



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 9:30-11:30 am

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Arun Sambataro, King County*
- 2. Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for February 15, 2024*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
- 3. Discussion Item (10:00)**
 - a. Transfer of Development Rights Technical Assistance Opportunity* – *Angela San Filippo, Washington State Department of Commerce*
- 4. Discussion Item (10:30)**
 - a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process* – *Gil Cerise, PSRC*
- 5. Discussion Item (11:00)**
 - a. PSRC Equity Tracker* – *Brian Lee & Kristin Mitchell, PSRC*
- 6. Information Item**
 - a. Save the Date: 2024 Annual PSRC General Assembly, May 30, 2024 from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm*
 - b. PSRC Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students – Application Open!
- 7. Next meeting: May 16, 2024**
- 8. Adjourn (11:30)**

*Supporting materials attached.

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: February 15, 2024

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

Arun Sambataro, 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 Ben Bakkenta welcomed new committee members and provided short updates on upcoming policy and Executive Board meetings and review the status of ongoing projects in the work program.

He shared that the upcoming biennial workshop for new elected officials will be held on March 1. The workshop, “Working Together: Regional Connections for Local Leaders,” will be held in the boardroom at 1201 Third Ave. Ben also shared the next Passport to 2044 webinar, “Removing Barriers to Deeply Affordable Housing in Plans,” will be held on March 12, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. The VISION 2050 Awards are now accepting nominations through April 1, 2024, with more information available [here](#). Lastly, Ben asked committee members to remind electeds to save the date for the PSRC Annual General Assembly, scheduled for May 30, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Discussion: Puget Sound Recovery Update

Larry Epstein, from Puget Sound Partnership, updated the Regional Staff Committee on the state of Puget Sound’s health and planning efforts and funding for Puget Sound recovery.

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

For more information, contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org.

Discussion: PSRC’s 2024 Project Selection Process

Kelly McGourty briefed the committee on PSRC’s upcoming 2024 project selection process. The next process will be conducted in 2024 for PSRC’s 2027-2028 FHWA and FTA funds. The call for projects is anticipated for release in February.

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

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

Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Dashboard

Craig Helmann shared an annual report presentation highlighting prior year transportation trends and share the updated performance dashboard with the committee.

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

For more information, contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data at chelmann@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Mikayla Svob, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Erika Harris, PSRC
Eric Clute, PSRC
Cristina Ciupitu-Plath
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, City of Bellevue
Shaun Kuo, PSRC
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Katie Enders, PSRC
Noah Boggess, PSRC
Brian Lee, PSRC
Emily Arteché, City of Snoqualmie
Noal Leonetti, PSRC
Ted Vanegas, Commerce
Josh Brown, PSRC
Pauline Mogilevsky
GAH
Nick Johnson, PSRC
Carol Naito, PSRC

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

Jurisdiction	Member		Jurisdiction	Member	
King County	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office	R	Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies		
	McCaela Daffern, King County		FHWA	1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner	
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt			Vacant Alt	
	Valerie Kendall, King County Alt		FTA	1 Ned Conroy, Community Planner	
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity/Social Justice, Co-Chair	R		Vacant Alt	
	Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt	R	Health	1 Vacant	
	Dan Cardwell, King County	R		Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1	
	Susan McLain, Permitting Alt	R		Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 2	
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro Gov. Relations	R	Ports	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs	R
	Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt			Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt	R
Economic Dev.	1 Ashton Allison, King Co Exec Office, Econ Dev	R	PSCAA	1 Amy Fowler, Policy Manager	
	Amie Danielewicz, King Co Exec Office Alt	R		Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Alt	
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, OPCD		Puget Sound	1 Larry Epstein, Deputy Director	R
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R	Partnership	Bebhinn Gilbert Alt	R
	Patrice Carroll, OPCD Alt		Sound Transit	1 Matt Shelden, Planning & Innovation	
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt			Alex Krieg, Planning & Integration Alt	
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev		Tribal	1 Vacant	
	Katie Kuciemba Halse, Transportation, Alt		Representatives	Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	3 Diana Hart, City of Kirkland	R	US EPA	1 Susan Sturges	R
	Jeff Churchill, City of Redmond			Erik Peterson Alt	
	Brian Davis, City of Federal Way		US HUD	1 Vacant	
	Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah Alt			Vacant Alt	
	Vacant Alt		WA Dept. of	1 Chris Green	
	Vacant Alt		Commerce	Marie Davis	
Kitsap County	1 Eric Baker, Policy		WSDOT	1 Greg Scott, WSDOT	R
	Jeff Rimack, Alt			Matthew Kenna, WSDOT Alt	
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director	R	PSRC Committees		
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt		PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning	R
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit	R	BPAC	1 Vacant	
	Vacant Alt			Vacant	
Economic Dev.	1 Joe Morrison, KEDA		FAC	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs	R
	Vacant Alt			Vacant Alt	
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Comm Dev., Co-Chair	R	RPEC	1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair	
	Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt			Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair	
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Dev., Port Orchard	R	SNTC	1 Susan Carter, SNTC Chair	
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt			Vacant Alt	
Pierce County	1 Vacant		TDM	1 Jennifer Hass, Community Transit	R
	Vacant Alt			Sarah Spicer, City of Seattle, Alt	
At-Large	2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning	R	RTOC	1 Vacant	
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Planning, Co-Chair	R		Vacant Alt	
	Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt		R = Remote attendance		
	Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt				
Transit	1 Vacant				
	Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt				
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development	R			
	Vacant Alt				
Tacoma	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Srvcs				
	Vacant				
Cities/Towns	1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup				
	Chris Larson, Fife, Alt	R			
Snohomish County	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director	R			
	David Killingstad, Planning & Development				
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director, Co-Chair	R			
	Ken Klein, Executive Director				
	Jay Larson, Public Works Supervisor, Alt				
	Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt				
Transit	1 Melissa Cauley, Community Transit	R			
	Melinda Adams, Everett Transit Alt				
Economic Dev	1 Neepaporn Bounjaktha, Economic Dev				
	James Henderson, Economic Dev Alt				
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director	R			
	Becky Ableman McCrary, Long Range Planning Mgr	R			
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director	R			
	Patricia Love, Stanwood, Comm Dev. Director, Alt.				
Total Members	51	Attended	33		



