Equity Tracker

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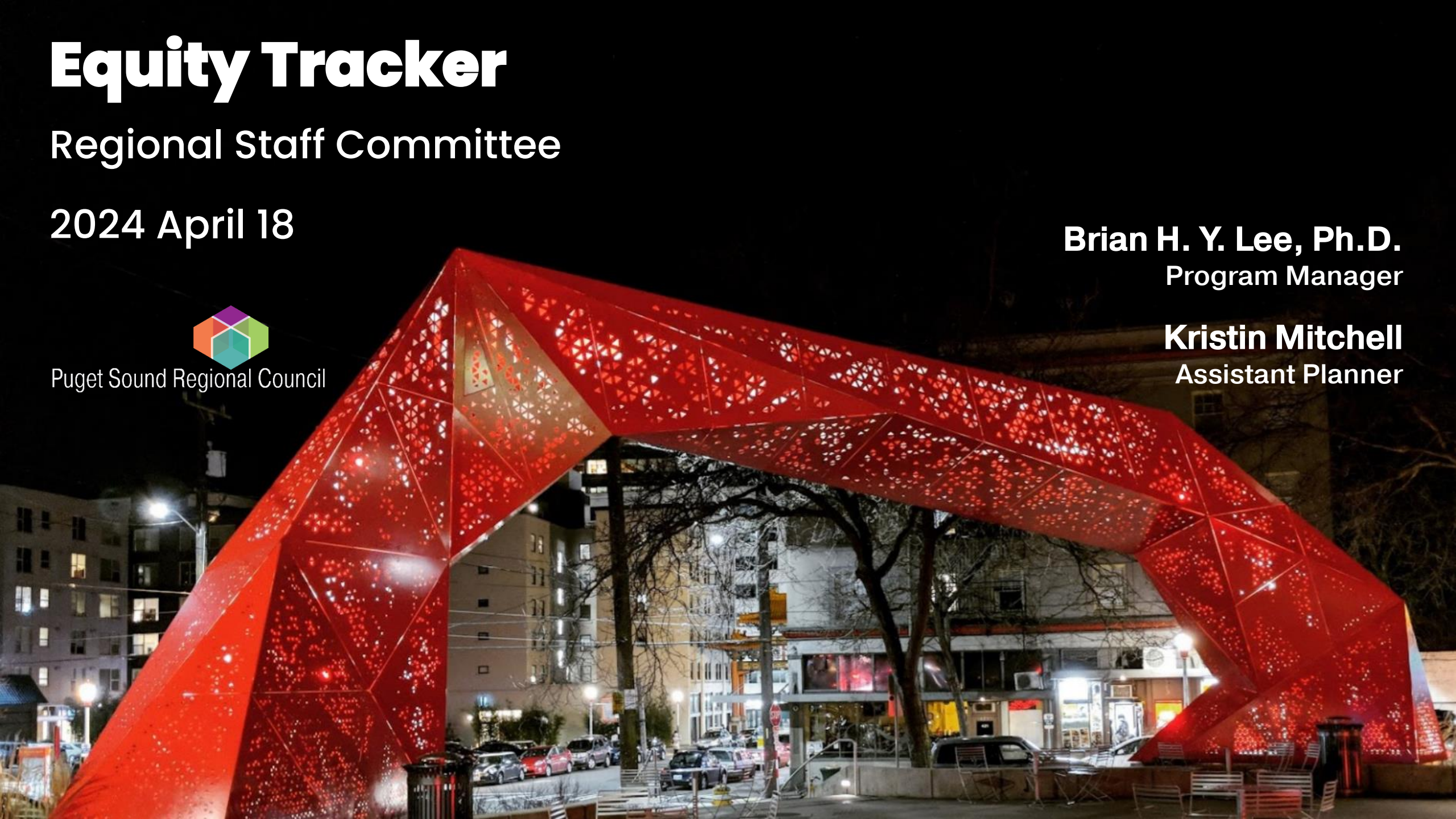
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Overview

The Equity Tracker Project

- Background & purpose
- Key product elements
- Co-creation with Equity Advisory Committee

Project Status

- Themes & indicators
- Demo

Next Steps

Requests for technical support on equity

- PSRC, partners, & stakeholders working to advance equity, address disparities
- Feedback includes need for data to help answer key questions:

What are the disparities in life outcomes for different people?

