



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

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

1. **Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Kelly Snyder, Snohomish County*
2. **Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for October 19, 2023*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
3. **Discussion Item (9:40)**
 - a. PSRC 2024 Recommendations to the State Legislature* – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*
4. **Discussion Item (9:55)**
 - a. Amtrak Cascades Preliminary Service Development Plan* – *Paul Krueger, WSDOT*
5. **Discussion Item (10:25)**
 - a. Regional Safety Plan Update* – *Gary Simonson, PSRC*
6. **Next meeting: January 18, 2023**
7. **Adjourn (11:00)**

*Supporting materials attached.

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: October 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

Kelly Snyder, 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 Kelly Snyder 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 a reminder that the Great Shakeout earthquake drill was scheduled during the meeting time at 10:19 am, during which members participating would have a brief disruption. He also gave advance notice that the October Executive Board and the November GMPB and TPB meetings will be the last hybrid meetings until PSRC is settled into the new office space.

Discussion: 2023 Housing Monitoring Report

Following up on the Regional Staff Committee’s discussion of the Regional Housing Strategy monitoring program in 2022, this presentation reviewed monitoring work for 2023. This included data and case studies looking at how the strategy is being implemented and identifying gaps and opportunities for future work. The committee provided feedback about how this data can help local plan updates and monitoring of the Regional Housing Strategy.

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

For more information, contact Eric Clute, Associate Planner, at eclute@psrc.org, or Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org.

Discussion: Industrial Lands Analysis Update

PSRC is continuing to develop the regional Industrial Lands Analysis update and at the October meeting, staff shared work to date, including findings from the industrial lands

inventory, demand analysis, employment data, and demographic data, as well as the next steps and updated timeline for completion of the project.

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

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org.

Discussion: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) is leading an effort in collaboration with PSRC and several other organizations to develop a Regional Climate Action Plan. This work is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act, passed in August of 2022.

Staff provided an overview of these planning efforts, upcoming milestones, and funds available from this program for implementation activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Mikayla Svob, PSRC
Shaun Kuo, PSRC
Brian Parry, SCA
Nicole Sanders
Adam Nolan, City of Tacoma
Josh Brown, PSRC
Pauline Mogilevsky
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Ted Vanegas, Commerce
David Paine, City of Kent
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Nancy Buonanno Grennan, PSRC
Eric Clute, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC

Carol Naito, PSRC
Katie Enders, PSRC
Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, PSRC
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

Jurisdiction	Member	Jurisdiction	Member
King County	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office McCaella Daffern, King County Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt Valerie Kendall, King County Alt	R	Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies
			FHWA 1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner Vacant Alt
			FTA 1 Ned Conroy, Community Planner Vacant Alt
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity & Social Justice Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt Dan Cardwell, King County Vacant Alt		Health 1 Vacant Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1 Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 2
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt	R	Ports 1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt
Economic Dev.	1 Ashton Allison, King Co Exec Office, Econ Dev Hugo Garcia, King County Exec Office, Econ Dev	R	PSCAA 1 Amy Fowler, Policy Manager Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Director Alt
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, Long Range Planning Jonathan Lewis, SDOT Patrice Carroll, Planning & Comm Dev Alt Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt	R	Puget Sound 1 Larry Epstein, Deputy Director Partnership Dan Stonington, Planning Manager Alt Sound Transit 1 Matt Shelden, Planning & Innovation Alex Krieg, Planning & Integration Alt
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev Katie Kuciemba Halse, Transportation, Alt		Tribal 1 Vacant Representatives Vacant Alt
Cities/Towns	3 Vacant Bob Sterbank, City of Snoqualmie, Alt Brian Davis, City of Federal Way Jeff Churchill, City of Redmond, Alt Diana Hart, City of Kirkland, Alt Andrea Snyder, City of Issaquah, Alt	R	US EPA 1 Susan Sturges Erik Peterson Alt US HUD 1 Vacant Vacant Alt WA Dept. of Commerce 1 Chris Green Marie Davis
Kitsap County	1 Eric Baker, Policy Jeff Rimack, Alt	R	WSDOT 1 Thomas Noyes, WSDOT April Delchamps, WSDOT Alt
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt	R	PSRC Committees
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit Vacant Alt	R	PSRC Co-Chair 1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning BPAC 1 Thomas Noyes, WSDOT Eric Goodman, Community Transit, Alt
Economic Dev.	1 Joe Morrison, KEDA Vacant Alt		FAC 1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs Vacant Alt
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Comm Dev, Co-Chair Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt	R	RPEC 1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Dev., Port Orchard Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt		SNTC 1 Susan Carter, SNTC Chair Vacant Alt
Pierce County	1 Vacant Vacant Alt		TDM 1 Jennifer Hass, Community Transit Sarah Spicer, City of Seattle, Alt
At-Large	2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Planning Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt	R	RTOC 1 Vacant Vacant Alt
Transit	1 Vacant Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt		R = Remote attendance
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development Vacant Alt	R	
Tacoma	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Svcs Vacant		
Cities/Towns	1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup Chris Larson, Fife, Alt	R	
Snohomish County	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director David Killingstad, Planning & Development		
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director, Co-Chair Ken Klein, Executive Director Jay Larson, Public Works Supervisor, Alt Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt	R	
Transit	1 Roland Behee, Director of Planning Melinda Adams, Everett Transit Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Neepaporn Bounjaktha, Economic Dev James Henderson, Economic Dev Alt		
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director Becky Ableman McCrary, Long Range Planning Mgr	R	
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director Patricia Love, Stanwood, Comm Dev. Director, Alt.		
Total Members	51	Attended	23



