Regional Equity Strategy Update -- *Charles Patton & Noah Boggess, PSRC*
9. **Information Items**
 - a. Staff Report

- b. Draft Public Participation Plan
- c. Save the Date: Joint Board Session on ACT, Friday, April 28, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM
- d. Save the Date: 2023 Annual General Assembly, Thursday, May 25, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- e. VISION 2050 Awards: Call for Nominations 2023

10. Next Meeting - June 7, 2023

11. Adjourn (12:00)

Board members please submit proposed amendments and other materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Mikayla Svob at msvob@psrc.org, fax 206-587-4825, or mail.

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CONSENT AGENDA

February 22, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager
Subject: **Approve Minutes of Meeting held December 7, 2022**

MINUTES

**Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
Hybrid Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President. To determine attendance and a quorum was present, a verbal roll call was conducted by staff.

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to:
<https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings>].

CPSEDDB MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENT

The board heard public comment from the following individuals:

- Alex Tsimerman

No other public comments were received.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Axel Strakeljahn welcomed everyone to the December 7, 2022 meeting and thanked the board members for their attendance.

STAFF REPORT

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included in the December 7, 2022 agenda on pages 18-19. This agenda, as well as past materials for the board, can be found on the [Economic Development District Board webpage](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved (Lee) and seconded (Stern) to: (a) approve the minutes of meeting held October 5, 2022 (b) approve vouchers dated September 22, 2022 through October 3, 2022 in the amount of \$1,757.04 (c) approve the Economic Development District Board meeting calendar for 2023. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Industrial Lands Analysis Update

PSRC is continuing to develop the Regional Industrial Lands Analysis update. Ben Kahn, Associate Planner, provided the board with a review of initial findings from analyzing land inventory, employment, and demographic data for industrial jobs

DISCUSSION ITEM: 2023 Economic Development Focus Areas & Program Funding

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, provided an update on funding for the Economic Development program, highlighted accomplishments from 2022, and gathered input from the board on the 2023 Economic Development Focus Areas.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Adopted this 1st day of March, 2023.

Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

Attachments:
EDD Member Attendance - December 7, 2022

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board				
Voting Members		Voting Members		
King County	2	EXEC Dow Constantine	Ports	
		Vacant Alt	Port of Bremerton	1 COM Axel Strakeljahn*
		Ashton Allison Alt		COM Gary Anderson Alt
		CM Reagan Dunn	Port of Everett	1 COM Tom Stiger
		Vacant Alt		COM Glen Bachman Alt
Seattle	2	CM Sara Nelson	Port of Seattle	1 COM Hamdi Mohamed
		Vacant Alt		Vacant Alt
		Jeremy Mohn Alt		Annie Tran Alt
		MYR Bruce Harrell	Port of Tacoma	1 COM Kristin Ang*
		Vacant Alt		COM Deanna Keller Alt
		Markham McIntyre Alt	1 Commerce	
Bellevue	1	CM Conrad Lee*	1 WA Dept. of Commerce	1 Chris Green
		Deputy MYR Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt		Marie Davis Alt
Cities/Towns	2	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1 Chambers of Commerce	1 Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce*
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way		Vacant Alt
		CM Kathy Hougardy, Tukwila Alt	1 Economic Development	
		CM James Mayhew, Snoqualmie Alt	1 EDC - Seattle & King	1 Rachel Smith
Kitsap County	1	COM Charlotte Garrido		Vaughn Taylor Alt
		COM Edward Wolfe Alt	KEDA - Kitsap	1 Joe Morrison
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler		Kathy Cocus Alt
		CM Michael Goodnow Alt	EASC - Snohomish	1 Garry Clark
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*	1	Wendy Poischbeg Alt
		CM Shawn Cucciardi, Port Orchard Alt	EDB - Tacoma & Pierce	1 Bruce Kendall
Pierce County	1	CM Dave Morell*	1	Tamsin Bell Alt
		CM Marty Campbell Alt	Workforce Development Councils	
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1 WDC - Pierce	1 Katie Condit*
		CM Keith Blocker Alt	OWDC - Kitsap	William Dowling Alt
Cities/Towns	1	Vacant	Organized Labor	
		CM Brandon Green, City of Buckley	1 WSLC	1 Larry Brown
Snohomish County	1	CM Strom Peterson	1	Chelsea Mason-Placek Alt
		CM Megan Dunn Alt	Presidential Appointments	
Everett	1	MYR Cassie Franklin		1 Alex Pietsch, WSU Foundation
		Vacant Alt		1 Tom Florino, Amazon*
		Dan Eernisse Alt	1	Emily Wittman, President & CEO, Aerospace Futures Alliance
Cities/Towns	1	CM Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek	1	1 Terry Ryan, Snohomish County*
		CM Vivian Olson, Edmonds Alt	1	1 Michael Greer, President & CEO, ArtsFund
		CM Jenne Alderks, Bothell Alt	Non-voting Members	
Federally Recognized Tribes			PSRC President, Ex-Officio	Bob Drewel
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant	PSRC President	Claudia Balducci
		Vacant Alt	Navy Region NW	Vacant
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman		Tom Knight Alt
		CM Jay Mills Alt		
			Abbreviations	
			CM Councilmember	* Executive Committee
Voting	34	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	21 COM Commissioner	1 = Voting Member for Meeting
			CHR Chair	