What progress is the region making in closing equity gaps?

How can people hold PSRC and others accountable for their work?

Are plans and policies in the region collectively working in the right direction?

Existing equity-related resources

Region

State

County

Local

Displacement Risk Mapping
Assessing risk of displacement in the central Puget Sound region.

Opportunity Mapping Report
An assessment of opportunity across the central Puget Sound region.

Central Puget Sound Demographic Profile

Washington Tracking Network
A Source for Environmental Public Health Data

Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard
An effort of the King County Affordable Housing Committee

Legacy of Structural Racism
in the central Puget Sound region. Click on the tiles to learn more.
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Data gap: Comprehensive tool to measure disparities & track equity performance across the central Puget Sound region

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Regional Equity Strategy

Capacity Building

Learning Opportunities

Prioritizing Equity

Inclusive Procurement

Hiring and Retention

Community Engagement

Equity Advisory Committee

Anti-Displacement Organizations

Inclusive Engagement Guidance

Data and Research

Equity Analyses

Equity Tracker

Legacy of Structural Racism

Data & Analysis

Best Practices

Equity Impact Tool

Equity Planning Resources

Regional Equity Strategy: https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/equitystrategy-workplan-full.pdf
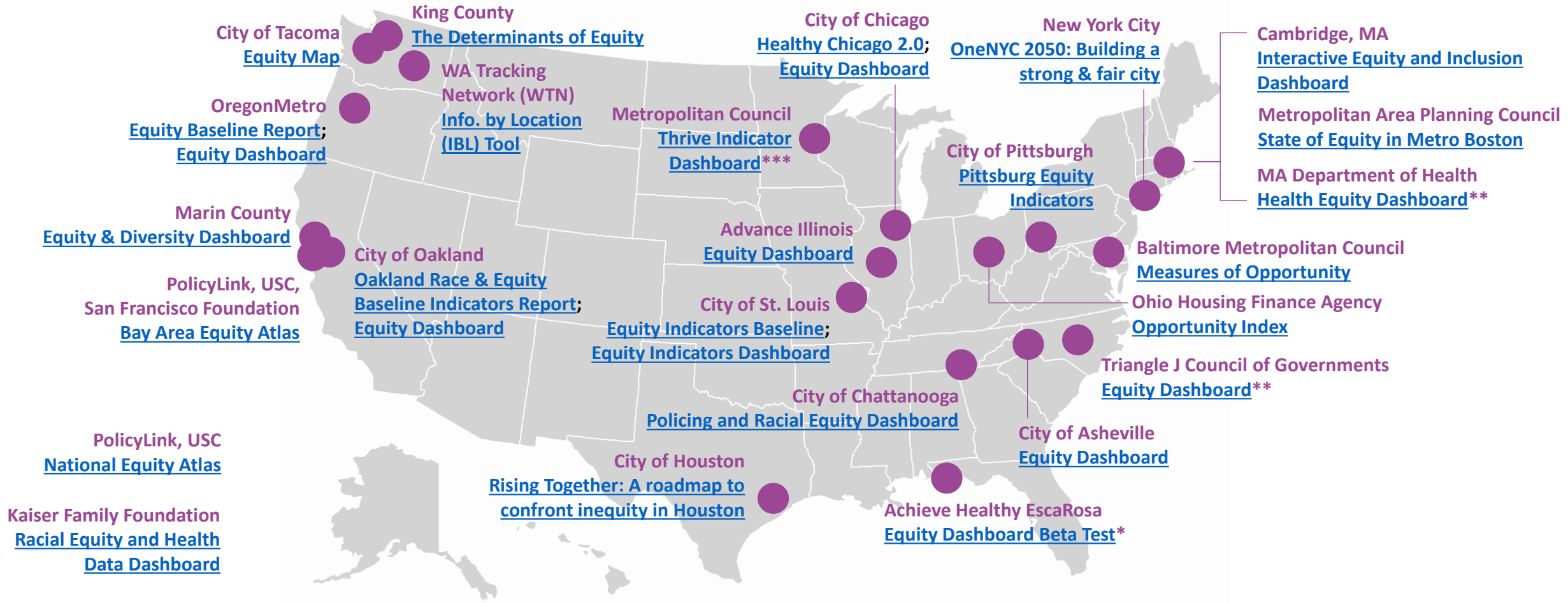
Key product elements

