

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

Wednesday, September 6, 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 – Action Items (10:25)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held June 7, 2023
 - b. Approve Vouchers dated May 18 thru July 12, 2023 in the amount of \$103.14
- 6. Discussion Item (10:30)**
 - a. Recommendations to the 2024 Washington State Legislature – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*
- 7. Discussion Item (10:45)**
 - a. Military and Defense Sector Economic Impact Analysis – *Bill Adamson, South Sound Military & Communities Partnership*
- 8. Discussion Item (11:15)**
 - a. PSRC Equity Tracker – *Brian Lee, PSRC*
- 9. Information Items**
 - a. Staff Report
- 10. Next Meeting – November 29, 2023**
- 11. Adjourn (12:00)**

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CONSENT AGENDA

August 30, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager
Subject: **Approve Minutes of Meeting held June 7, 2023**

MINUTES

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
Wednesday, June 7, 2023
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 that 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

No public comments were received.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Axel Strakeljahn welcomed everyone to the June 7, 2023, 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 June 7, 2023, agenda, on pages 17-18. This agenda, as well as past materials for the board, can be found on the [Economic](#)

[Development District Board webpage](#). Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, provided a brief legislative update.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved (Lee) and seconded (Ang) to: (a) approve the minutes of meeting held March 1, 2023 (b) approve vouchers dated March 15, 2023, thru March 16, 2023 in the amount of \$97.27 (c) adopt the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Budget and Work Program. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Washington Autonomous Vehicle Cluster (WAV-C)

Seth Abelson, WAV-C Program Manager, from the Washington Autonomous Vehicle Cluster (WAV-C) provided an overview of the program, which is designed to grow the unpiloted and autonomous water vehicles industry in the state.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Americas Competitiveness Exchange Recap

From May 14 through May 19, the Puget Sound Regional Council, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Commerce, hosted the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) in the region. Jason Thibedeau, PSRC, provided board members with a recap of the events.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Adopted this 6th day of September 2023.

Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

Attachments:
EDD Member Attendance – June 7, 2023

Attachment: EDD Member Attendance – June 7, 2023

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board				
Voting Members		Voting Members		
King County	2	EXEC Dow Constantine	Ports	
		Vacant Alt	Port of Bremerton	1
		Ashton Allison Alt		1
		CM Reagan Dunn	Port of Everett	1
		Vacant Alt		1
		Cody Eccles Alt	Port of Seattle	1
Seattle	2	CM Sara Nelson		
		Vacant Alt		1
		Jeremy Mohn Alt	Port of Tacoma	1
		MYR Bruce Harrell		1
		Vacant Alt		1
		Markham McIntyre Alt	Commerce	
		CM Conrad Lee*	WA Dept. of Commerce	1
Bellevue	1			1
		Deputy MYR Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt	Chambers of Commerce	1
		Anthony Gill Alt		1
Cities/Towns	2	CM Ed Prince, Renton	Economic Development	
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	EDC - Seattle & King	1
		CM Kathy Hougardy, Tukwila Alt		1
		CM James Mayhew, Snoqualmie Alt	KEDA - Kitsap	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Charlotte Garrido		1
		COM Katie Walters Alt	EASC - Snohomish	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler		1
		CM Jeff Coughlin Alt	EDB - Tacoma & Pierce	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*		1
		CM Shawn Cucciardi, Port Orchard Alt	Workforce Development Councils	
Pierce County	1	CM Dave Morell*	WDC - Pierce	1
		CM Marty Campbell Alt	OWDC - Kitsap	1
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	Organized Labor	
		CM Keith Blocker Alt	WSLC	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Brandon Green, City of Buckley		1
		CM Bryan Yambe, City of Fife Alt	Presidential Appointments	
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		1
		CM Megan Dunn Alt		1
Everett	1	MYR Cassie Franklin		1
		CM Don Schwab Alt		1
		Dan Eernisse Alt		1
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Barb Tolbert	Non-voting Members	
		CM Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek Alt	PSRC President, Ex-Officio	1
Federally Recognized Tribes				
			PSRC President	1
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant	Navy Region NW	1
		Vacant Alt		1
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman		1
		CM Jay Mills Alt	Abbreviations	
			CM Councilmember	* Executive Committee
			COM Commissioner	1 = Voting Member for Meeting
Voting	34	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18	CHR Chair

CONSENT AGENDA

August 30, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: **Approve Vouchers dated May 18 thru July 12, 2023, in the amount of \$103.14**

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 May 18 thru July 12, 2023 in the amount of			
	\$103.14		
REQUESTED			
<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>
5/18/2023	AP 12980		\$ 20.00
7/12/2023	AP 13074		\$ 20.00
7/12/2023	AP 13075		\$ 63.14
			\$ 103.14

