



Puget Sound Regional Council

## General Assembly

Thursday, May 30, 2024 • 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. [Registration deadline is May 24!]

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

**Attend** – register [online](#).

- Assembly members, if you plan on attending, please register in advance to help us determine quorum. The full Assembly includes all mayors, county executives and council and commission members from member jurisdictions, tribes and representatives of statutory members.
- Interested Parties, lunch will be provided, so please register to be included in the count.

**Provide public comment – written only**

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(10:30 a.m.) **Check-in** – Pick-up name badge and lunch.

**1. Call to Order (11:00)** – *Mayor Becky Erickson, President*

- Roll Call (please check-in at Registration Table)

**2. Welcome** – *Mayor Bruce Harrell, City of Seattle*

**3. President's Remarks**

**4. Action Items**

- a. Adoption of Minutes of PSRC Assembly Meeting held May 30, 2023
- b. Adoption of Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program – *Executive Dave Somers, Vice President*
- c. Election of Officers – *Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Chair, Nominating Committee*

5. **Special Presentation (11:40) – U.S. Representative Rick Larsen**
6. **Transportation Safety: A Commitment to Action (12:00)**
7. **Other Business**
8. **Adjourn (1:00)**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### INFORMATION ITEM

May 7, 2024

**To:** PSRC General Assembly

**From:** Josh Brown, Executive Director

**Subject:** **General Assembly Voting**

Attached is a list of the weighted votes for the General Assembly. The counties' and cities' votes are based on the State of Washington Office of Financial Management's final 2023 populations.

Voting at the General Assembly meeting is described in the Puget Sound Regional Council Interlocal Agreement, Section V.B.2:

*The General Assembly shall make decisions when a quorum is present, and on the basis of a weighted vote of the members, with the weight of each city and county jurisdiction vote as follows: total votes of all city and county jurisdictions within each county will be proportional to each county's share of the regional population. County government will be entitled to fifty (50) percent of their respective county's total vote. City and town votes will be based on their respective share of the total incorporated population of their county. Indian Tribe vote will be based on their respective share of the region's population. The vote of statutory members shall be as prescribed in the applicable statute or as determined by the Executive Board where the applicable statute is silent on the matter of voting.*

As noted in Article V, Section 7 of the Regional Council's Bylaws, approval of the annual budget and work program, adoption, or amendment of the regional growth management strategy and transportation plan, and amendments to the Bylaws require a roll-call vote and the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present. All other matters require a simple majority, with the manner of voting determined by the presiding officer; however, at the request of any two members, a roll call vote shall be taken.

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC Budget Manager, at [awerfelmann@psrc.org](mailto:awerfelmann@psrc.org) or 206-971-3292.

**ATTACHMENT:**

ga-2024may30-WeightVotes

**PSRC GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEIGHTED VOTES**

May 7, 2024

**MEMBERS**

**No. of  
Weighted Votes**

<b>UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES</b>	
King	264.27
Kitsap	31.87
Pierce	106.34
Snohomish	95.75
<b>TOTAL COUNTIES</b>	<b>498.23</b>

<b>CITY/TOWNS</b>	
Algona	0.42
Arlington	4.37
Auburn	12.06
Bainbridge Island	8.05
Beaux Arts	0.04
Bellevue	19.47
Black Diamond	0.87
Bonney Lake	4.96
Bothell	7.76
Bremerton	14.27
Buckley	1.18
Burien	6.62
Carnation	0.28
Clyde Hill	0.39
Covington	2.72
Darrington	0.30
Des Moines	4.19
Du Pont	2.17
Duvall	1.07
Eatonville	0.62
Edgewood	2.90
Edmonds	8.72
Enumclaw	1.65
Everett	22.97
Federal Way	12.84
Fife	2.38
Fircrest	1.54
Gig Harbor	2.78
Granite Falls	0.96
Hunts Point	0.06
Issaquah	5.20
Kenmore	3.05
Kent	17.51
Kirkland	12.19
Lake Forest Park	1.72
Lake Stevens	8.29
Lakewood	13.68
Lynnwood	8.20
Maple Valley	3.68
Marysville	14.83
Medina	0.37
Mercer Island	3.25
Mill Creek	4.35
Milton	1.72

