



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 9:30-11:30 am

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Jason Sullivan, City of Bonney Lake*
- 2. Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for April 18, 2024*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
- 3. Discussion Item (9:40)**
 - a. Plan Review Work Plan and Approach* – *Maggie Moore, PSRC*
- 4. Discussion Item (10:20)**
 - a. Household Travel Survey Program* – *Brian Lee & Suzanne Childress, PSRC*
- 5. Discussion Item (10:40)**
 - a. Washington Geological Survey Resources* – *Tricia Sears & Alex Steely, WA Department of Natural Resources*
- 6. Discussion Item (11:15)**
 - a. Industrial Lands Analysis Update Report* – *Jason Thibedeau, PSRC*
- 7. 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!
- 8. Next meeting: June 20, 2024**
- 9. Adjourn (11:30)**

*Supporting materials attached.

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: April 18, 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

Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, welcomed committee members and provided short updates on upcoming policy and Executive Board meetings and reviewed the status of ongoing projects in the work program.

Paul asked committee members to remind elected officials 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. at the Seattle Convention Center – Summit Building. He also shared that the state of Washington has salmon recovery grants available, and that the upcoming Growth Management Policy Board agenda packet will have more information regarding this opportunity. Questions about the grant? Contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org.

Discussion: Transfer of Development Rights Technical Assistance Opportunity

Angela San Filippo, with the Washington State Department of Commerce, briefed 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).

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

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

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

Gil Cerise, Program Manager, briefed the committee 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.

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

For more information, contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org, or Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Discussion: PSRC Equity Tracker

Brian Lee, Program Manager, and Kristin Mitchell, Assistant Planner, briefed the RSC on the Equity Tracker project, a significant undertaking within the [Regional Equity Strategy](#), and presented a preview of this tool.

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

For more information, contact Brian Lee, Program Manager, at blee@psrc.org, or Mary Richards, Associate Planner, at mrichards@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
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
Angela San Filippo, WA State Department of Commerce
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Brian Lee, PSRC
David Dixon, PSRC
Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, City of Bellevue
Olivia Ng, PSRC
Jennifer Sutton
Katie Enders, PSRC
Erika Harris, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Nancy Buonanno Grennan, PSRC
Pauline Mogilevsky

ATTACHMENT:

A. RSC Member Attendance for the April 18, 2024, Meeting

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

Memo 2.a

Jurisdiction	Member	Jurisdiction	Member
King County	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office	Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies	
	McCaela Daffern, King County	R FHWA	1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt	R	Vacant Alt
	Valerie Kendall, King County Alt	FTA	1 Ned Conroy, Community Planner
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity/Social Justice, Co-Chair	R	Danielle Casey Alt
	Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt	R Health	1 Cristina Ciupitu-Plath, Snohomish County
	Dan Cardwell, King County	R	Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1
	Susan McLain, Permitting Alt		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
	Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt		Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt
Economic Dev.	1 Ashton Allison, King Co Exec Office, Econ Dev	PSCAA	1 Jennifer Keene, Program Director
	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
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R Partnership	Bebhinn Gilbert Alt
	Patrice Carroll, OPCD Alt	R Sound Transit	1 Matt Shelden, Planning & Innovation
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt	R	Alex Krieg, Planning & Integration Alt
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev	R Tribal	1 Vacant
	Katie Kuciemba Halse, Transportation, Alt	Representatives	Vacant Alt
Cities/Towns	3 Diana Hart, City of Kirkland	US EPA	1 Susan Sturges
	Jeff Churchill, City of Redmond	R	Erik Peterson Alt
	Brian Davis, City of Federal Way	US HUD	1 Gary Gant, Director
	Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah Alt	R	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
	Jeff Rimack, Alt		Matthew Kenna, WSDOT Alt
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director	PSRC Committees	
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt	PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
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
	Vacant Alt		Vacant Alt
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Community 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 Development, Port Orchard	R SNTC	1 Susan Carter, SNTC Chair
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt		Vacant Alt
Pierce County	1 Lauren Flemister, Assistant Director	R TDM	1 Jennifer Hass, Community Transit
	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		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 Svcs		
	Vacant		
Cities/Towns	1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup	R	
	Chris Larson, Fife, Alt		
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	R	
	Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt		
Transit	1 Melissa Cauley, Community Transit		
	Melinda Adams, Everett Transit Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Neepaporn Boungjaktha, Economic Dev		
	Vacant Alt		
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director	R	
	Becky Ableman McCrary, Long Range Planning Mgr		
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director		
	Vacant Alt		
Total Members	51	Attended	32



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Maggie Moore, Senior Planner
Subject: **Plan Review Work Plan and Approach**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will brief the committee on the process for reviewing and certifying 2024 comprehensive plan updates.