CONSENT AGENDA

February 22, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: **Approve Vouchers dated October 31, 2022 thru January 27, 2023 in the amount of \$3,586.01**

IN BRIEF

PSRC vouchers are reviewed by the Operations Committee and approved by the Executive Board. To comply fully with RCW 42.24.080, vouchers for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) should be approved by the EDD Board as well.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The EDD Board should approve the following vouchers:

Approve Vouchers dated October 31, 2022 thru January 27, 2023 in the amount of			
	\$3,586.01		
REQUESTED			
<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>
10/31/2022	Payroll 38740		\$ 567.75
11/25/2022	AP 12707		\$ 1,527.31
12/15/2022	Payroll 38985		\$ 779.25
1/3/2023	AP 12766		\$ 400.00
1/27/2023	AP 12805		\$ 311.70
			\$ 3,586.01

For more information, contact Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, at 206-971-3292, or awerfelmann@psrc.org.

Attachments:
A/P Check Batches



Puget Sound Regional Council

Date: March 1, 2023

A/P Check Batches		
Dated	Check Numbers	Amount
10/31/22 – 01/27/23	12707, 12766, 12805	\$2,239.01
10/31/22 – 12/15/22 (Payroll)	38740, 38985	\$1,347.00
Hand Checks		\$0.00
Total		<u>\$3,586.01</u>

Payment Certification RCW(42.24.080)

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, the labor performed as described, or that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claim(s) is(are) just, due and unpaid obligations against the above-named governmental unit, that we are authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim(s).

Authorized District Signature(s) for Payment Claims (Auditing Officer(s) or Board Member(s)):

[Signature]
Authorized District Signature

02/14/23
Date

Authorized District Signature

Date

Authorized District Signature

Date

Authorized District Signature

Date

Attachment: A/P Check Batches (3656 : Approve Vouchers)

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
 Time: 09:15AM
 User: AWERFELMANN

Puget Sound Regional Council
Check Register - APPROVAL
 Periods: 04-23 Through 08-23 As of: 2/14/2023

Page: 1 of 1
 Report: 03630_OPSAPPROV, W.r.p
 Company: PSRC

Check Nbr	Check Type	Check Date	Vendor Name	Period To Post	Ref Nbr	Doc Type	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Amount Paid		
Acct / Sub: 11000 00000											
012707	CK	11/25/2022	US Bank	05-23	117856	VO	October 2022	10/25/2022	Travel-Thibedeau;ACE	679.50	
012707	CK	11/25/2022	US Bank	05-23	117856	VO	October 2022	10/25/2022	Travel-Thibedeau;ACE	847.81	
Check Total									1,527.31		
012766	CK	1/3/2023	WEDA	07-23	117930	VO	8802	11/1/2022	CY23 Membership-Thibedeau	400.00	
Check Total									400.00		
012805	CK	1/27/2023	2 US Bank - PSRC	07-23	117965	VO	December 2022	12/25/2023	Conference-Thibedeau;	199.00	
012805	CK	1/27/2023	2 US Bank - PSRC	07-23	117965	VO	December 2022	TAPMS 12/25/2023	12/07/22 EDD Meeting	112.70	
Check Total									311.70		
Check Count:		3								Acct Sub Total:	2,239.01

Check Type	Count	Amount Paid
Regular	3	2,239.01
Hand	0	0.00
Electronic Payment	0	0.00
Void	0	0.00
Stub	0	0.00
Zero	0	0.00
Mask	0	0.00
Total:	3	2,239.01

Attachment: A/P Check Batches (3656 : Approve Vouchers)

Check Summary Report

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board Meeting - March 1, 2023