**MEMBERS**

**No. of  
Weighted Votes**

<b>CITIES/TOWNS cont.</b>	
Monroe	4.14
Mountlake Terrace	4.79
Mukilteo	4.34
Newcastle	1.71
Normandy Park	0.86
North Bend	1.02
Orting	1.94
Pacific	0.92
Port Orchard	5.59
Poulsbo	3.96
Puyallup	9.26
Redmond	9.76
Renton	13.59
Roy	0.17
Ruston	0.23
Sammamish	8.60
SeaTac	4.00
Seattle	98.11
Shoreline	7.70
Skykomish	0.02
Snohomish	2.08
Snoqualmie	1.83
Stanwood	1.73
Steilacoom	1.46
Sultan	1.35
Sumner	2.30
Tacoma	47.40
Tukwila	2.87
University Place	7.59
Wilkeson	0.11
Woodinville	1.74
Woodway	0.27
Yarrow Point	0.14
<b>TOTAL CITIES/TOWNS</b>	<b>498.23</b>

**TRIBAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS**

The Suquamish Tribe	0.27
Muckleshoot Indian Tribal Council	0.75
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1.34
Tulalip Tribes - NEW	1.18
<b>TOTAL TRIBAL GOV. MEMBERS</b>	<b>3.54</b>

**STATUTORY MEMBERS**

Port of Bremerton	3
Port of Seattle	50
Port of Tacoma	30
Port of Everett	10
WSDOT	30
WA Trans. Comm	30
<b>TOTAL STATUTORY MEMBERS</b>	<b>153.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,153</b>



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **Minutes**

#### **General Assembly Meeting**

#### **Puget Sound Regional Council**

**Thursday, May 30, 2023**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Seattle Downtown Pioneer Square  
Seattle, Washington**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, President, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. She announced that a quorum was present. Roll was determined by the signatures on the registration sheets, included with the official copy of these minutes.

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to <https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings.>]

Councilmember Balducci introduced and welcomed Mayor Bruce Harrell, Seattle, who welcomed Assembly members to Seattle.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two individuals provided comment:

- Joe Kunzler
- Alex Tsimerman

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Balducci began her report by acknowledging that the land of Puget Sound is part of a larger area that is the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples. She recognized that these Sovereign Tribal nations have lived here since time immemorial and ceded land under duress. President Balducci further acknowledged the deep connection and legacy of respect for the land and natural resources that all tribes share. She also highlighted the fact that these tribes continue to enrich the region through environmental stewardship, cultural heritage, economic development and collaboration on local and regional initiatives. She invited all tribes in the region to join PSRC and serve on its boards and stated that PSRC welcomes their involvement in the development of policies, plans and funding decisions. President Balducci concluded by expressing gratitude and honoring the land, the water and its people while working

towards upholding Tribal sovereignty, as well as inherent and treaty rights, in order to enhance collaboration.

President Balducci then introduced the officers of PSRC, thanking them for their leadership and service: Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson, Vice-President of PSRC; Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair of the Transportation Policy Board; Pierce County Councilmember Ryan Mello, Vice-Chair of the Transportation Policy Board; Renton Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair of the Growth Management Policy Board; Snohomish County Councilmember Megan Dunn, Vice-Chair of the Growth Management Policy Board; Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier, Immediate Past President; Port of Bremerton Commissioner Axel Strakeljohn, President of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board; and Bellevue Councilmember Conrad Lee, Vice-President of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board. Lastly, President Balducci acknowledged PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown.

She also took the opportunity to highlight that after three years of conducting the General Assembly virtually, participants were finally able to meet in person.

President Balducci then reflected on the accomplishments of the region in the past year, noting “the adoption of a legislative agenda that advanced our core plans and programs and supported it with a wealth of information, including a housing public opinion survey and a state-of-the-art bill impact analysis.

“We hit the ground running with our new Regional Housing Strategy, offering up a knowledge base and toolset that local jurisdictions can use to tackle housing supply and affordability. We are seeing real results on housing, legislation and comprehensive planning that are poised to make a real difference in livability in the near future.

“We also secured a \$4.9 million grant to develop a Regional Safety Plan as well as fund the development of local safety plans for the cities of Burien, Everett, Kent, Redmond, Tukwila and Pierce County, Washington. In preparation, we will be hosting a Regional Safety Summit next month on June 29. PSRC will also continue to support our membership to apply for and secure future safety planning and implementation grants in the next federal funding cycle.