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DISCUSSION ITEM

November 16, 2023

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications

SUBJECT: PSRC 2024 Recommendations to the 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 Regional Staff Committee 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 and 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 in July.

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 and 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

Staff sought input on this initial list of recommendations from the Executive Board and the Economic Development District Board in September. The Equity Advisory Committee, Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board were briefed on the priorities in October.

Next Steps

Staff proposes the Executive Committee will finalize recommendations based on all feedback and the Executive Board adopt the legislative priorities at the December meeting.

Lead Staff

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org, or at 206-798-4462.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

November 16, 2023

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning

SUBJECT: Amtrak Cascades Preliminary Service Development Plan

IN BRIEF

WSDOT, in partnership with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), is preparing a Preliminary Service Development Plan (SDP) to study possible alternatives for enhancing the Amtrak Cascades service between Portland and Vancouver, BC, over the next 20 years. At the November 16th meeting, Paul Kreuger, Systems Planning Engineer with WSDOT's Rail, Freight, & Ports Division, will provide an overview of the work, including the service levels under consideration for the updated plan.

DISCUSSION

Much has changed on the Amtrak Cascades corridor since the last long-range plan was created in 2006. An SDP will be a refreshed plan to guide future improvements that accounts for growth, operational, and social changes since 2006. It will be developed to meet the requirements of the new FRA Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) Program that provides federal funding through preliminary engineering and NEPA. WSDOT and Oregon Department of Transportation jointly applied to the Corridor ID Program for Amtrak Cascades earlier this year.

The Amtrak Cascades Preliminary SDP is the first step towards developing the full SDP. It presents the analysis of a range of possible alternatives based on post-pandemic travel trends and public feedback that will be starting point for the full SDP analysis. The analysis includes ridership forecasts and an initial assessment of the additional infrastructure that would be needed to implement the alternatives.

At the meeting on November 16th, WSDOT will provide an overview of the planning context for the SDP work and share the results of the Preliminary SDP analysis.

Next Steps

WSDOT will release a draft Preliminary Service Development Plan in December 2023 for a 30-day public comment period. The Preliminary Service Development Plan will be

finalized after the public comment period and submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration in January 2024.

FRA is expected to announce which corridors will be selected under the Corridor ID Program by the end of 2023. If Amtrak Cascades is selected, WSDOT will begin developing a scope of work in the first quarter of 2024 to complete the SDP.

More information on the Amtrak Cascades Service Development Plan may be found on WSDOT's website [here](#).

Lead Staff

Contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at 206-971-3286 or bbakkenta@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

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TO: Regional Staff Committee
FROM: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
SUBJECT: Regional Safety Plan Update

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff has developed a draft scope of work for the Regional Safety Plan, which is being developed through funding awarded by the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The Regional Staff Committee will be briefed on the draft scope of work at the November 16 meeting.

