



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Agenda

Date: Friday, December 15, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Remote Attendance Only

- 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 hear an update on PSRC’s transit access work process and case studies.
- 10:25 5. **Discussion Item: Committee Round Robin** – *Chairs*
- Committee members will be asked to share about their local work, particularly members who were unable to share at the September meeting.
 - **Homework assignment:** Please share a photo in advance that demonstrates the work you are currently part of. Photos can be sent to Heather Culver at hculver@psrc.org by Tuesday, December 12th.
- 10:40 6. **2024 Recommendations to the WA State Legislature** – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*
- The committee will preview the 2024 legislative session.
- 10:55 7. **2024 Committee Work Planning** – *Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC*
- The committee will reflect on the work completed in 2023 and discuss topics and tasks for its 2024 work plan.
- 11:20 8. **TOD In and Adjacent to Industrial Areas**
- PSRC’s Industrial Lands Analysis – *Paul Inghram, PSRC*
 - TOD & Seattle’s Industrial and Maritime Strategy – *Jim Holmes, City of Seattle*

Information Items

- 2023 TOD Event: From Pandemic to Prosperity Recap
- 2024 RTODC Meeting Calendar

Next meeting: March 15, 2024

12:00 9. Adjourn Meeting

Presentations for this meeting will be available on the [RTOD committee page](#) on PSRC's website after the 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

Other Formats:

- Sign language and communication material in alternate formats, can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling (206) 464-7090 or TTY Relay 711.
- العربية | Arabic, 中文 | Chinese, Deutsch | German, Français | French, 한국어 | Korean, Русский | Russian, Español | Spanish, Tagalog, Tiếng việt | Vietnamese, visit <https://www.psrc.org/contact/language-assistance>.



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

December 8, 2023

TO: Regional TOD Committee

**FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager
Jean Kim, Senior Planner**

SUBJECT: Update on Connecting People to Transit Project

IN BRIEF

The committee will be provided with an update on PSRC's transit access work program progress to-date, including preliminary feedback on the case study.

DISCUSSION

At past committee meetings, 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 began 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.

PSRC is in the process of completing high-level case studies to assess existing tools at select locations while collaborating with local jurisdiction and transit agency staff, as envisioned in the development of the tools. The ad-hoc Transit Access Working Group identified five locations to test existing transit access tools, resources, and data:

- Wheaton Way Transit Center in Bremerton
- Pacific Avenue and S 72nd Street in Tacoma
- Tukwila International Boulevard Station Link light rail station in Tukwila
- Future Judkins Park Link light rail station in Seattle
- Future Mariner Link light rail station in unincorporated Snohomish County (near the existing Mariner Park & Ride)

At the December meeting, staff will share preliminary findings from the transit access case studies to-date and early feedback sought from the working group on the next steps of this work. The committee will be asked to provide feedback in advance of a final case study report with recommendations for the next steps.

NEXT STEPS

Over the next few weeks, PSRC will complete case studies and consolidate findings and the working group's recommendations to draft the final report. PSRC will share the results of this task with relevant committees, anticipated in early 2024.

For more information or to provide further feedback, contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org or (206) 971-3053 or Jean Kim at jkim@psrc.org or (206) 971-3052.



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

December 8, 2023

TO: Regional TOD Committee

FROM: Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations & Communications

SUBJECT: 2024 Recommendations to the WA State Legislature

IN BRIEF

Based on direction by the Executive Board, PSRC staff have been working to support the adoption of recommendations to the state legislature in advance of the 2024 legislative session. PSRC staff will brief the Regional TOD Committee on PSRC's legislative recommendations and preview the 2024 legislative session.

DISCUSSION

Following engagement with PSRC's boards and committees, PSRC's Executive Board approved Recommendations to the 2024 Washington State Legislature based on adopted regional plans and policies. The legislative agenda includes focus areas of Transportation, Housing Choices and Affordability, Climate Change and Economic Development.

TOD, housing, and densities were significant areas of discussion in the 2023 legislative session. PSRC staff will preview the 2024 session with the committee, and members will have the opportunity to share updates on their respective legislative work.

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

Recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature



The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) supports adoption of state legislation that advances solutions to achieve a thriving, racially equitable and sustainable Puget Sound region through leadership, visionary planning, and collaboration.