She continued “we are also taking a deeper look into how we can achieve our regional climate goals, with enhanced analysis and planning with partners on an implementation strategy. As part of this work, we have partnered with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency on the Regional Electric Vehicle Collaborative and development of a web-based clearinghouse to help support the advancement of electric vehicles throughout the region. The next online collaborative event will be held on June 28. We are also working closely with the Puget Sound Clear Air Agency and other key agencies to develop a Regional Climate Action Plan under EPA’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. Similar to the safety grant programs, our regional planning work will help open the doors to a large influx of federal dollars for implementation.

“We have made great strides towards the Regional Equity Strategy so that all aspects of our work program are leading with racial equity. I’m especially happy with the work we did to make our future FTA Funding Distributions more equitable and of the upcoming \$6 million equity pilot program as part of our project selection process for PSRC funds.

President Balducci thanked everyone for the support of our recent Americas Competitiveness Exchange visit. “We just finished hosting 60 government officials from all around the world to showcase the region’s economic development assets. What an incredible week that was and a real opportunity to remind the world of the exceptional innovation happening here in our region.”

### VISION 2050 Awards

President Balducci expressed her pride in the work being done by everyone involved in bringing the region's long-term vision to life. She then announced the winners of this year's VISION 2050 Awards, which recognize the outstanding contributions of members towards this goal. She thanked the VISION 2050 Awards Selection Committee for their hard work and dedication. Noting that committee members included: Tacoma Deputy Mayor Kristina Walker (Chair), and its members included Emily Wittman from Aerospace Futures Alliance, Jason Gano from Master Builders of Pierce County and Lorelei Williams from WSP.

**On the ground** category—recognizes completed projects:

- **The North Star** – sponsored by Downtown Emergency Service Center, Bellwether Housing, SMR Architects, Exxel Pacific, Bank of America, King County Health and Housing, City of Seattle Office of Housing, Enterprise Community Partners, Washington State Department of Housing.

The North Star features 100 studio units of permanent supportive housing with supportive services and indoor/outdoor community spaces for single adults who are disabled and formerly homeless in Seattle’s Bitter Lake neighborhood.

- **Pendleton Place** – sponsored by Kitsap Mental Health Services, Community Frameworks, Bremerton Housing Authority, Washington State Department of Commerce Housing Trust Fund, Kitsap County/City of Bremerton Community Development Block Grant Program Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Kitsap Mental Health, SMR Architects, BJC Group Chemical Dependency and Therapeutic Court Program Local Sales Tax, United Way of Kitsap County, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, Kitsap Bank, JP Morgan Capital Corporation, and Regions Bank.

This project is the result of six years of work and an extraordinary community partnership, you got the sense from that list. Pendleton Place is the first large permanent supportive housing complex for Kitsap County adults who are



chronically homeless with severe mental illness, addictions and long-lasting health conditions.

- **Meadowdale Park Estuary & Beach Restoration** – sponsored by Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office, BNSF Railway Company, The Tulalip Tribes, Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee, NOAA Fisheries, Federal Rail Administration, WRIA, Salmon Recovery Council, Sno-King Watershed and The Edmonds Stream Team.

This salmon habitat restoration project includes a railroad bridge to restore the connection between the creek and Puget Sound and an accessible walkway under the bridge to facilitate visitors' safe passage to the beach.

- **Carbon Forest Credits for Environmental Stewardship** – sponsored by the City of Issaquah.

Issaquah's new tree preservation program has been working with a national nonprofit carbon registry to sell carbon credits as a new and innovative revenue source to support preservation.

**Planning ahead** category—recognizes great planning happening in the region:

- **Kitsap Transit's Long Range Transit Plan** – sponsored by Kitsap Transit. Their new plan has launched collaborative station area planning throughout Kitsap County. Three new High-Capacity Transit corridors have been identified for local communities to plan zoning change supportive of transit friendly development. This effort is unique by providing a foundation of transit focused planning in the local comprehensive plans under development.

**Working Together** category—recognizes the importance of strong partnerships in the region:

- **Pierce County Business Accelerator Program** – sponsored by Pierce County Economic Development Department, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, Asia Pacific Cultural Center, Tacoma-Pierce County Black Collective, Mi Centro, Korean Women's Association, City of Lakewood.

The Accelerator is centered around building generational wealth and resiliency by providing training for business owners with an emphasis on BIPOC, veteran and women entrepreneurs. The program is serving 200 BIPOC, veteran and women owned businesses. Participants receive six weeks of traditional business training and have access to capital managers to help them raise at least \$10,000 in capital that is matched by the county.

