

# *Summer Planning Academy (SPA)*

Equity Advisory Committee

May 2, 2024



Puget Sound Regional Council



*We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.*

[psrc.org/equity](https://psrc.org/equity)

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# Agenda

- Goals of Summer Planning Academy
- Summary of 2023 Cohort
- Changes for 2024
- Timeline
- Next Steps & Questions



## Summer Planning Academy **HANDBOOK**



# Goals



Introduce individuals to the planning process and profession at an early age.

Engage young people on a regular basis to provide input on PSRC's policies and programs.

Promote equity in the region by actively recruiting and engaging youth from diverse backgrounds.

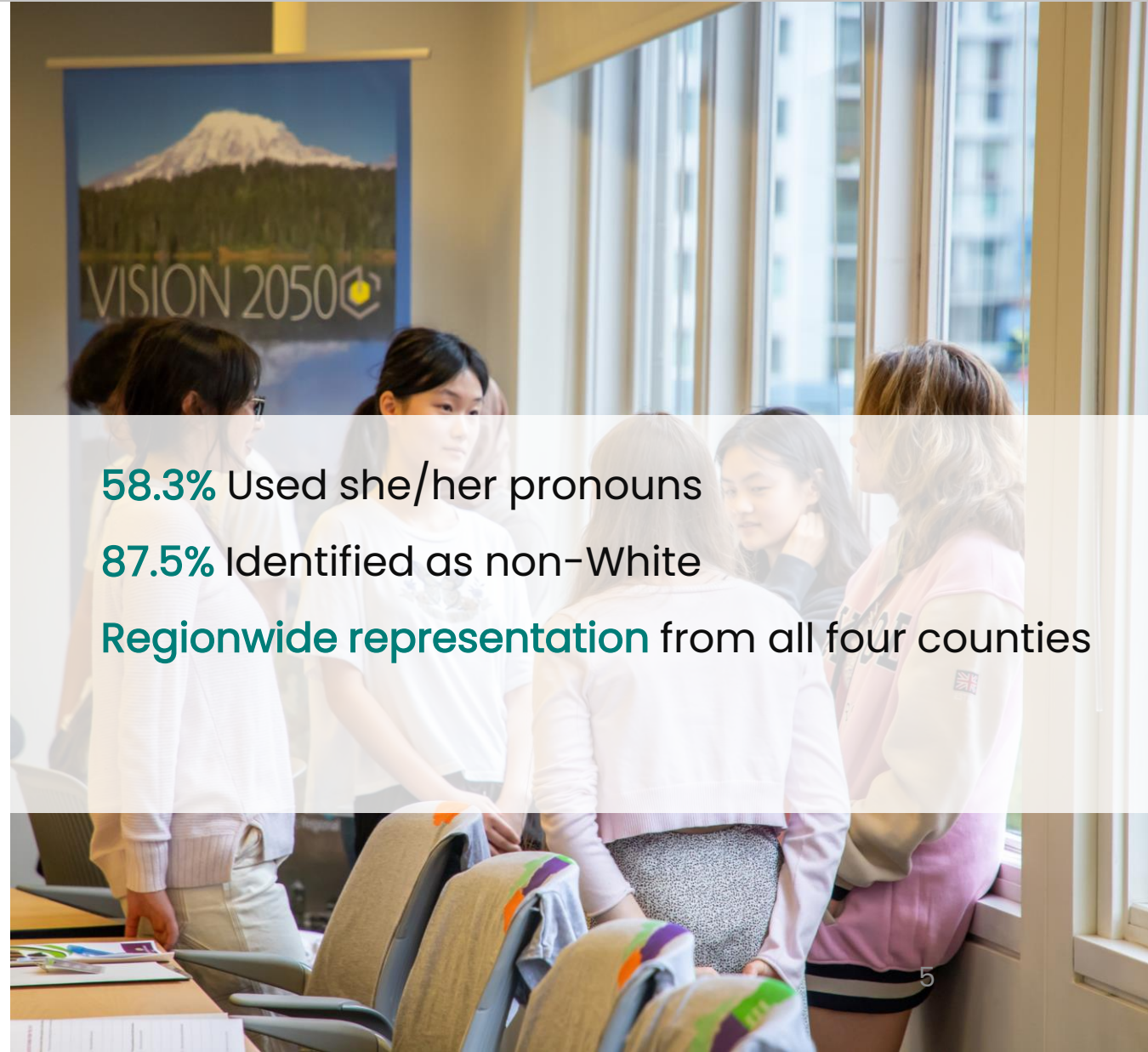


# 2023 Cohort

82 applications

24 selected students  
enrolled in our first cohort

All enrolled students  
completed the program  
and received \$500  
scholarship



**58.3%** Used she/her pronouns

**87.5%** Identified as non-White

**Regionwide representation** from all four counties



# Session Itinerary



## Day 1 MPO Basics

July 21, 2023

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**  
Program Overview

**10:15 AM**  
Welcome to SPA with  
Executive Director Josh Brown

**10:30 AM**  
Staff Introductions

**10:45 AM**  
Icebreakers

**11:30 AM**  
Lunch

**12:15 PM**  
Presentation: What is an MPO?

**1:00 PM**  
Scavenger Hunt in Capitol Hill

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## Day 2 Transit

July 28, 2023

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**  
Introduction to Transit Planning