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

Attachments:
A/P Check Batches

Date: Monday, August 14, 2023
 Time: 11:53AM
 User: AWERFELMANN

Puget Sound Regional Council
Check Register - APPROVAL
 Periods: 10-23 Through 01-24 As of: 8/14/2023

Page: 1 of 3
 Report: 03630_OPSAPPR
 Company: PSRC

Check Nbr	Check Type	Check Date	Vendor Name	Period To Post	Ref Nbr	Doc Type	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Amount Paid
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012980	CK	5/24/2023	US Bank	11-23	118194	VO	April 2023	4/25/2023	FY23 Cert. of Existence EDD 20.00
Check Total									20.00
013074	CK	7/17/2023	US Bank	01-24	118314	VO	June 2023	6/25/2023	FY24CPSEDD AnnualReportFilling 20.00
Check Total									20.00
013075	CK	7/17/2023		01-24	118315	VO	June 2023	6/25/2023	Jun23 EDD Board Mtg Bkfst 63.14
Check Total									63.14
Acct Sub Total:									103.14

Check Count: 3

Check Type	Count	Amount Paid
Regular	3	103.14
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	103.14

Check Summary Report

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Check

Number	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
12980	5/18/2023	Secretarty of State	Cert of Existance	20.00
13074	7/12/2023	Secretarty of State	Annual Report Filing	20.00
13075	7/12/2023	Sugar Bakery	June23 CPSEDD Board Meeting	63.14
Total				103.14

DISCUSSION ITEM

August 30, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: Recommendations to the 2024 Washington State Legislature

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff have begun work to support the adoption of recommendations to the Washington State Legislature in advance of the 2024 legislative session. PSRC staff will brief the Economic Development District Board on the process to adopt legislative priorities and seek feedback on potential legislative policy items.

DISCUSSION

Last fall, the Executive Board adopted Recommendations to the 2023 Washington State Legislature after consultation with the Economic Development District Board, Growth Management Policy Board Transportation Policy Board. The Executive Board directed staff to consult with the Equity Advisory Committee on 2024 recommendations and the group was briefed on the process to adopt legislative priorities and PSRC's role at the legislature.

PSRC staff propose following a similar framework to the recommendations adopted last year (2023 Recommendations to the State Legislature attached) based on adopted regional plans policies in the following focus areas:

- **Transportation** - Keep the Region Moving
- **Housing** - Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
- **Climate** - Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- **Economic Development** – Sustain a Strong Economy

Timeline

PSRC staff will seek input from the Executive Board and Executive Committee on this initial list of recommendation focus areas at September meetings. The Equity Advisory Committee, the Growth Management Policy Board and the Transportation Policy Board will be briefed on the priorities in October. Staff proposes the Executive Board adopt the legislative agenda at the December meeting.

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

Attachments:
PSRC Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature

Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature



Puget Sound Regional Council

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 Americas 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.

For more information, please contact:

Robin Koskey
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 206-798-4462



Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. PSRC is composed of nearly 100 members, including the four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies and Tribal governments within the region.

DISCUSSION ITEM

August 30, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: **Military and Defense Sector Economic Impact Analysis**

IN BRIEF

Staff from South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP) will provide an overview of the Partnership's economic development work including the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Regional Economic Impact analysis and the upcoming statewide Military and Defense Sector Economic Impact Analysis.

DISCUSSION

The South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP) is a membership organization that focuses on the intersection of issues between local governments and the Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) military community. South Sound for the purposes of SSMCP is defined as Pierce County and the cities within, Thurston County and the cities within, and the Nisqually Indian Tribe. The Partnership consists of more than 50 member cities, counties, the Nisqually Indian Tribe, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, state, regional, corporate, and non-profit organizations dedicated to fostering outcomes that are mutually beneficial to the South Sound region.

The JBLM Regional Economic Impact Analysis (REIA) highlights the importance of JBLM as a vital economic driver in Pierce and Thurston Counties. As the largest employer in South Sound and the third-largest employer in the state of Washington, Joint Base Lewis-McChord is an economic engine with an outsized impact in the South Sound region. The total economic impact attributable to the existence of JBLM includes over 85,000 total jobs, over \$5 billion in new and sustained labor income, and \$5.6 billion in total output. These economic impacts generated an additional \$1.4 billion in total tax revenue including more than \$400 million in state and local taxes. The base's closure or relocation would have a substantial negative impact on the local economy, leading to job losses and loss of income for businesses and individuals in the area. This project demonstrates the critical importance of JBLM in maintaining a stable state and regional economy.

Next Steps

SSMCP believes in a strong commitment from the state in support of our military. The value of Washington's defense-related economy can be better understood among important state stakeholder groups, including Washington State government, regional and local governments, and local communities.