- **Snoqualmie Valley Transportation** – sponsored by City of North Bend and City of Snoqualmie.

A private, non-profit bus company that performs both regular route and door-to-door service for the public in the Snoqualmie Valley. SVT has partnered with the cities, Snoqualmie Tribe, regional transit, PSRC, WSDOT, three school districts, two library districts, two senior centers, two hospital districts, as well as all of the human service agencies to provide transformational mobility to a rural area.

President Balducci reported that Executive Director Josh Brown will present the awards in person throughout the summer.

President Balducci also acknowledged a local hero who is retiring this year. She stated “Doctor Anthony Chen is ending his time at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health District, and this will be his last General Assembly with us. Doctor Chen has been a member of our Growth Management Policy Board since 2010, successfully integrating health policies into our long-range regional vision as well as within Pierce County’s Comprehensive Planning, creating a model for other counties on how to consider health in all policies. You may remember that VISION 2050 Award winner from last year!

“I want to add that as we finally emerge from the health emergency of the past three years, we all understand better how important considering health is in planning for the future and how disruptive it can be when you haven’t. We owe a great deal to our healthcare providers at all levels.” She went on to say “Doctor Chen, we are so grateful for your service with us and to the region. Thank you.”

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Adoption of Minutes of PSRC Assembly Meeting held May 26, 2022**

**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded to adopt the minutes of the Puget Sound General Assembly meeting held May 26, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adoption of Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program**

Mayor Becky Erickson, who is also the Vice President and Chair of the Operations Committee, reviewed the biennial budget and work program for the fiscal years 2024-2025 with the Assembly. She explained that the budget was developed under the guidance of the Operations Committee and received a unanimous vote of support from the Executive Board after a review by the Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Board, and Economic Development Board.

Mayor Erickson stated that “the budget is a blueprint that will guide PSRC's work for the next two years. It is a balanced budget that supports the agency's regional planning mission and builds its reserves.

She commented “the primary work for the next two years is summarized in the Integrated Planning Timeline and includes PSRC's planning responsibilities in Regional Planning, Growth Management, Transportation, Economic Development, and Data Services.

“The revenues for the budget come from different sources, with 62% coming from Federal grants, 16% from local funds, 15% from Carryover Funds (which come from grant work that began in the last biennium and will continue in this biennium), 5% from State Funding and 1% from anticipated State and Federal Grants, as well as a Tenant Improvement allowance for the new office space.

“The expenditures for the budget include 44% for staff salaries, 25% for benefits, 13% for overhead, 10% for consultants and direct costs and 7% for the Reserve Fund.”

Mayor Erickson stated that “the budget includes a 4% increase per year in membership dues, which will be used to continue building PSRC's reserve fund. The Operations Committee identified the need to develop a formal contingency policy while developing the Fiscal Years 2016-2017 biennial budget and work program. They developed a formal policy based on the best practices suggested by the Government Finance Officers Association, which requires having a minimum funding of 2 months' operating expenses in reserve. To achieve this, PSRC began a series of dues increases to fund their contingency goal. With the adoption of this biennial budget, PSRC will be at 99% of that goal.”

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded to:**

- 1. Adopt the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program as recommended by the Executive Board on April 27, 2023; and**
- 2. Adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2023-01 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program to the appropriate federal and state funding agencies.**

**A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

**Election of Officers – Report of the Nominating Committee**

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, the outgoing PSRC President and Chair of the Nominating Committee acknowledged members of the committee:

- Port of Seattle Commissioner Ryan Calkins
- Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier
- Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin
- Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido
- Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell
- Port Orchard Mayor Rob Putaansuu

- Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers

She then reported on the committee's recommendations.

Chair Balducci reported that on May 4, the committee met to discuss the 2023 officers and are recommending Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson as President and Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers as Vice President.

There were no nominations from the floor.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded to adopt the slate of officers for President and Vice President presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

### Other Business

The Assembly heard from guest speaker Gil Penalosa, founder and chair of the non-profit organization 8 80 Cities, as well as the first Ambassador of World Urban Parks. 8 80 Cities is guided by the simple but powerful idea that if everything we do in our cities is great for an 8-year-old and an 80-year-old, then it will be better for all people.