Check Number	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
38740	10/31/2022	Jason Thibedeau	Per Diem - ACE Summit Tour	567.75
12707	11/25/2022	US Bank - American Air	Flight - Thibedeau ACE Summit Tour	847.81
12707	11/25/2022	US Bank - AeroMexico	Flight - Thibedeau ACE Summit Tour	679.50
38985	12/15/2022	Jason Thibedeau	Hotel - ACE Summit Tour	779.25
12766	1/3/2023	WEDA	CY2023 Membership - Thibedeau	400.00
12805	1/27/2023	US Bank - EB TAPMS	Conference Registration -Thibedeau	199.00
12805	1/27/2023	US Bank - Sugar Bakery	12/07/22 CPSEDD Meeting	112.70
Total				3,586.01

Attachment: A/P Check Batches (3656 : Approve Vouchers)

CONSENT AGENDA

February 22, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager
Subject: **Ratify 2023-2024 Executive Committee**

IN BRIEF

The bylaws of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District state the board shall have an Executive Committee, which is appointed by the President and ratified by the board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Ratify the proposed Executive Committee members for the 2023-2024 term.

DISCUSSION

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District bylaws state “The Executive Committee, to the extent provided in these Bylaws, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the affairs of the Corporation between regular meetings of the Board; Provided, that such committee shall not have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to altering, amending, or repealing the Bylaws; or, amending or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered or repealed by such committee. The Committee shall be appointed by the President with ratification by the Board.” The Executive Committee serves a one-year term.

Incoming President, Axel Strakeljahn, nominated a slate of Executive Committee members at the beginning of his term at the February 2022 meeting, which was ratified by the EDD Board. President Strakeljahn is nominating the following individuals for the Executive Committee during the 2023-2024 term, which consists of existing Executive Committee members continuing to serve on the EDD Board:

- Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton
- Councilmember Conrad Lee, City of Bellevue
- Tom Florino, Amazon
- Terry Ryan, Snohomish County
- Councilmember Ed Stern, City of Poulsbo
- Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce
- Councilmember Dave Morell, Pierce County

- Commissioner Kristin Ang, Port of Tacoma

For more information contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org or (206) 389-2879.

DISCUSSION ITEM

February 22, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager
Subject: **2024 PSRC Office Relocation**

IN BRIEF

PSRC's office lease at Waterfront Place expires in early 2024. PSRC executed a new lease for space on the fifth floor of 1201 Third Avenue in July 2022, and the agency expects to move into the new office in late 2023 or early 2024.

DISCUSSION

PSRC's current leasing of the fifth-floor office space at Waterfront Place expires in early 2024. For several reasons, remaining at Waterfront Place proved to be infeasible. Staff began exploring new lease options beginning in March 2021. Staff conducted market research with the advice and counsel of a corporate real estate broker, who leveraged the market to enable PSRC to negotiate competitive proposals both in terms of rental rate and tenant improvement allowances. Over ten different properties were viewed, and multiple offers were solicited from late 2021 to July 2022. PSRC executed a new lease for space on the fifth floor of 1201 Third Avenue in July 2022.

The new office space will allow for a large board room that will be flexible in set up and size, depending on the number of in-person occupants. In addition, the space will provide more meeting rooms and more flexible space to support the hybrid work environment envisioned for the future. The space improves PSRC's space efficiency while accommodating potential future growth.

The new lease will commence on January 1, 2024. Tenant improvements to the space will be constructed in 2023. Moving new and existing equipment and furniture will occur in late 2023 and early 2024. Board meetings in December 2023 and January 2024 may need to be remote during that transition period. The Operations Committee has been overseeing the progress of space selection and lease negotiations.

For more information, please contact Nancy Buonanno Grennan, Deputy Executive Director, at nbgrennan@psrc.org or (206) 4647527.

DISCUSSION ITEM

February 22, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager
Subject: **VISION 2050 & Housing**

IN BRIEF

Housing access and affordability are key policy areas in [VISION 2050](#), the region's long-range plan for growth. The board will be provided an overview of VISION 2050 with a focus on the [Regional Housing Strategy](#) and upcoming regional housing assistance work.

DISCUSSION

VISION 2050 is the long-term planning strategy for the central Puget Sound region. It provides a framework for coordination across jurisdictions and establishes an integrated approach to growth management, housing, transportation, economic prosperity, and the environment. Like a local comprehensive plan, VISION 2050 includes goals, multicounty planning policies (MPPs), and implementation actions. It also sets forth the Regional Growth Strategy that provides numeric guidance for planning for population and employment growth reflected in countywide growth targets and local comprehensive plans.

VISION 2050 Implementation

PSRC's General Assembly adopted VISION 2050 in October 2020. Following adoption, PSRC has worked to implement actions from the plan (see Attachment A), often in coordination with state, local, and other regional agencies. Implementation has focused on two broad sets of actions: The update and adoption of regional plans; and work to support the 2024 local comprehensive plan updates.

