

# Update on Connecting People to Transit Project

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# Today's Presentation

- **Transit Access Work Program**
- **Where we are at...**
  - Case studies
  - Transit access working group meetings
- **Next Steps**



# ***Regional Transportation Plan calls for PSRC to:***

“...Develop and update tools and resources to **help identify where access to transit can be improved**, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians. ”

## **Transit access in RTP:**

- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- Walk, Bike, and Roll
- Transit Service
- Drop-off/Pick-up Modes
- Parking



# Transit Access Work Program

## Task 1: Review existing transit access tools and resources to help identify potential improvements to transit access assessments and next steps.

- This task builds upon past work and will help inform future tasks.
- Work with the Transit Access Working Group to assess unique challenges/needs for different contexts in the region.



# ***Where We Are At...***

## **Since the September RTODC meeting:**

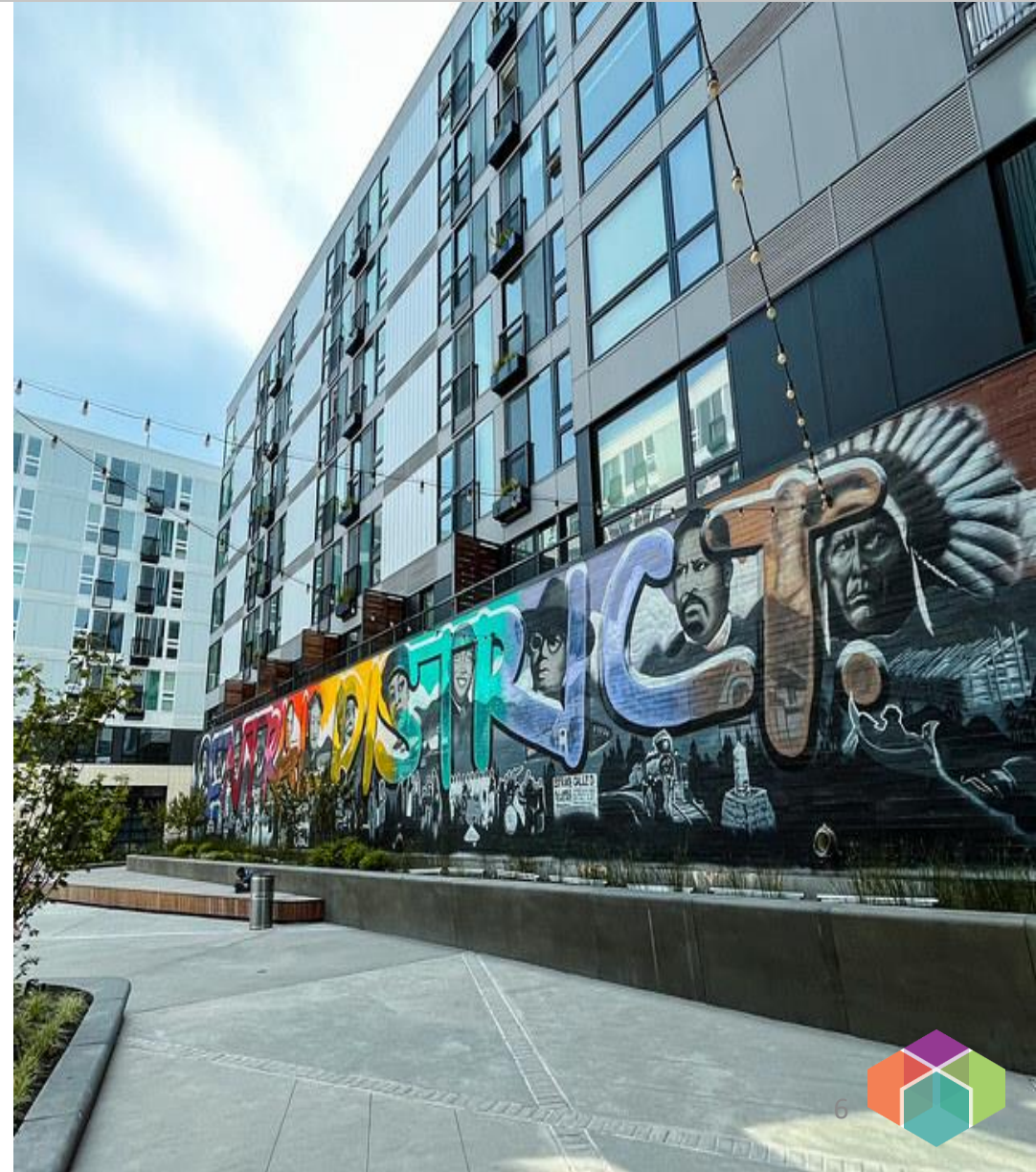
- Working group selected the final locations for case studies
- Staff completed literature review based on final feedback
- PSRC has conducted case studies by working with local staff