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
- Funding and policies to restore, improve and modernize the Washington State Ferries system to ensure reliable cross-sound service and reduce environmental impact
- Maintaining 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. Action is needed to address racially discriminatory housing policies and increase homeownership for Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) households. PSRC supports legislation and funding to in three action areas:

- **Supply:** Build more housing of different types as soon as possible
- **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, health, 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

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 to help sustain the region's economy. PSRC supports continued investments in:

- Workforce development programs to meet the needs of employers and a growing economy
- Critical infrastructure to support economic development, including broadband
- Clean energy industry technology like Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), offshore wind, fusion, hydrogen and other emerging technologies

For more information, please contact:

Robin Koskey

Director of Government Relations & Communications
RKoskey@psrc.org
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.



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

December 8, 2023

TO: Regional TOD Committee

FROM: Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: 2024 Work Plan

IN BRIEF

The committee will reflect on the work completed in 2023 and discuss topics and task for its 2024 work plan.

DISCUSSION

The committee held four quarterly meetings and hosted a hybrid TOD event in 2023. Key efforts are listed below.

Provide direction on regional planning work:

- Guidance to Implement the Regional Growth Strategy
- Connecting People to Transit
- Regional Centers Monitoring
- TOD bill analysis

Learn from others about promising practices:

- Presentations on affordable housing and scaling up equitable development near transit
- Standing “Committee Round Robin” agenda item

Convene TOD stakeholders for information sharing and networking:

- Fall full-day hybrid event focused on downtown recovery
- Quarterly [Talkin’ TOD newsletter](#)

2024 Work Plan

Based on the PSRC work program, previous feedback from the committee, and guidance in the committee charter, staff have developed a preliminary 2024 work plan. Please see Attachment A for the full draft committee schedule.

In addition to the topics and tasks identified in the draft 2024 work plan, previous committee feedback identified several principles for how meetings may be structured in the coming year.

- Put the committee to work – each meeting to include work session
- Use breakout groups and Miro board when possible to increase engagement and interaction among members
- Structure discussions to call out different roles of committee members – housing professionals, local staff, CBOs, etc.
- Ask additional committee members to facilitate discussions when appropriate

Question for the committee:

- Should any of the potential work plan topics be prioritized?
- Are any key topics or tasks missing?

NEXT STEPS

The committee will begin implementation of the work plan at its next meeting on March 15, 2024.

For more information, contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org.

Attachment A: Draft 2024 Regional TOD Committee Work Plan

Attachment A: Draft 2024 Regional TOD Committee Work Plan

Attachment A: 2024 DRAFT Regional TOD Committee

MEETINGS & EVENTS

March Committee Meeting: Connecting People to Transit			
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Type of Agenda Item</i>	<i>Connection to PSRC/Outside Work</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Connecting People to Transit	Work Session	Regional Transportation Plan Implementation	
Sound Transit Revolving Loan Fund	Information Sharing		
2024 State Legislative Session	Information Sharing	PSRC Legislative Agenda	
Transit Agency Long-Range Planning	Peer Networking		
June Committee Meeting: Community Engagement and Scaling up Equitable TOD			
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Type of Agenda Item</i>	<i>Connection to PSRC/Outside Work</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Cultivating TOD champions, community engagement	Promising Practices		1-2 guest speakers Prioritize speakers from outside the region when possible
Regional Equity Strategy	Information Sharing	VISION 2050 Implementation	
Committee Round Robin	Peer Networking		
September Committee Meeting: Mobility & Safety			
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Type of Agenda Item</i>	<i>Connection to PSRC/Outside Work</i>	<i>Notes</i>
2026 Regional Transportation Plan	Work Session	Regional Transportation Plan	
Regional Safety Plan	Information Sharing	Regional Transportation Plan Implementation	
TOD Event – Format TBD			
December Committee Meeting: Planning for Growth Near Transit			
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Type of Agenda Item</i>	<i>Connection to PSRC/Outside Work</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Centers Monitoring	Work Session	Regional Centers Framework	
Committee Round Robin	Peer Networking		

TALKIN' TOD NEWSLETTER

- Continue with issues between quarterly committee meetings
- Start “Member Spotlight” to share information on committee members and their work

PRINCIPLES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Put committee to work – each meeting to include work session
- Use breakout groups and Miro board when possible to increase engagement and interaction among members
- Structure discussions to call out different roles of committee members – housing professionals, local staff, CBOs, etc.
- Tap other committee members to facilitate discussion when appropriate – don't feel must always rely on co-chairs and PSRC staff

DRAFT



Puget Sound Regional Council

INFORMATION ITEM

December 8, 2023

TO: Regional TOD Committee
FROM: Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner
SUBJECT: TOD In and Adjacent to Industrial Areas

IN BRIEF

TOD in industrial areas presents unique challenges to leverage major transit investments while preserving the region's supply of industrial lands. The committee will hear about work to address transit in industrial areas, including work from the city of Seattle to address TOD in its Industrial and Maritime Strategy.

