

Update on Connecting People to Transit Project

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Puget Sound Regional Council



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Today's Presentation

- Transit Access Work Program Overview
- Where we are at...
- Transit Access Working Group Recommendations (Attachment A on page 9 of RTOD agenda packet)
- Revised Transit Access Work Program Future Tasks
- 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

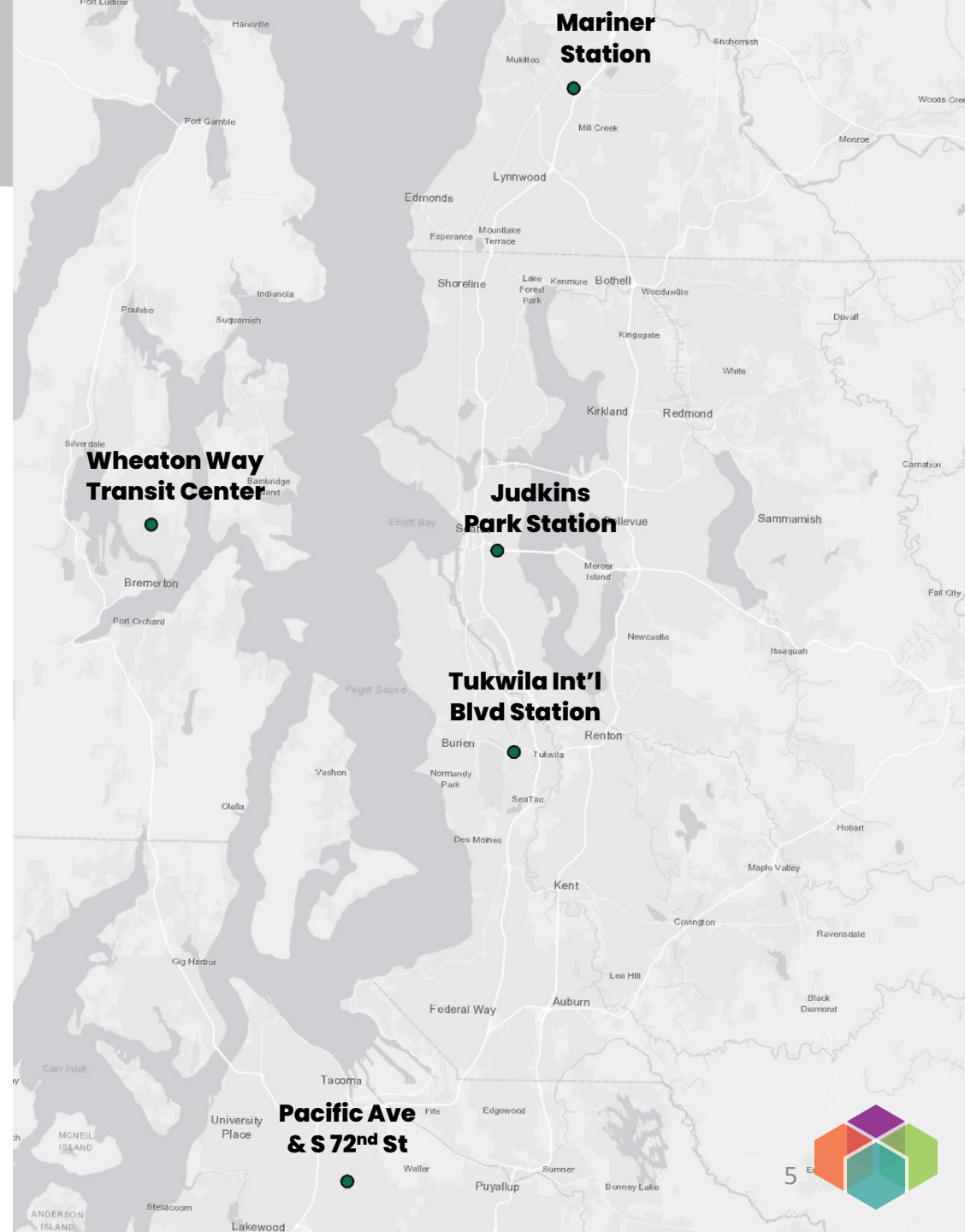
Task 1: Review existing transit access tools and resources to help identify potential improvements to transit access assessments and next steps.

- 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...

- Staff identified key findings and recommendations.
- The Transit Access Working Group provided feedback on proposed recommendations.
- PSRC developed a DRAFT Transit Access Recommendations Report (Attachment A on page 9 of RTOD agenda packet).



Recommendations

- **Automate and streamline the tools** to help local agencies more easily assess transit access needs and opportunities.
- Develop clear and comprehensive information on the **roles and responsibilities** of agencies.
- **Integrate new emerging themes**, including equity, safety, and new technologies to transit access tools.
- Develop guidance on **equitable engagement and outreach** for transit access.



Transit Access Work Program – Future Tasks

Task 2: Develop and assess new data on Mobility On Demand (MOD)/Microtransit and other topic areas relevant to providing/improving transit access.

Deliverable:

- Inventory of new data sets for inclusion in transit access assessment.
- Assessment of the role of new data and resources in regional transit access assessment and RTP update.



Transit Access Work Program – Future Tasks

Task 3: Develop a method of assessing transit access needs and identifying potential transit access solutions most appropriate to local context.



Transit Access Work Program – Future Tasks

Task 4: Update PSRC's existing transit access tools and resources.

- **Deliverable:** Interactive technical tool to assist PSRC staff in developing a regional transit access needs assessment.



Transit Access Work Program – Future Tasks

Task 5: Develop regional transit access needs assessment and potential recommendations for addressing those needs.

- **Deliverable:** A regional transit access assessment that covers existing and future conditions. The summary of the assessment will be incorporated into the RTP (2026–2050).



Transit Access Next Steps

2024

Develop Transit Access
Recommendations
Report

Assess new data
in supporting
transit access
assessment

2025

Assess regional
transit access
needs (current
& future)

2026

Incorporate into
the next
Regional
Transportation
Plan

Continued Committee/Board Engagement





Thank You!

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