Implementation through regional planning included the adoption of the Regional Economic Strategy, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the development of a Racial Equity Strategy. A Regional Housing Strategy was also developed and adopted in February 2022. As the 2024 deadline for local plan updates approaches, PSRC is focusing on supporting implementation through local efforts.

The Regional Housing Strategy

The Regional Housing Strategy is a “playbook” of regional and local actions to preserve, improve, and expand housing stock in the region. The aim is to make a range of affordable, accessible, healthy, and safe housing choices available to every resident and to promote fair and equal access to housing for all people.

The strategy identifies roles for PSRC, cities, counties, and other stakeholders to implement the strategy, with a focus on providing resources and support for the 2024 local comprehensive plan update. By providing data, guidance, and technical assistance, PSRC supports jurisdictions in their efforts to adopt best housing practices and establish coordinated local housing and affordable housing targets.

The Regional Housing Strategy is an opportunity to develop overarching regional approaches that increase consistency and collaboration in housing work, and local and individual actions that can be tailored to communities based on needs and opportunities.

Annual Monitoring Report

The 2022 Regional Housing Strategy Monitoring Report provides a snapshot of key housing measures in the region, as well as longer-term trends and case studies. Data in the report shows the region’s progress on the housing crisis since the Regional Housing Strategy was adopted earlier this year. The report’s findings center on general affordability measures, supply, stability and subsidy. A key takeaway from the data is that, although more is being done to address housing access and affordability than in past decades, historic investments and changes are needed to see significant improvements in the housing crisis.

Regional Housing Strategy monitoring will help to shape and focus regional housing assistance and local work.

The 2022 monitoring report is available online [here](#).

Public Opinion Survey

To learn more about public opinions on housing, PSRC and the state Department of Commerce collaborated and contracted with PRR to develop and conduct a statistically valid public opinion poll. PRR surveyed individuals from the four counties in the central Puget Sound region and eight additional counties in eastern and western Washington. The survey collected responses from 4,329 people conducted October 15 to November 6, 2022.

This collaborative effort allows for a better understanding of the public interest in housing strategies both within the PSRC region and statewide. The number of responses is sufficient to look at the region as a whole and major subareas, as well as to assess demographic differences, such as age, housing tenure, and income. Survey results will aid PSRC in the implementation of housing strategies and provide useful information for local governments as they update the housing elements of their comprehensive plans.

The survey report is available online [here](#).

Housing Opportunities by Place Typology

During the development of the Regional Housing Strategy, PSRC board members and stakeholders underscored that “everyone has a role to play” and that “no two communities are alike.” At the local level, places vary in their needs for housing investments and interventions. A place typology is a way to identify actions based on local conditions such as size, housing needs, market conditions, demographics, growth expectations, and staff capacity.

The Regional Housing Strategy includes an implementation step for PSRC to develop a local housing typology to identify the strategies, tools, and actions that have the most potential to make an impact in different types of places.

The draft typology will identify potential tools and action from the Regional Housing Strategy and Housing Innovations Program (HIP) for each type of place. The typology resources will be available in spring 2023.

Local Implementation Survey

PSRC fielded a survey of local jurisdictions in 2019 to better understand what housing tools were being developed and which were most effective in developing housing. Of the fifty jurisdictions that participated, over two-thirds had put in place at least one incentive to promote housing development and/or affordability and 30 had adopted density bonuses. Since 2019, many jurisdictions have completed Housing Actions Plans and are assessing their scope of housing work for their comprehensive plan updates. PSRC is fielded an update to the survey during summer 2022 that ask what additional housing work jurisdictions have completed since 2019 and what is planned for near-term implementation. The results from this survey will be available in early March 2023.

Next Steps

PSRC is continuing to implement the Regional Housing Strategy through support of local and subregional housing work, including the major comprehensive plan updates due in 2024.

For more information, contact Laura Benjamin, Principal Planner, at LBenjamin@psrc.org or 206-464-7134, or Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at PInghram@psrc.org or 206-464-7549.

DISCUSSION ITEM

February 22, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: **Regional Equity Strategy 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 has been 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.

PSRC will share how feedback from the EAC was incorporated into the Regional Housing Strategy, Regional Transportation Plan, and Regional Equity Strategy. Additionally, staff will share the 2023 workplan for the EAC.

The next meeting of the Equity Advisory Committee is being held on March 2, 2023. Members will walk through a simulation of the current PSRC scoring and evaluation process and evaluate transportation projects from previous years to get more familiar with the process.

For more information, please contact Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives, at cpatton@psrc.org.