Mr. Penalosa has worked in over 350 different cities on all six continents, providing consultation services to decisions makers in creating cities for all people. He made his first mark in Bogota, Colombia where he led the design and construction of over 200 parks, radically transforming the 113-hectare Simon Bolivar Park where millions of people walk, run, skate and bike.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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ADOPTED by the General Assembly this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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Mayor Becky Erickson, President  
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

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Josh Brown, Executive Director



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **ACTION ITEM**

May 7, 2024

**To:** PSRC General Assembly

**From:** Executive Dave Somers, Vice President

**Subject:** **Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget and Work Program**

### **AT ISSUE**

On Thursday, April 25, 2024, the Executive Board recommended the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget and Work Program for adoption by the General Assembly on May 30, 2024. The Budget and Work Program provides an overview of the agency's major work elements and includes an Integrated Planning Timeline on page 16. To view the entire document, please visit <https://www.psrc.org/about/budget>.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. **Adopt the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program as recommended by the Executive Board.**
2. **Adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2024-01 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program to the appropriate federal and state funding agencies.**

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

The Proposed Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program Fiscal Years 2024-2025 is \$44.8 million.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Puget Sound Regional Council is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization and state designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization for the four-county area and has specific responsibilities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs (IIJA) Act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Clean Air Act (CAA), the state Growth Management Act (GMA) and the Interlocal Agreement approved by PSRC members.

PSRC is funded through a combination of federal and state grants and local funds. The federal grants make up nearly 80 percent of the funding, while state grants contribute about 5 percent. Local funds provide 15 percent and are used to match the state and federal grants, and also fund work not covered by federal and state grants. The remaining 22 percent of funds are state and federal anticipated funds and carryover funds from the prior biennium to cover work that continues into the current budget.

The Operations Committee, which has primary responsibility for developing the annual Budget and Work Program, has had a number of briefings on the proposed Budget and Work Program. The Executive Board, Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board, and Economic Development District Board were also given briefings on the proposed Budget and Work Program in January and February. Under the direction of the Operations Committee, staff prepared and presented this recommended Budget and Work Program to the Executive Board at their March meeting, where it was approved and recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

To view the entire document, please visit <https://www.psrc.org/about/budget>.

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC Budget Manager, at [awerfelmann@psrc.org](mailto:awerfelmann@psrc.org) or (206) 688-8220.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Resolution PSRC-A-2024-01



Puget Sound Regional Council

**RESOLUTION NO. PSRC-A-2024-01**

**A RESOLUTION of the Puget Sound Regional Council  
Authorizing Submittal of the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental  
Biennial Budget and Work Program**

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), at its meeting on May 30, 2024, adopted the Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2025; and

**WHEREAS**, that the Executive Director of the Puget Sound Regional Council is authorized to submit to the federal and state agencies the grant application to carry out the Biennial Budget and Work Program, and all supporting information, including procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Economic Development Administration; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Federal Aviation Administration; the United States Geological Survey and the Washington State Department of Transportation; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Director is designated as the authorized official to execute grant contracts on behalf of the Puget Sound Regional Council with the United States Department of Transportation, the Economic Development Administration; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Federal Aviation Administration; the United States Geological Survey; and the Washington State Department of Transportation in support of the adopted budget and work program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Director of PSRC is authorized to incur costs beginning on July 1, 2024, and receive planning monies from the federal and state agencies and local jurisdictions pursuant to the adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 for the Puget Sound Regional Council.

**ADOPTED** by the Assembly this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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Becky Erickson, Mayor  
City of Poulsbo  
President, Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Josh Brown, Executive Director



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **ACTION ITEM**

May 7, 2024

**To:** PSRC General Assembly  
**From:** Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Chair, Nominating Committee  
**Subject:** **Election of Officers**

### **IN BRIEF**

The Nominating Committee will present its candidates for the offices of President and Vice President for the General Assembly's action on May 30, 2024. Additional candidates may be nominated at the Assembly meeting by any member.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**The General Assembly should adopt the slate of officers for President and Vice President presented by the Nominating Committee.**

### **DISCUSSION**

The Nominating Committee concluded its selection of candidates for PSRC President and Vice President by virtual meeting on May 16, 2024. The committee was chaired by Councilmember Claudia Balducci. Other Nominating Committee members included, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier, City of Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin, Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, City of Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell, Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, City of Port Orchard Mayor Rob Putaansuu, Port of Bremerton Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, City of Tacoma Councilmember Kristina Walker.