BOARD CALENDAR

This topic is scheduled for discussion by the Growth Management Policy Board at their meeting on June 6th and by the Executive Board at their meeting on June 27th.

DISCUSSION

Each of the region's 82 cities and towns and four counties are updating their local comprehensive plan to continue shaping their community and planning for growth. Comprehensive plans are 20-year plans for growth, are intended to create a meaningful, community-driven vision for local communities, and collectively plan to address interconnected regional issues. State law requires PSRC to review and certify local comprehensive plans.

Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and PSRC have worked together to develop an overall process ([Adopted Policy and Plan Review Process](#)) for reviewing and certifying local, countywide, regional, and transit agency policies and plans. PSRC reviews local comprehensive plans for consistency with [VISION 2050](#), the [Regional Transportation Plan](#), and aspects of the Growth Management Act.

With the adoption of VISION 2050, PSRC updated the [Plan Review Manual](#) to reflect updated regional policies and provide details on how plans and policies are reviewed

and certified. The manual provides guidance and VISION Consistency Tools for aligning plans and policies with VISION 2050 and requirements in state law.

PSRC's review of plans takes place in two stages. PSRC staff review draft plans before adoption, which includes reviewing for consistency with the [VISION 2050 Consistency Tool](#), meeting with local staff, and providing comments on areas for improvement. Once a plan is adopted, PSRC staff will review for consistency and provide a draft report with a certification recommendation, along with comments for future work. The Growth Management Board and Transportation Policy Board will make certification recommendations to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will make the final decision on certification for local comprehensive plans.

At the May meeting, staff will provide the committee an update on the plan review process, highlight early findings from draft plans, and discuss the certification process.

NEXT STEPS

PSRC staff continue to review and comment on draft comprehensive plans. Once comprehensive plans have been adopted, PSRC's boards will consider certification recommendations.

For additional information, please contact Maggie Moore, Senior Planner, at mmoore@psrc.org or 206-464-6171.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Brian H. Y. Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager – Data Solutions and Research
Subject: **Household Travel Survey Program**

IN BRIEF

Staff will present early insights from the 2023 household travel survey (HTS) data and provide information about the upcoming 2025 HTS.

BOARD CALENDAR

This topic is not scheduled for policy or Executive Board meetings and is intended to provide regional staff an overview of upcoming work in the PSRC household travel survey program, and highlight an opportunity for members to purchase 2025 “add-on” data samples focused on their jurisdictions or areas of interest.

DISCUSSION

PSRC started a new eight-year, four-wave [Household Travel Survey \(HTS\) Program](#) in 2023, following a successful six-year, three-wave HTS program to collect activity and travel data from the region’s residents in 2017, 2019, and 2021. This data resource supports agency planning work, including the development of PSRC’s regional land use and travel forecast models, and the monitoring of behavioral trends.

Data from the 2023 HTS wave was published in April 2024 on the [PSRC Data Portal](#). In this May RSC meeting, staff will provide early insights from the 2023 data to reveal select trends since the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to analyzing the 2023 data, staff is working on the data collection plan for the 2025 HTS wave. Once again, PSRC will provide an opportunity for member agencies to purchase 2025 “add-on” data samples focused on their jurisdictions or

areas of interest. PSRC plan to extend the existing contract for consulting services to perform the data collection work and expect the project to begin in the fall. Commitments for add-on purchases from members in the form of executed memorandums of agreement with PSRC are required prior to project commencement. Data collection will take place in spring 2025 and data processing will last through summer and fall. Data delivery is expected in winter 2026.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will keep the committee updated on results from the 2023 HTS and progress on planning for the 2025 HTS.

For additional information, please contact Brian Lee, Program Manager – Data Solutions and Research, at blee@psrc.org, or Suzanne Childress, Principal Data Scientist, at schildress@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
Subject: **Washington Geological Survey Resources**

IN BRIEF

Tricia Sears and Alex Steely from the Washington Geological Survey (WGS) will provide an overview of WGS and share resources WGS has available to support planning and decision-making, including planning for geologic hazards.

BOARD CALENDAR

This topic is not scheduled for policy or Executive Board meetings and is intended to provide regional staff an overview of a general planning resource useful to the development of local comprehensive plans.