INFORMATION ITEM

February 22, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: **Staff Report**

Americas Competitiveness Exchange

From May 14-19, 2023, the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) is coming to the Greater Seattle region. ACE brings together up to 60 senior-level government, business, policy, and economic decision-makers from across the Americas and beyond to experience first-hand the diverse range of projects, strategic investments, public-private partnerships, and best practices from a particular region's economic, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Visiting delegates will spend a week visiting businesses, organizations, universities, and important cultural sites across King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. PSRC is leading the coordination of this visit, with the support of the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Economic Development technical assistance

Jurisdictions are beginning the work to update their Comprehensive Plans by December 2024. These plans will cover a jurisdiction's land use, housing, utilities, transportation, essential public facilities, and economy. Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager at PSRC, has been working to support local jurisdictions as they begin the planning process for their economic development elements, recently providing presentations to the Snoqualmie Economic Development Commission and the Lakewood Planning Commission.

EDD Board develops workplan for 2023

At its December meeting, the EDD Board developed a set of [Focus Areas](#) for board and staff efforts in 2023. The EDD board is responsible for developing and maintaining a Regional Economic Strategy for the central Puget Sound region. Economic Development Focus Areas for 2023 include; areas of analysis and strategy development, technical assistance, and working to amplify important economic development efforts in the state and region.

PSRC Summer Planning Academy

In summer 2023, staff are conducting a youth engagement program called PSRC Summer Planning Academy (SPA). The goals of a structured youth engagement program include: Introducing individuals to the planning process and profession at an early age; Engaging young people on a regular basis to provide input on PSRC's

policies and programs, and; Promoting equity in the region by actively recruiting and engaging youth from diverse backgrounds including Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities, low-income residents, and people with disabilities.

The program is open to any rising high school student in the region and will take place on four consecutive Fridays beginning July 21, 2023. Each day will introduce students to planning topics in the region, introduce them to panelists and speakers that are contributing to this work, and include site visits to relevant locations across the four counties. The application for SPA will go live later in March. Please reference [PSRC's Youth Engagement](#) page and contact Noah P. Boggess at nboggess@psrc.org with any questions.

PSRC receives \$4.9 Million Federal Grant to Work Toward Reaching Zero Road Fatalities by 2030

The US Department of Transportation has announced that Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) will receive nearly \$4.9 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The grant will support development of a Regional Safety Plan and local safety plans for the cities of Burien, Everett, Kent, Redmond, and Tukwila, and Pierce County, Washington. The new funding provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help accelerate the Puget Sound regional goal of reducing roadway fatalities to zero by 2030. Read more [here](#).

INFORMATION ITEM

February 22, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager
Subject: **Draft Public Participation Plan**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff have been working with the Equity Advisory Committee to update the Public Participation Plan. A draft version is being reviewed by PSRC boards this month with the goal of releasing the plan for public comment from March 23 to May 8, 2023.

DISCUSSION

The Puget Sound Regional Council maintains a Public Participation Plan to establish consistent procedures to ensure people have reasonable opportunities to be involved in the regional planning process and provides examples of the types of tools and techniques the agency may use to communicate with the public. Public Participation Plans are a federal requirement for Metropolitan Planning Organizations. PSRC's Public Participation Plan was last updated in 2018.

The new draft Public Participation Plan has an enhanced focus on equity, updated goals, desired outcomes and guiding principles, as well as a suite of new techniques and tools for engagement. The new plan also features an expanded emphasis on public participation related to the Regional Economic Strategy.

The draft Public Participation Plan is [available on the PSRC website](#).

For more information, contact Michele Leslie, Principal Communications Manager, at mleslie@psrc.org or Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org.

Joint Board Session on ACT

Affirm, Counter, Transform

Friday, April 28

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting



Puget Sound Regional Council

The joint board session will cover how to apply ACT (Affirm, Counter, Transform) as a tool to address challenging conversations about racial equity and educate others about the topic. The session will provide board members with the opportunity to practice applying ACT to racial equity issues impacting our region today.

All PSRC board members are highly encouraged to attend. You do not need to have attended a past session to participate.

RSVP information coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MAY 25, 2023 @ 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Embassy Suites, Seattle Downtown
Pioneer Square • 255 South King Street,
Seattle 98104



Puget Sound Regional Council



Registration will open in early April.

The full Assembly includes all mayors, county executives, and council and commission members from member jurisdictions, tribes, and representatives of statutory members. Each elected representative is a voting member of the General Assembly.

Communication: Save the Date: 2023 Annual General Assembly, Thursday, May 25, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

VISION 2050 AWARDS




Puget Sound Regional Council

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