DISCUSSION

The 2022 Regional Transportation Plan directs PSRC to develop a Regional Safety Plan, including actions, targets, and performance indicators. It also directs PSRC to seek resources for regional and local planning and projects and, going forward, to use the Regional Safety Plan to help inform future regional and local planning.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) adopted in 2021 established the new SS4A discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five years. In 2022, PSRC, in coordination with the Cities of Burien, Everett, Kent, Redmond, Tukwila, and Pierce County, applied for the program and in February 2023 was awarded \$4.9 million for safety planning. PSRC is using its portion of grant funding to develop a Regional Safety Plan.

To better understand expectations and goals for the Regional Safety Plan, for the first time PSRC held a Regional Safety Summit on June 29, 2023. Approximately 140 participants gathered at the Seattle Convention Center to discuss transportation safety issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the region. The purpose of the summit was to bring together stakeholders – including elected officials, transportation experts, engaged citizens, agency staff, and others – to foster a shared understanding of the state of road safety in the region and to advance the conversation on how we can best move the region forward to achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways.

Responding to the feedback heard at the summit, as well as to components required by USDOT under the provisions of the SS4A planning grant, PSRC has developed a draft scope of work for a Regional Safety Plan. The plan is intended to follow a Safe System Approach for equitable and impactful progress on achieving the safety goals across our diverse four-county region.

Attachment:

A – Regional Safety Plan Draft Scope of Work Outline

Next Steps

Additional details on the draft scope of work for the Regional Safety Plan will be provided at the November 16 meeting.

Lead Staff

Contact Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, at 206-971-3276, or at gsimonsons@psrc.org.

ATTACHMENT A

PSRC Regional Safety Plan Draft Scope of Work Outline

Executive Summary

Chapter 1. Overview

- Introduction: What is the Regional Safety Plan?
- Safe System Approach: Key Focus, Difference from Traditional Approach
- Identify Need for the Plan. Why is the plan important?
 - High-level trends: Crashes and Serious Injuries
 - Disproportionate Impacts
 - Estimates of Cost of Crashes to Society
 - Major Issues and Challenges
- Visions and Goals: State and Regional Commitment to Zero Deaths & Fatalities, Adopted Regional Goals
- Regional Safety Action Plan Purpose – Call to Action
 - Summary of Local Safety Plan/Policy Inventory
 - Regional Culture of Safety
 - Regional vs. Local Safety Action Plans
 - Technical Assistance and Resources for Local Jurisdictions
- Oversight of Project. How was the Plan Developed?
- How is the Regional Safety Plan Structured?

Chapter 2. Safety and Equity Analyses. What and Where are the Regional Safety Issues?

- Problem Identification and Approach
 - Area Covered/Scales of Analysis
 - Data Used
 - Analysis Methods
- Common Problems – High Level Takeaways

- Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes
- High Injury Network
- Other Issues
- High Crash Locations (HCL)/High Injury Network (HIN) for All Users, by:
 - Facility types
 - User groups – pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, vehicles, freight
 - Community context – neighborhood / land use characteristics
 - Demographics – PSRC’s 6 equity focus areas
 - Other correlations / analyses based on discovery
 - Review / analysis of associated factors
- Safe System Approach - Regional Priority Emphasis Areas. What is the data telling us / what are the priority areas?
 - Physical / Community / Population Attributes
 - Infrastructure Issues
 - Human Factors
 - Other Issues

Chapter 3. Engagement and Collaboration

- PSRC Board and Committee discussions
- Public Engagement Activities
 - Public Workshops
 - Public Events Attended/Partnerships
 - Regional Survey
 - Focus Groups
- Online Engagement
 - Online Open House
 - Social Media Engagement
- Key Additional Stakeholders on Roadway Safety
 - EMS
 - Traffic Enforcement
 - Public Health

- Vehicle Safety
- Roadway/Infrastructure Engineers
- NHTSA
- Other Safety Organizations
- Others?

Chapter 4. Strategies, Countermeasures, and Actions

- Safety Actions and Strategies / Proven Countermeasures
- Proposed List of Actions, Strategies, and Countermeasures to Address Identified High Crash Corridors/Areas/Contextual Locations
- Regional Data Products/Resources and Uses
 - Toolkits, regional to local scale

Chapter 5. Implementation and Next Steps

- Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Safety Stakeholders
- Call to action for development of local safety plans, other actions
- Call for analysis of regional policies and procedures
 - E.g., Updates to the RTP, project selection
- Pursuit of implementation funding
- Monitoring and Tracking