As noted in Article III, Section 2 of the Regional Council's Bylaws:

*"Elections: The President and Vice President of the Puget Sound Regional Council shall be elected by the General Assembly from the Executive Board membership and shall not be from the same county. Nomination of candidates*



*for the office of President and Vice President shall be presented annually to the General Assembly, at its first meeting of the calendar year, for the General Assembly's action."*

For additional information, please contact Councilmember Claudia Balducci, at [Claudia.balducci@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Claudia.balducci@kingcounty.gov) or 206-477-1006 or Josh Brown, at [jbrown@psrc.org](mailto:jbrown@psrc.org) or 206-464-7515.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

May 7, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** PSRC General Assembly  
**From:** Josh Brown, Executive Director  
**Subject:** **Transportation Safety: A Commitment to Action**

### **IN BRIEF**

PSRC will provide an overview of regional roadway safety trends, describe progress in developing a Regional Safety Action Plan and highlight local safety projects and programs that are making a difference in moving the region toward its goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our roadways.

### **DISCUSSION**

The central Puget Sound region is currently experiencing a traffic safety crisis. Roadway deaths have risen sharply since 2010, and an increasing number of those killed are people walking or riding a bike — our most vulnerable travelers — and the data shows that people of color are disproportionately impacted.

Acknowledging this crisis, safety was one of the key policy focus areas and a cross-cutting issue addressed throughout the Regional Transportation Plan adopted in 2022. In addition, VISION 2050 – the region’s overarching policy framework – includes a policy to support and achieve the state’s long-term goal of zero deaths and serious injuries.

In the last year, PSRC was awarded two planning grants through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All program, newly established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021. Totalling nearly \$8 million, these grants are funding the development of a Regional Safety Action Plan, as well as subawards to 15 local jurisdictions in the region – large and small – to develop roadway safety action plans tailored to their local needs.

USDOT has launched a Call-to-Action campaign, inviting local governments and other stakeholders to share how they are embracing the National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) vision of eliminating roadway fatalities. The Call-to-Action encourages redoubling efforts to:

- Take steps to actively reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on America's roads and streets
- Expand adoption of a Safe System Approach and a Zero Fatalities vision
- Transform how we as a nation think about road safety

## **NEXT STEPS**

PSRC has signed on to be an Ally in Action and encourages its members to join the effort to reach zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

As the work progresses, PSRC will help its members with data resources and technical support as future funding opportunities are available through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

For additional information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org) or 206-971-3286.