Equity Tracker goals

Three primary goals

- Measure life outcomes & highlight disparities between communities

- Track performance over time in closing equity gaps

- Publicly hold PSRC & its partners accountable

Review: Examples of equity data tools

City of Tacoma
Equity Map

King County
The Determinants of Equity

WA Tracking Network (WTN)
Info. by Location (IBL) Tool

OregonMetro
Equity Baseline Report;
Equity Dashboard

Marin County
Equity & Diversity Dashboard

City of Oakland
Oakland Race & Equity Baseline Indicators Report;
Equity Dashboard

PolicyLink, USC,
San Francisco Foundation
Bay Area Equity Atlas

Metropolitan Council
Thrive Indicator Dashboard***

Advance Illinois
Equity Dashboard

City of St. Louis
Equity Indicators Baseline;
Equity Indicators Dashboard

City of Chicago
Healthy Chicago 2.0;
Equity Dashboard

City of Chattanooga
Policing and Racial Equity Dashboard

City of Houston
Rising Together: A roadmap to confront inequity in Houston

New York City
OneNYC 2050: Building a strong & fair city

City of Pittsburgh
Pittsburg Equity Indicators

Cambridge, MA
Interactive Equity and Inclusion Dashboard

Metropolitan Area Planning Council
State of Equity in Metro Boston

MA Department of Health
Health Equity Dashboard**

Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Measures of Opportunity

Ohio Housing Finance Agency
Opportunity Index

Triangle J Council of Governments
Equity Dashboard**

City of Asheville
Equity Dashboard

Achieve Healthy EscaRosa
Equity Dashboard Beta Test*

PolicyLink, USC
National Equity Atlas

Kaiser Family Foundation
Racial Equity and Health Data Dashboard

*The equity dashboard is no longer available (in Jan 2022), but the outcomes to measure can be found in the data page.
**The equity dashboard is no longer available (in April 2024)
***Currently being worked on (in April 2024)

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4 key takeaways from reviews

1) Direct connection to specific programs & plans

- Use data to measure/track equity progress

➔ *PSRC Equity Tracker foundation based on VISION 2050*

2) Systematic & rigorous evaluation of data & sources

- Trusted source? Sound methods?

- Ease of access?

- Regularly updated?

- About people & places within our region?

➔ *Use technical rubric to score & rank data candidates*

4 key takeaways from reviews

3) Uses: provide info (primary), share data (secondary)

- Public display of equity outcomes & disparities
- Support stakeholders with equity-related data
- ➔ *Equity Tracker aims to do both, prioritize info provision first*

4) Complementary info to data can enhance tool

- Some dashboards contain data & little else
- Others are more comprehensive
- ➔ *Provide context & interpretations, point to solutions*

Co-creation with Equity Advisory Comm.

