



Puget Sound Regional Council

## **Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Agenda**

**Date: Friday, June 16, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: Remote Attendance Only**

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**10:00 1. Call to Order – *Committee Co-Chair***

**2. Report of the Co-Chair**

**3. Communications**

**10:10 4. Discussion Item: Connecting People to Transit – *Gil Cerise, PSRC***

- The committee will be provided with an overview of TOD in existing transit access resources and asked for feedback on best practices. Staff will also seek feedback on locations in the region that could be used as a potential case study to assess TOD and other urban form characteristics of transit access.

**10:50 5. Discussion Item: State Support for TOD – *Lauren Engel, PSRC; Mary Reinbold, WA State Dept of Commerce***

- The committee will hear about past and future efforts at the state level to support TOD, including PSRC analysis of SB 5466 (2023) and TOD funding in the capital budget.

**11:20 6. Discussion Item: Promising Practices: Scaling Up Equitable Development Near Transit – *Miranda Redinger, Sound Transit; Cathy Gold, Hennepin County; Scott Starr, SMR Architects***

- The committee will hear from guest speakers about work to scale up equitable development near transit.

**Information Item: Passport to 2044 Webinar: Legislative Session Wrap-Up & Comprehensive Planning June 28, 2023 – [Registration Open!](#)**

**Next meeting: September 15, 2023**

**12:00 7. Adjourn Meeting**

Zoom connection information:

**Preferred method, join online:** Click [here](#) for Zoom link

**Or to join by phone:**

- Call 877-853-5257 or 888-475-4499
- Meeting ID: 849 1617 6362, Passcode: 630408

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## DISCUSSION ITEM

June 9, 2023

**TO:** Regional TOD Committee  
**FROM:** Gil Cerise, Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Connecting People to Transit

### IN BRIEF

The committee will discuss and provide feedback on how TOD is characterized in existing PSRC resources and next steps in the review of existing transit access tools and resources in conjunction with updated data to identify potential improvements to transit access assessments.

### DISCUSSION

At the March committee meeting, PSRC staff shared the work program developed from the Regional Transportation Plan's call to "...develop and update tools and resources to help identify where access to transit can be improved, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians."

The work program starts with a review of existing transit access tools and resources in conjunction with updated data to help identify potential improvements to transit access assessments and next steps. This initial task will begin with a review of existing tools, such as the PSRC Transit Access Checklist and Transit Access Toolkit, found on the PSRC [Transit Access webpage](#). These work products were the result of a multi-year effort to examine transit access needs in the region, published in 2016-2017.

One key feature of this work included the comprehensive nature of defining and addressing transit access via conducting a Transit Access Assessment. Among the key overarching findings from PSRC's initial Transit Access Assessment were:

- **Context matters.** The quality of transit access depends on the interplay between urban form and the built environment, transit service, and parking characteristics that vary widely from place to place and are variable and dynamic over time. There currently is no consistent, comprehensive, and transparent framework for understanding the transit access context at existing or planned major sites of transit service in the region.

- **Many actors, unclear roles.** In any given context, there will be multiple actors involved in the delivery of transit access investments. However, roles are not always clearly defined, which means that stakeholder policies, priorities, and even capital projects are not always aligned.

Three work products were created to help address these two overarching findings. They form the basis of PSRC's existing transit access tools and are intended to be used with one another to help increase transit access at major transit sites in the region:

- The [Transit Access Checklist](#) is intended for use by stakeholders to provide a framework for conducting a 360-degree assessment of existing transit access conditions at any given location, framing questions under characteristics such as urban form, transit operations, and parking. The Checklist also includes relevant data sources and transit agency and PSRC contacts.
- The [Transit Access Toolkit](#) identifies 60 distinct tools for improving transit access and organizes them across eight strategic areas. The Toolkit is designed to help stakeholders understand how each strategic area increases access to transit and the roles played by various stakeholders in implementing access improvements. The Toolkit also documents benefits, costs, common issues and challenges, and regional examples of all 60 access improvements identified.
- The [Transit Access Funding Matrix and Key Findings](#) are intended to assist stakeholders in identifying potential funding opportunities for transit access strategies identified in the Toolkit.

Since the above tools were created, PSRC has collected new data (such as regional sidewalk data), compiled with existing updated data sources, and created a [visualization tool](#). Other tools, resources, and data may also be available.

### **TOD IN EXISTING TRANSIT ACCESS TOOLS**

The transit access tools described above incorporated TOD as a form of transit access. TOD was highlighted through characteristics associated with urban form and the built environment, including land use, and street network/connectivity among other things. The transit access tools also recognized the key connections between TOD and walk/bicycle modes of travel.

The Transit Access Checklist encourages collaboration with planning departments at local jurisdictions and with transit agencies. Although these existing tools connect TOD to transit, there is an open question as to whether the checklist, toolkit, and funding matrix adequately covered TOD as access.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

At the June committee meeting, PSRC staff will engage the committee in answering the following questions:

- Do you have feedback on how TOD was characterized in the existing Transit Access Checklist and Transit Access Toolkit?
- Are you aware of any recent studies or literature on transit access that PSRC should be aware of in our work on transit access?
- PSRC anticipates using case studies to help assess existing transit access tools. Do you have any suggestions for existing or future high-capacity transit (HCT) station areas that would be good candidates that would highlight urban form and/or TOD aspects of transit access?