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DISCUSSION ITEM

April 18, 2024

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Erika Harris, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Transfer of Development Rights Technical Assistance Opportunity

IN BRIEF

Commerce staff will brief the Regional Staff Committee on an opportunity to receive technical assistance to develop and update Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs and Land Conservation and Local Infrastructure Programs (LCLIP).

DISCUSSION

Through a grant from the National Estuary Program, Commerce will provide feasibility assistance and policy guidance for local governments to successfully promote and implement TDR and LCLIP in the Puget Sound region.

TDR is a market-based mechanism that supports voluntary transfer of development rights from areas where a community would like to discourage development (sending areas) to places where the community would like to focus new growth (receiving areas). If a developer purchases development rights from a rural landowner in a sending area, they can use those rights to build a development with increased units, floor area, height, or similar metric in an urban receiving area.

LCLIP provides a financial incentive for cities to participate in TDR. LCLIP allows cities to receive a portion of future county property tax revenue from areas that receive development rights through TDR. Cities use this revenue to fund infrastructure to support the increased growth associated with this transfer of development rights. If more cities implement TDR and LCLIP programs, more conservation could occur. The conservation potential of LCLIP is 650,000 acres across Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties if all eligible cities participate. Per RCW 39.108.010, cities with combined population and employment of 22,500 or greater located within Pierce, King, or Snohomish counties are eligible for LCLIP.

VISION 2050 has policies and actions to reduce development pressure in rural and resource areas and conserve valuable open space areas. VISION's Regional Growth

Strategy focuses growth in centers and transit station areas. It identifies TDR as a tool to help accomplish these goals.

The technical assistance will primarily come from a consultant selected and managed by Commerce. The assistance is structured to reduce the time required of jurisdiction staff. Jurisdictions selected to receive the technical assistance will not need to manage grant or consultant contracts. Cities will be selected from Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties based on the city's willingness to participate, potential to generate tax revenue through LCLIP in conjunction with the strength of their TDR program, if one exists, and the market's capacity to absorb development credits. The project will also develop a toolkit and guidebook to help local governments assess social, cultural, environmental, and economic factors needed for TDR/LCLIP implementation.

The update of local comprehensive plans provides an excellent opportunity to integrate TDR and LCLIP. While including these programs as part of the plan update process is ideal, if local governments want to update or develop TDR and LCLIP programs after comprehensive plan updates are adopted, a policy can be added to the comprehensive plan to communicate this intent. See the attachment for examples of comprehensive plan policies that can be used to support future TDR and LCLIP program development.

Questions for the Regional Staff Committee:

- Is your jurisdiction considering developing or updating a TDR or LCLIP program?
- Do you have suggestions to improve the example policy language?

One tool that can help cities market TDR opportunities is the [Aedalin TDR Exchange](#). It enables buyers and sellers of TDRs to find each other.

Commerce and PSRC staff welcome hearing from the committee about additional resources and assistance that they could provide to support TDR programs and open space conservation work.

Next Steps

Contact Commerce or PSRC if you are interested in this technical assistance opportunity.

Lead Staff

Questions? Contact Angela San Filippo, Washington State Department of Commerce, at angela.sanfilippo@commerce.wa.gov, or Erika Harris, Senior Planner, PSRC, at eharris@psrc.org.

Attachments

- A. Example Comprehensive Plan Policies for Future TDR and LCLIP Program Development

Attachment A

Example Comprehensive Plan Policies for Future TDR and LCLIP Program Development

Cities can add policies into their comprehensive plans to support future transfer of development rights (TDR) program and Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program (LCLIP) development. Example policies are provided below. The first one is for cities that are eligible for LCLIP. Per RCW 39.108.010, cities with combined population and employment of 22,500 or greater located within Pierce, King, or Snohomish counties are eligible for LCLIP. Cities that do not qualify for LCLIP can still use TDR.