## **ATTACHMENT**

FHWA Safe System Brochure

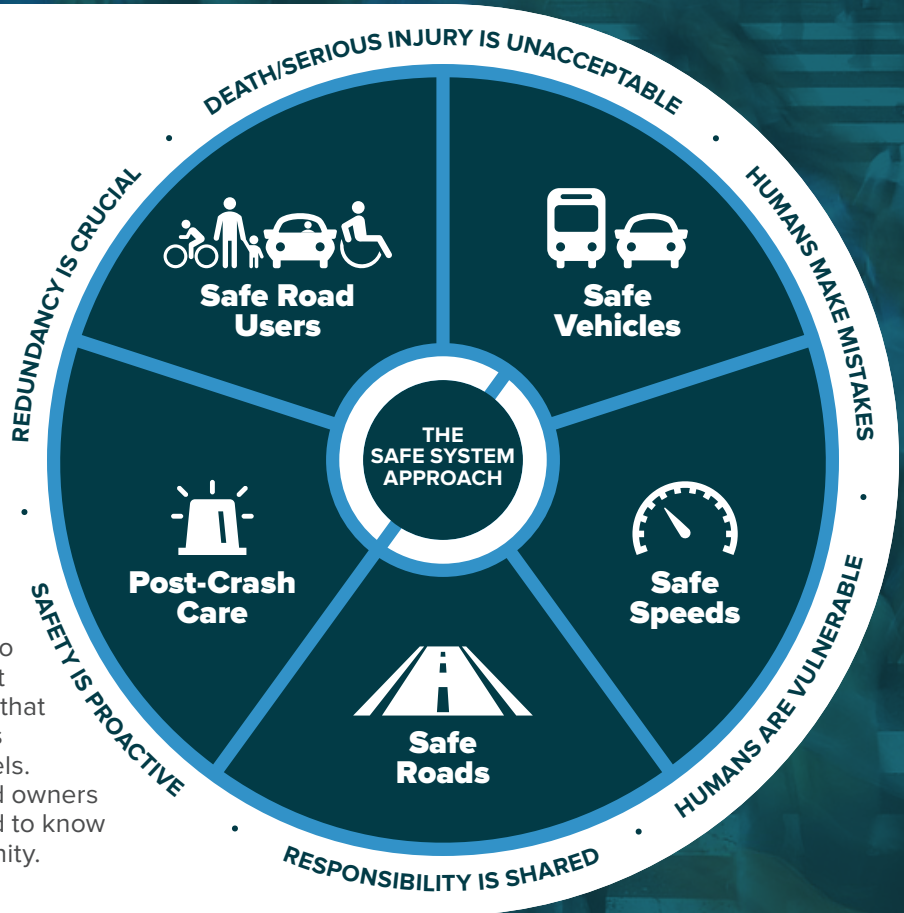


# SAFE SYSTEM

## APPROACH

**Zero is our goal. A Safe System is how we will get there.**

**Imagine a world where nobody has to die from vehicle crashes.** The Safe System approach aims to eliminate fatal & serious injuries for all road users. It does so through a holistic view of the road system that first anticipates human mistakes and second keeps impact energy on the human body at tolerable levels. Safety is an ethical imperative of the designers and owners of the transportation system. Here's what you need to know to bring the Safe System approach to your community.



## SAFE SYSTEM PRINCIPLES



### Death/Serious Injury is Unacceptable

While no crashes are desirable, the Safe System approach prioritizes crashes that result in death and serious injuries, since no one should experience either when using the transportation system.



### Humans Make Mistakes

People will inevitably make mistakes that can lead to crashes, but the transportation system can be designed and operated to accommodate human mistakes and injury tolerances and avoid death and serious injuries.



### Humans Are Vulnerable

People have limits for tolerating crash forces before death and serious injury occurs; therefore, it is critical to design and operate a transportation system that is human-centric and accommodates human vulnerabilities.



### Responsibility is Shared

All stakeholders (transportation system users and managers, vehicle manufacturers, etc.) must ensure that crashes don't lead to fatal or serious injuries.



### Safety is Proactive

Proactive tools should be used to identify and mitigate latent risks in the transportation system, rather than waiting for crashes to occur and reacting afterwards.



### Redundancy is Crucial

Reducing risks requires that all parts of the transportation system are strengthened, so that if one part fails, the other parts still protect people.



## SAFE SYSTEM ELEMENTS

**Making a commitment to zero deaths means addressing every aspect of crash risks through the five elements of a Safe System, shown below.** These layers of protection and shared responsibility promote a holistic approach to safety across the entire transportation system. The key focus of the Safe System approach is to reduce death and serious injuries through design that accommodates human mistakes and injury tolerances.



### Safe Road Users

The Safe System approach addresses the safety of all road users, including those who walk, bike, drive, ride transit, and travel by other modes.



### Safe Vehicles

Vehicles are designed and regulated to minimize the occurrence and severity of collisions using safety measures that incorporate the latest technology.



### Safe Speeds

Humans are unlikely to survive high-speed crashes. Reducing speeds can accommodate human injury tolerances in three ways: reducing impact forces, providing additional time for drivers to stop, and improving visibility.



### Safe Roads

Designing to accommodate human mistakes and injury tolerances can greatly reduce the severity of crashes that do occur. Examples include physically separating people traveling at different speeds, providing dedicated times for different users to move through a space, and alerting users to hazards and other road users.



### Post-Crash Care

When a person is injured in a collision, they rely on emergency first responders to quickly locate them, stabilize their injury, and transport them to medical facilities. Post-crash care also includes forensic analysis at the crash site, traffic incident management, and other activities.

## THE SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH VS. TRADITIONAL ROAD SAFETY PRACTICES

### Traditional

- Prevent crashes →
- Improve human behavior →
- Control speeding →
- Individuals are responsible →
- React based on crash history →

### Safe System

- Prevent deaths and serious injuries
- Design for human mistakes/limitations
- Reduce system kinetic energy
- Share responsibility
- Proactively identify and address risks

Whereas traditional road safety strives to modify human behavior and prevent all crashes, the Safe System approach also refocuses transportation system design and operation on anticipating human mistakes and lessening impact forces to reduce crash severity and save lives.