Engagements with EAC members

2022 **FEB** *EAC meeting*: Introduced Equity Tracker
Determined support, areas of interest, ways to interact

APR *EAC meeting*: Discussed key elements

MAY Members started review of draft webpages

AUG End of feedback period (new PSRC website launched)

OCT *EAC meeting*: Discussed feedback & priorities

2023 **JUNE** *EAC meeting*: Showed updates & incorporation of feedback

2024 **APR** *EAC meeting*: Project status & timeline

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Equity Tracker themes & indicators

THEMES (sections in VISION 2050)	INDICATORS
Climate Change	Flood risk
Communities & Health*	Cardiovascular disease mortality Health insurance Life expectancy SNAP participation
Economy	Educational attainment Kindergarten readiness Household income
Environment	Toxic releases Tree canopy cover

* Refers to the *Development Patterns* section in VISION 2050

Equity Tracker themes & indicators

THEMES (sections in VISION 2050)	INDICATORS
Housing	Access to affordable rent Homeownership Renter cost burden Renter overcrowding
Public Services	Imprisonment** Internet access
Transportation	Distance to high-capacity transit Sidewalk completeness

** Highlights communities where more human services may be needed to help reduce rates of imprisonment

Equity Tracker themes & indicators

THEMES (sections in VISION 2050)	INDICATORS UNDER EXPLORATION
Climate Change	Fire risk Heat risk
Economy	Access to living wage jobs
Regional Collaboration	Voter participation
Transportation	Safety

Equity Tracker demo

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Our Work

Data

Economy

Environment

Equity

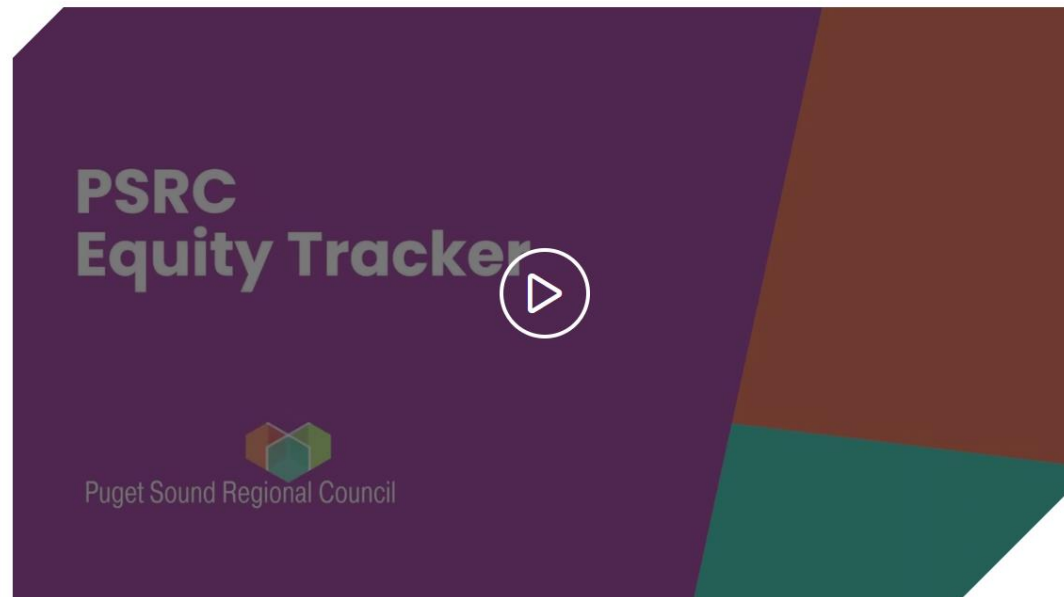Funding   +

Growth Management

Housing

Safety

Transportation

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Get The Facts About Racial Equity

Racial and ethnic disparities in key quality of life indicators have persisted in the Central Puget Sound region, with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color faring worse compared to White individuals. Robust data and information are essential to developing strategies to build an equitable region.

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Immediate project timeline

2024 **APR** *EAC & RSC meetings*: Project information
Equity Tracker "soft" launch

MAY Website/tool refinements

JUNE *GMPB meeting*: Project information

Executive Board meeting: "official" launch
Work with EAC members to get their feedback

JULY Start work on Census data & related updates

FALL Circle back with EAC to discuss development priorities

Thank you!

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