## **NEXT STEPS**

PSRC has recruited an ad hoc Transit Access Working Group (see Attachment A for working group roster). During this round of outreach to PSRC advisory committees, we are also scheduling the first working group meeting in early July. At that meeting, PSRC will provide a deeper dive into existing transit access tools and resources for the group and share advisory committee feedback to-date. We anticipate updating our literature review on transit access as well as moving forward to identify potential case study locations to test existing tools and data.

For more information or to provide further feedback, contact Gil Cerise at [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org) or (206) 971-3053.

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**Attachment A: Transit Access Working Group roster (as of June 6, 2023)**

## PSRC Transit Access Working Group Roster

Name	Representing	County/Region	Transit Access Expertise
<b>Local Jurisdiction</b>			
Saraday Long	City of Federal Way	King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Land use planning</li> <li>•Transit priority</li> </ul>
Wesley Rhodes	City of Tacoma	Pierce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Land use &amp; development (TOD plan)</li> <li>•Transit service</li> <li>•Transit station/stop</li> </ul>
Chris Dimmitt	City of Bremerton	Kitsap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Pedestrian &amp; bicycle</li> <li>•Other local jurisdiction infrastructure</li> </ul>
Mary L'Heureux	City of Redmond	King	Infrastructure (prioritizing transit and other)
Nathan Howard	Snohomish County	Snohomish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Land use planning</li> <li>•Pedestrian &amp; bicycle</li> <li>•Transit priority</li> </ul>
<b>Transit</b>			
Alex Krieg	Sound Transit	Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Multi-modal transit access</li> <li>•Transit service</li> <li>•Transit station/stop</li> <li>•Parking</li> </ul>
Sophie Luthin	Community Transit	Snohomish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Transit service</li> <li>•Transit station/stop</li> </ul>
Ed Coviello	Kitsap Transit	Kitsap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Transit service</li> <li>•Transit station/stop</li> </ul>
Brian Van Abbema	King County Metro	King	•Transit data and tools
Tina Lee	Pierce Transit	Pierce	•Transit service
<b>Developers/Similar</b>			
Erin Christensen Ishizaki	Mithun	Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TOD</li> <li>•Place-making</li> <li>•Land use planning</li> <li>•Pedestrian &amp; bicycle</li> <li>•Public health</li> </ul>
Bree Nicoletto	African Community Housing & Development	King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TOD</li> <li>•Place-making</li> </ul>
<b>System User</b>			
Dorene Cornwell	Advocate	King	System user (provides persons with low vision/blind perspective)
VACANT	Wheelchair User		System user (provides wheelchair users perspective)
<b>Other</b>			
Phil Harris	WSDOT	State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Land use planning</li> <li>•Infrastructure (multiple modes)</li> <li>•Transit service</li> <li>•Transit station/stop</li> <li>•Parking</li> </ul>
Richard Gelb	Seattle-King County Public Health	King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Public health</li> <li>•Pedestrian &amp; bicycle</li> </ul>

Last updated: 6/6/2023





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## DISCUSSION ITEM

June 9, 2023

**TO: Regional TOD Committee**

**FROM: Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Principal Planner**

**SUBJECT: State Support for TOD**

### IN BRIEF

The committee will hear about past and future efforts at the state level to support TOD, including PSRC analysis of SB 5466 (2023) and TOD funding in the capital budget and recently passed legislation.

### DISCUSSION

#### *Analysis of SB 5466*

[SB 5466](#) (2023) proposed to establish requirements for cities to upzone areas within walking distance of major transit facilities. The bill originated in the state Senate at the request of the Office of the Governor.

PSRC used regional data resources and in-house technical expertise to help lawmakers fine-tune their definition of transit-oriented development (TOD) areas as expressed in the bill. PSRC staff developed an interactive map in which layers representing different types of transit facilities (e.g. light rail, commuter rail, fixed guideway transit, bus rapid transit, etc.) and walk distances could be turned on and off to visualize how changes to the definition would change the geographic scope of the bill. Having the data in a webmap allowed it to be shared widely and quickly.

The map is available on PSRC's [Resources on State Legislative Housing Supply Proposals HB 1110 and SB 5466](#) webpage.

While the legislation did not pass, the map served as an effective tool to help lawmakers and stakeholders better understand and refine which areas would be impacted by the bill.

#### *Additional Updates on TOD*

Mary Reinbold, Senior Planner with the WA State Department of Commerce will provide an update on TOD funding in the capital budget and TOD in recently passed legislation.

Committee members will also have the opportunity to share updates on their future legislative work in preparation for the 2024 session.

For more information, contact Laura Benjamin-LaPitz at [LBenjamin@psrc.org](mailto:LBenjamin@psrc.org).



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## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

June 9, 2023

**TO: Regional TOD Committee**

**FROM: Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Principal Planner**

**SUBJECT: Promising Practices: Scaling Up Equitable Development Near Transit**

### **IN BRIEF**

The committee will hear from guest speakers about work to scale up equitable development near transit.

### **DISCUSSION**

Committee members will hear from regional and national speakers working in the public and private sectors to advance equitable development and reduce disparities in TOD.

Guest speakers include Miranda Redinger, Sound Transit; Cathy Gold, Hennepin County, MN; and Scott Starr, SMR Architects.

For more information, contact Laura Benjamin-LaPitz at [LBenjamin@psrc.org](mailto:LBenjamin@psrc.org).



**2023 PSRC Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Meetings**

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Meetings are held 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meeting dates & times are subject to change. If a meeting is changed or cancelled, members & alternates will be notified.

More information on the committee is available on PSRC's website at [www.psrc.org](http://www.psrc.org).