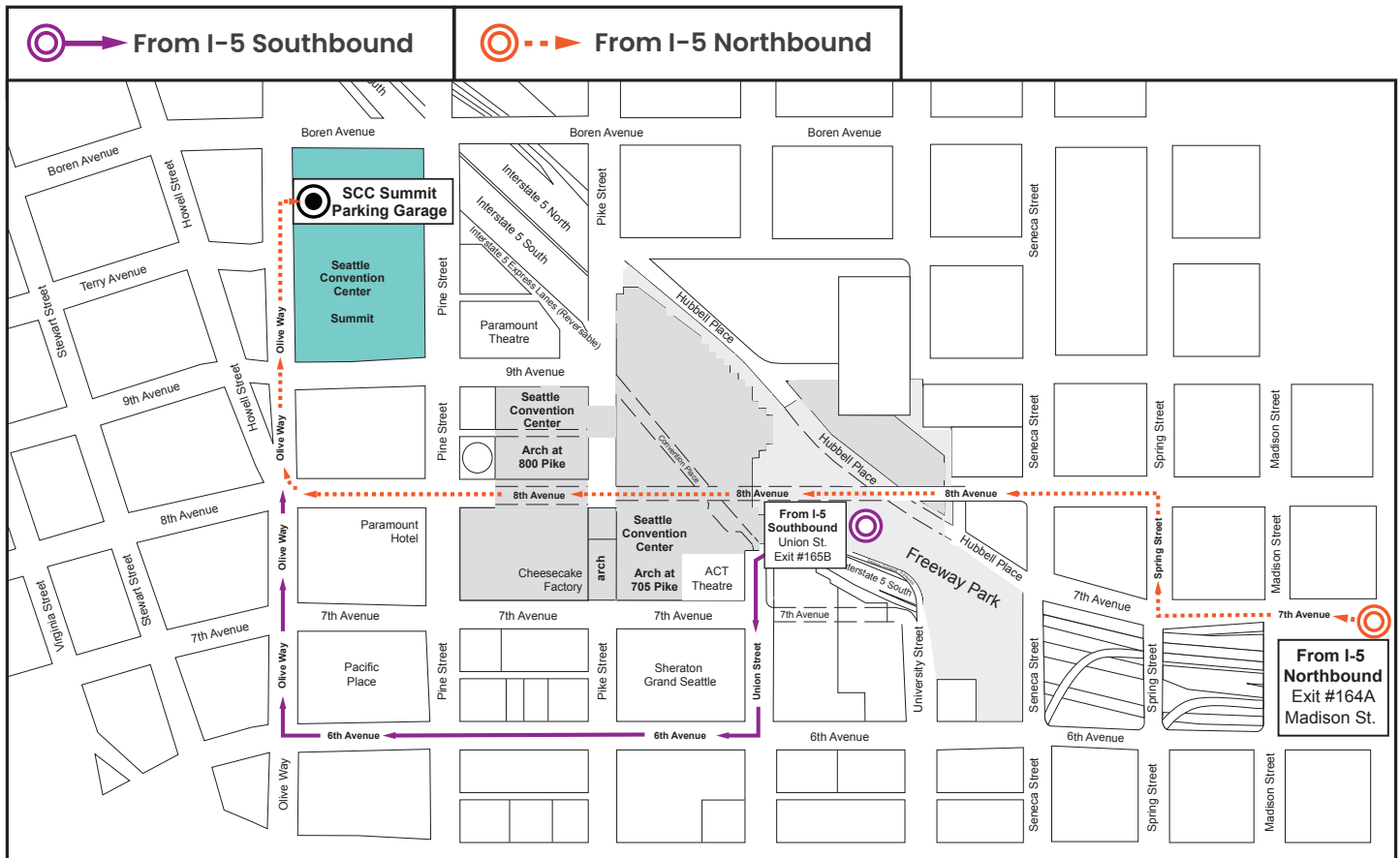
WHERE ARE  
**YOU** ON THE  
SAFE SYSTEM  
JOURNEY?

Implementing the Safe System approach is our shared responsibility, and we all have a role. It requires shifting how we think about transportation safety and how we prioritize our transportation investments. Consider applying a Safe System lens to upcoming projects and plans in your community: put safety at the forefront and design to accommodate human mistakes and injury tolerances. Visit [safety.fhwa.dot.gov/zerodeaths](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/zerodeaths) to learn more.



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