**10:30 AM**  
Panel Discussion (Part One)

**11:30 AM**  
Lunch

**12:15 PM**  
Panel Discussion (Part Two)

**1:30 PM**  
Colman Dock Tour

**2:00 PM**  
King Street Station

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# Session Itinerary



## Day 3 Environment

August 4, 2023

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**

Introduction to Environmental Planning

**10:15 AM**

Panel on Puget Sound Recovery

**11:00 AM**

Discussion & Activity

**11:30 AM**

Lunch

**12:15 PM**

Seattle Waterfront Tour

**1:30 PM**

Climate Change Panel

**2:15 PM**

Discussion & Activity

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## Day 4 Housing and Equity

August 11, 2023

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**

Introduction to Housing & Equity

**10:40 AM**

Redlining Heritage Trail Tour

**12:30 PM**

Lunch

**1:15 PM**

Panel and Interactive Activity

**2:00 PM**

Closing Ceremony with Mayor Erickson

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# Changes for 2024

Program is shifting to two sessions per week on Wednesday and Friday.

Sessions will still be full-days (~10am-~3pm)

Schedule as follows:

- August 7-Intro to Planning
- August 9-Transportation
- August 14-Housing
- August 16-Environment





# Changes for 2024



Equity in planning will be woven throughout the entire program.

Students will be required to complete a capstone at the end of the program.



# Capstone Project-Community Profile

Walking assessment of Seattle neighborhood

Research and data analysis from all topic areas covered in SPA

Policy recommendations for based on research and analysis

Comparisons to their home community





# Changes in Recruitment



2023 recruited high schools broadly across the region

Focused outreach to preexisting youth boards and councils

Many students in 2023 cohort already had background knowledge of planning

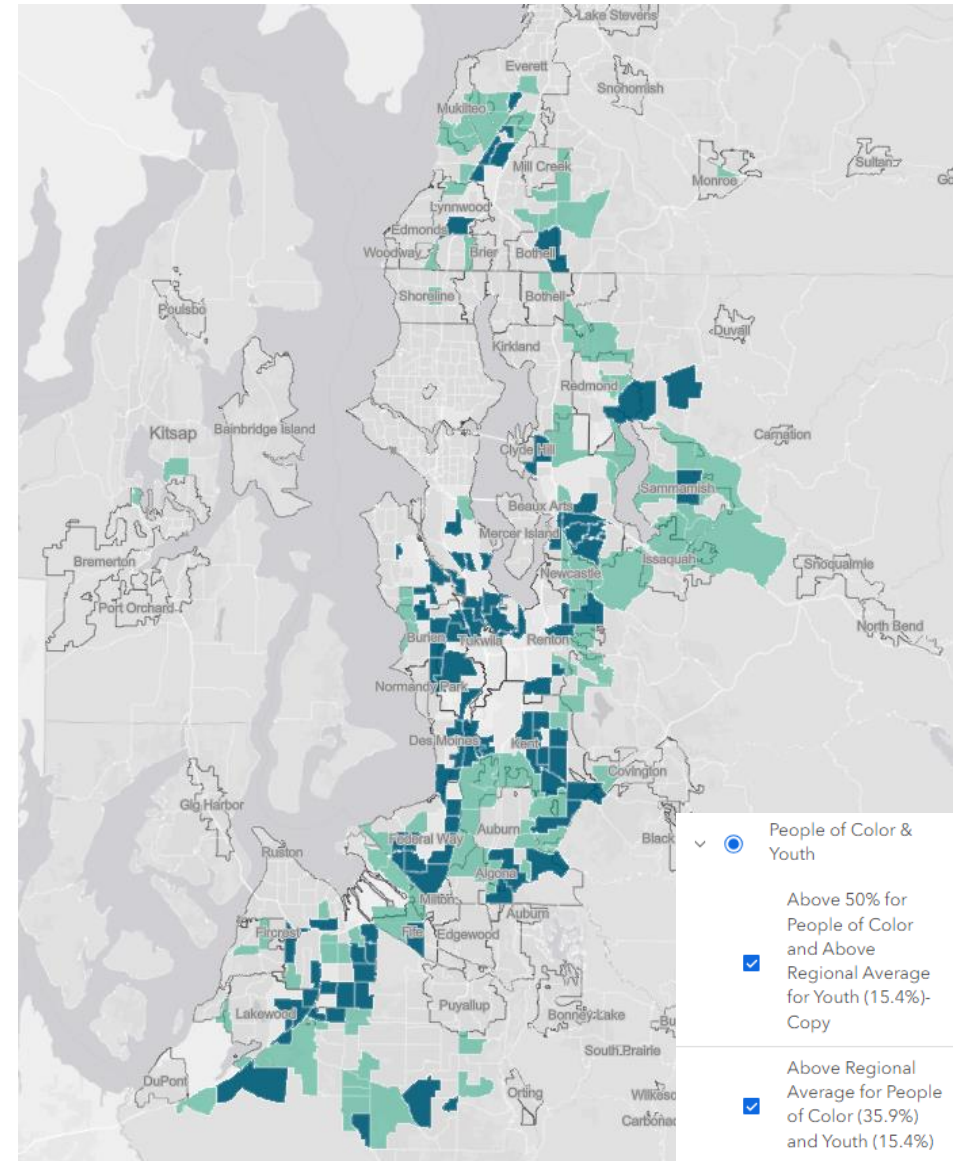


# Changes in Recruitment

2024 recruitment centers on Equity Focus Areas

Goal to open pathways to planning that don't already exist

Direct recruitment with EFA high schools





# Timeline

The application period for SPA is now open!

**May 15** Application deadline

**June 1** Notifications sent

**August 7** First day of SPA 2024



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# ***Thank You!***

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