Cities eligible to use LCLIP

Explanatory information: [Transfer of development rights](#) (TDR) both supports conservation of farms, forests, and other open spaces and encourages housing and jobs in areas where we want them by recognizing the value of increased development capacity. The Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program (LCLIP) supports central places by returning some of that value to the city through providing funding for infrastructure. The increased development capacity created by this comprehensive plan provides the opportunity to use these programs.

Example policy:

Develop a transfer of development rights (TDR) program, and pursue revenue incentives, such as the Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program (LCLIP), to gain access to flexible infrastructure funding and support goals for both growing neighborhoods and conserving open space.

Cities not eligible for LCLIP

Explanatory information: [Transfer of development rights](#) (TDR) supports conservation of farms, forests, and other open spaces and encourages housing and jobs in areas where we want them by recognizing the value of increased development capacity. The increased development capacity created by this comprehensive plan provides the opportunity to use this program.

Example policy:

Develop a transfer of development rights (TDR) program to support goals for both growing neighborhoods and conserving open space.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

April 18, 2024

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager, Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process

IN BRIEF

At the April 18 meeting, the Regional Staff Committee will be briefed on the schedule and work program for developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Work on the next RTP will continue through 2026, when the plan is scheduled to be adopted.

DISCUSSION

Under federal and state law, PSRC is required to develop a long-range regional transportation plan every four years. The current plan, adopted in 2022, describes the investments and actions needed to create a safe, clean, and efficient transportation system essential to the region's quality of life, health, and economy. The RTP identifies the investments and actions necessary to support VISION 2050, the centerpiece of which is an integrated local and regional high-capacity transit network.

During development of the current RTP, identified objectives were to make progress on existing challenges and address current and future needs of the transportation system, as well as to plan for long-term system investments to accommodate future growth. In addition, the board identified six key policy focus areas for the plan: access to transit, safety, climate, equity, local agency needs and forward thinking future investments.

The plan also incorporated new and innovative tools for sharing data and information. For example, a new visualization tool of the transportation system and current conditions was developed, and online videos created to share information on specific elements of the plan. In addition to engagement with PSRC's boards, committees, and member agencies, expanded efforts to engage with community was also conducted throughout plan development. This included a public survey, an online open house, community focus groups, youth outreach, and interviews with business and labor groups. During the formal public comment period, over 550 comments were received on the plan.

Over the last two months, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing key regional priorities and focus areas to guide development of the next RTP. Key themes have included the continued focus areas of safety, climate, and equity; maintenance and preservation; transit and accessibility; ferries; decarbonizing the system; and recognizing the diverse needs and community contexts around the region.

The board has also discussed analytical needs for the next plan, such as addressing changes in travel behavior since the pandemic, providing more detailed analyses by county and city, and tracking progress over time.

At the meeting on April 18, the Regional Staff Committee will be provided an overview of the current RTP and the schedule and work program for the next RTP scheduled for adoption in May 2026, including plans for continued engagement with PSRC's boards and other stakeholders in the coming months.

Lead Staff

For more information please contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at 206-971-3053 or gcerise@psrc.org, or Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

April 18, 2024

TO: Regional Staff Committee
FROM: Brian H. Y. Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager, PSRC
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 are 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

PSRC staff have been engaging with members of the [Equity Advisory Committee](#) (EAC) about the Equity Tracker project since 2022. 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 aims to have a first publicly available version of the Equity Tracker website in the coming weeks and will continue to make refinements and additions.

Lead Staff

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



REGISTER NOW!

Puget Sound Regional Council

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

 **May 30, 2024 | 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

 **Seattle Convention Center – Summit Building**
900 Pine Street
Seattle, WA 98122

PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 30, 2024**.

All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes have votes at the Assembly and are encouraged to participate.

Detailed agenda coming soon.

[Register here.](#)

For questions, please contact **Sheila Rogers** at (206) 354-6560 or email srogers@psrc.org.



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Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students

Are you curious about how cities grow, change, and develop? Have you ever wondered how governments decide where train lines should go? Do you have ideas about how to make our communities better places for everyone? If so, you should apply for the Summer Planning Academy (SPA)!



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The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is looking for high school students from King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties who want to learn about urban planning in our region and share ideas about how to make the central Puget Sound region a better place to live, work, and play.

SPA is a leadership development opportunity offered free of charge to students interested in planning a better future for our region. The program encourages students to think creatively about how better planning can help people lead better lives.

Upon successful completion of SPA, students are eligible to receive a **\$500** scholarship. SPA sessions will occur in person on August 7, 9, 14, and 16.

To learn more about PSRC, SPA, and to apply, go to www.psrc.org/our-work/summer-planning-academy or scan the QR code.



Questions? Email us at spa@psrc.org.