To help determine what the state's role could be in growing Washington's defense economy, SSMCP is facilitating a statewide Military & Defense Sector Economic Impact Analysis. An analysis such as this has not been attempted since 2010. This analysis is being funded through \$250,000 allocated from the state in the 2023 legislative session.

SSMCP is collaborating with the five major military installations in Washington. The effort is being championed by Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck. The Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations (LCEDIR), which Lieutenant Governor Heck chairs, will provide over watch and guidance.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

August 30, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: **PSRC Equity Tracker**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will provide a briefing on the Equity Tracker project, a significant undertaking within the [Regional Equity Strategy](#), and present a preview of this tool.

DISCUSSION**Background**

PSRC is developing an Equity Tracker centered on [VISION 2050](#). It will use data to help measure wellbeing for different communities in our region. This resource will track progress on equity-related [VISION 2050](#) goals and policies and help hold PSRC and others accountable as we work towards a region where race no longer predicts life outcomes and people have improved choices and opportunities.

The Equity Tracker will complement existing PSRC [Data](#) and [Equity](#) resources, which support agency work programs and help center equity in regional plans and strategies. As a pillar of the Data and Research component of the [Regional Equity Strategy](#), the Equity Tracker will help elevate equity in agency work. Further, it will enhance PSRC's ability to support members and stakeholders in pursuit of their own equity objectives.

PSRC staff is taking an iterative approach to develop the Equity Tracker and starting with a bounded set of priorities for the initial version. We envision subsequent versions to include additional features and functionalities.

Co-creation with the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC)

PSRC staff first engaged members of the EAC about the Equity Tracker project in February 2022. Since that introduction, staff and the committee met multiple times to discuss key design elements (data, context, and solutions), gather and review feedback from members on drafts, and report on development progress.

The EAC is a cross-sector working group composed of residents as well as governmental and community-based organizations in the Central Puget Sound region. This co-creation process helps center the product with an equity lens.

Next Steps

PSRC staff will continue to develop the Equity Tracker and aim to have a first publicly available version of the tool available by the end of the calendar year.

For more information contact Brian H. Y. Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager, at BLee@psrc.org, or Mary Richards, Associate Planner, at MRichards@psrc.org.

INFORMATION ITEM

August 30, 2023

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

Subject: **September 2023 Staff Report**

Americas Competitiveness Exchange

In May, PSRC hosted the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) in the Greater Seattle region in partnership with the Washington State Department of Commerce. An [Impact Report](#) has been developed, summarizing the program and outcomes, and highlighting the experiences of the delegates. PSRC staff are continuing to work to connect host sites and delegates to build on the relationships started during the program.

Industrial Lands Analysis Update

PSRC is continuing work to develop an update to the [Regional Industrial Lands Analysis](#), last performed in 2015. This update will focus on updating the regional industrial land inventory, evaluating supply and demand, and documenting recent trends on industrial lands. Staff are working to finalize the updated industrial land inventory, and a project update will be provided at the December EDD board meeting.

Transit Agency Workforce Analysis

PSRC has organized a discussion with regional transit agencies regarding current and future workforce needs. These agencies are facing the challenge of planning for the coming of electric transit vehicles, which will require a change in the skill sets needed to operate and maintain those fleets. In September, PSRC will be meeting with these regional transit agencies to identify a potential scope of work to analyze the challenge and develop region-wide and industry-wide strategies that will foster a robust pipeline into these roles.

New Puget Sound Trend shows regional employment recovery

PSRC is releasing a [Puget Sound Trend](#), analyzing recent employment changes. The analysis shows that the region's employment grew by 126,000 between 2021 and 2022. This growth recovered most of the jobs lost during the COVID pandemic, with employment levels in 2022 just 0.2% lower than March 2020. The Trend provides further detail on recovery across the four regional counties as well as provides industry sector analysis on the initial job losses and subsequent recovery.

EDA announces Recompete Pilot Program

In June, the U.S. Economic Development Administration released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for phase one of the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program. This \$200 million program was enacted as part of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 and is designed to make focused investments in distressed communities to create and

connect workers to good jobs. The competition will be run in two phases, with phase one focusing on funding Strategy Development Grants and approving Recomplete Plans. An interactive map with the eligible census tracts can be found [here](#). Applications for phase one are due by October 5, 2023.

Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission

The Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission, which was tasked with identifying sites for potential commercial service facilities in Washington, met in June to finalize its work. The Commission delivered a [final report](#) to the legislature on July 14, 2023.

During the 2023 session, the Washington State Legislature passed [HB 1791](#), which established a Commercial Aviation Work Group, which was signed into law by Governor Inslee on May 15. This new Work Group will continue the work to evaluate commercial aviation needs in the state and investigate possible siting locations for new commercial capacity.