## **Transit Access Working Group convened on December 1<sup>st</sup> :**

- Staff compiled early recommendations on next steps

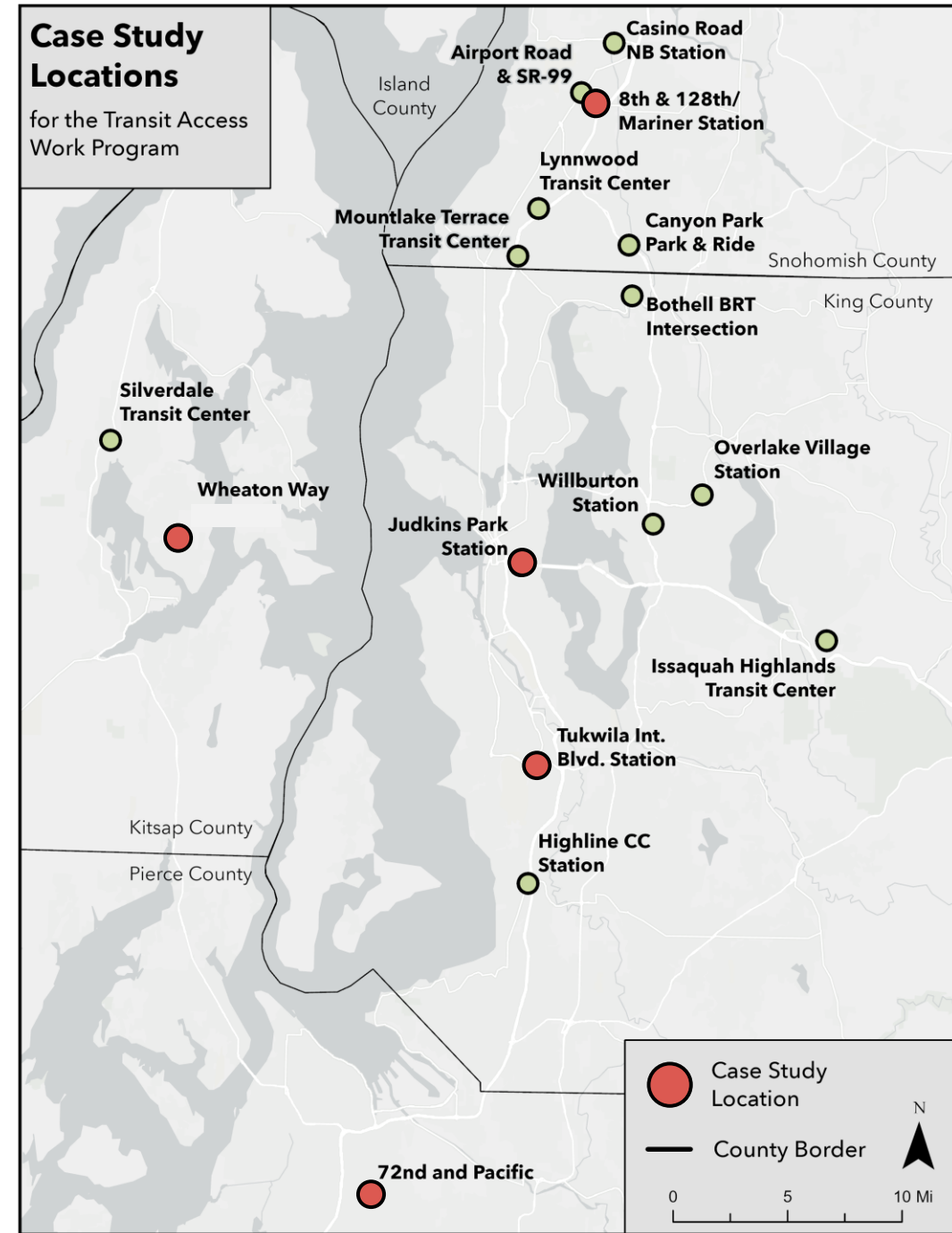
# September Transit Access Working Group Meeting

- Working group members agreed to select **five locations** across the region.
- **At least one** case study location in each county.
- Locations represent **different contexts** and **accessibility challenges**.
- Emphasis on **equity** and **MOD** program availability.



# Case Study Locations

- **Kitsap:** Wheaton Way Transit Center, Bremerton
- **Pierce:** 72nd St S & Pacific Ave, Tacoma
- **King:**
  - Judkins Park Station, Seattle
  - Tukwila International Blvd. Station
- **Snohomish:** Mariner Station (8th Ave W & 128<sup>th</sup> St S)



# Summary of Local Staff Feedback on Checklist

- It is **difficult to answer** some checklist questions due to a **lack of reliable and/or relevant data**. Some agencies expressed difficulty determining the availability of data resources and accessing recent and accurate datasets.
- Some local staff suggested including **additional questions**, including MOD-related questions.
- Many answers **require additional notes and explanations**.



# Preliminary Findings

- Data is often **difficult to access or cumbersome to request** from jurisdictions and transit agencies.
- Current tools inadequately address **equity, safety, and newer technologies.**
- Existing tools are **lengthy** and static, **requiring significant staff time** and effort to use. There is **potential to streamline tools** and make them more **interactive** and **user-friendly.**
- Ensure the update accounts for **future/planned station locations.**
- Tools are **not fully interconnected and difficult to identify roles/responsibilities** for transit access improvements.
- Potential need to **market and provide periodic updates** to new tools to ensure their utility to stakeholders.

# Next Steps

## December 2023:

- Complete case studies
- Develop final report based on feedback

**Early 2024:** Final report out on Task 1 with recommendations on next steps

- Transit Access Working Group Meeting #4 in late January

**Periodic updates to committees and boards throughout process**





***Thank You!***

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