DISCUSSION

PSRC staff will provide a brief introduction to the [Industrial Lands Analysis](#) and share stakeholder feedback on the role of TOD in industrial areas. PSRC developed an Industrial Lands Analysis in 2015 to assess economic activity on industrial lands in the region and analyze the region's ability to accommodate economic growth on industrial lands. VISION 2050 and the 2022 Regional Economic Strategy both include calls to update the Regional Industrial Lands Analysis to update the inventory of industrial lands, evaluate supply and demand for industrial land across all industry sectors, and research trends for industrial uses as technology and markets evolve.

Seattle Industrial and Maritime Strategy

Following a multi-year planning process that consisted of extensive stakeholder engagement, neighborhood outreach, research and analysis, and an Environmental Impact Statement, the city of Seattle adopted several ordinances to implement the city's [Industrial and Maritime Strategy](#) in 2023.

Seattle's industrial and maritime policies are more than 35-years old, and during that time, the trends and technologies impacting industrial and maritime users have experienced significant change. To reflect those changes as part of a comprehensive strategy to strengthen and grow Seattle's industrial and maritime sectors for the future, the city completed a holistic update of its industrial and maritime policies and zoning.

Seattle's Manufacturing and Industrial Centers are the proposed location of up to five future Sound Transit light rail stations. Traditionally, land use policy around light rail stations seeks to leverage these generational investments with transit-oriented development characterized by a mix of residential and employment uses. Stakeholders evaluated how best to accommodate these stations while contributing to the continuing strength of Seattle's industrial areas and recommended a strategy that leverages these transit investments with high-density employment characterized by a mix of modern industrial space supported by a range of office and other commercial uses.

Seattle staff will share the challenges they sought to address, explain the approach to addressing transit in the city's major industrial areas, and how it has been received by various stakeholders.



Puget Sound Regional Council

INFORMATION ITEM

December 8, 2023

TO: Regional TOD Committee

FROM: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management Planning

SUBJECT: 2023 TOD Event Recap - *From Pandemic to Prosperity: Downtowns Reimagined*

IN BRIEF

PSRC held its Transit-Oriented Development event, *From Pandemic to Prosperity: Downtowns Reimagined*, on September 29th. This memo provides an overview of the event.

DISCUSSION

In concert with the Regional TOD Committee, PSRC regularly holds a TOD event to explore best practices in transit-oriented development and the latest advances in development of the region's expanding transit system. TOD events have varied from every year to every other year.

This year, with communities reassessing development plans following the pandemic, the event focuses on the recovery and reimagining of downtowns. Downtowns are often the primary transit and transportation hubs of our communities. They have concentrations of jobs and housing and are cultural and entertainment centers. The impacts of the pandemic – the decline of office workers, in-person retail, eating out, and tourism – roiled downtown Seattle and many of our local community centers. To cope with pandemic impacts, cities explored new innovations such as opening streets to pedestrians, holding outdoor civic celebrations, and expanding the use of street ambassadors.

This is the first year for PSRC to hold the TOD event in a hybrid format (last year the webinar was entirely online). The morning sessions, including two panel discussions, were held in-person at PSRC and online via Zoom. The event heard presentations from national and regional speakers who looked at data associated with recovery of downtowns across North America, and heard from local leaders about recovery strategies for King County Metro, Seattle, Tacoma, and Bothell.

In the afternoon, two walking tours explored areas of downtown Seattle. One looked at the Pike/Pine Renaissance including corridor improvements and development projects.

The other toured the King County civic campus planned for redevelopment, City Hall Park, and potential transit connections. In-person attendance for the morning panel discussions was at capacity as was registration for the tours. Registration for online attendance was well over 100.

The event was an opportunity to look at several ambitious efforts to reimagine downtown Seattle. While underway for several years, the waterfront redevelopment is getting close to completion. The city is proceeding with the Pike/Pine Renaissance improvements, a \$40 million redesign of the important street corridors. The city is looking at new opportunities for how Third Avenue can function as a transit corridor and be a welcoming place for pedestrians and businesses. And there are new opportunities for redevelopment associated with the King County civic campus and the adjacent vacant block. These projects and opportunities create an ability to rethink how to make downtown attractive for workers, residents, and visitors in a post-pandemic world.

For more information, please contact Paul Inghram at PInghram@psrc.org.

2024 PSRC Regional Transit-Oriented Development Meeting Schedule

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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.