DISCUSSION

Washington Geological Survey (WGS) scientists are experts in many aspects of geology. Much of the work includes a focus on geologic hazards, mineral resources, and climate resilience. WGS works with planners, geologists, and other professionals in local, state, and tribal jurisdictions to share reports, maps, and other geologic products, and engage in outreach. The products and outreach support decision-making across multiple levels of government across Washington State.

In Washington State, the most significant geological hazards are earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic events, and landslides. Other geologic hazards include subsidence above improperly reclaimed mines and exposure to hazardous minerals like radon. Climate change and human alteration of the environment exacerbate the impacts of natural hazards on people, property, and infrastructure, increasing the need for hazard identification and efforts to minimize risk and mitigate impacts.

GMA requires local governments to adopt comprehensive plans and development regulations to guide future growth and development. Comprehensive plans and development regulations help shape land use, natural hazards mitigation, emergency management, and other decisions that take into account factors such as, but not limited to, geologic hazard locations.

There are at least three key areas in GMA that WGS can provide more collaboration and technical assistance on: critical areas (which contain geologically hazardous areas), best available science, and mineral resource lands.

Landslides are one of the multiple geologic hazards WGS researches. WGS recently published an updated *Landslide Hazard Mapping in Washington Fact Sheet*. The [Fact Sheet](#) describes WGS landslide hazard mapping. Lidar-based landslide hazard mapping assists land-use planners, emergency managers, public works staff, and those who live and work where landslides could impact their daily lives.

Some of the additional resources available from WGS include:

- Geologic Information Portal: [Geologic Information Portal | WA - DNR](#)
- Geologic Planning in Washington Fact Sheet [ger fs geologic planning.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Aggregate Resource Mapping in Washington Fact Sheet [ger fs aggregate.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)
- WGS home page, including the newest info posted under “what’s new”. [Washington Geological Survey | WA - DNR](#)

There are many other resources available on the WGS website.

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at 206-464-7549 or pinghram@psrc.org, or Tricia Sears at tricia.sears@dnr.wa.gov.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Jason Thibedeau, Program Manager – Economic Development
Subject: **Industrial Lands Analysis Update Report**

IN BRIEF

Staff will provide the Regional Staff Committee with a recap of the project timeline and key findings for the recently released draft regional Industrial Lands Analysis update.

BOARD CALENDAR

This topic was reviewed by the Growth Management Policy Board at their meeting on May 2nd and is scheduled as a discussion item on the June 5th Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION

In 2015, PSRC developed an Industrial Lands Analysis that assessed economic activity on industrial lands in the region and analyzed the region's ability to accommodate economic growth on industrial lands. VISION 2050 and the 2022 Regional Economic Strategy (RES) both include calls to update the Regional Industrial Lands Analysis to refresh the inventory of industrial lands, evaluate supply and demand for industrial land across all industry sectors, and research trends for industrial uses as technology and markets evolve.

In 2022, PSRC staff began stakeholder outreach to help identify trends in the region's industrial lands and gather insights into the development of the Industrial Lands Analysis update. This included a survey of local jurisdictions and other governments with industrial land assets to gather perspectives on trends that are impacting industrial lands. Interviews were conducted with staff from regional cities, counties, ports, and tribal governments, as well as peer regional governments in California and British

Columbia to better understand recent trends. In addition, discussions on trends and key findings were held with regional board and committees including the Growth Management Policy Board, Economic Development District Board, Regional Staff Committee, Freight Advisory Committee, and the Transportation Choices Coalition's Community Partners group.

Throughout 2023, staff provided updates on data and findings to provide opportunities to hear from elected officials and local staff on the industrial trends that their communities are experiencing. In late 2023, PSRC staff worked to further validate findings through outreach to regional stakeholders to gather qualitative and quantitative information to validate and provide context to the industrial lands inventory and the regional industrial trends identified in the report. Staff last shared an update on the industrial lands analysis update project with RSC at its October 2023 meeting.

Staff developed a draft report which includes a regional industrial lands inventory and analysis of key regional trends which was released in April 2024. Findings from the analysis fell into the following categories:

- **Supply of Industrial Lands:** Concerns regarding the availability of industrial lands to meet the current and future needs of industry.
- **Positive Drivers of Demand:** Historic industries continue to drive demand on industrial lands, as well as the emergence of newer sectors.
- **Incompatible and Undesired Uses:** Continued pressure for incompatible and less desirable uses on industrial lands.
- **Impacts to Communities:** Activities on industrial lands having impacts on regional residents, tribes, and the environment.
- **Maintenance Costs:** Challenges that jurisdictions face related to the costs of maintenance of industrial lands.
- **Workforce:** Current and projected shortages of workers for industrial activities and demographic representation in this workforce.
- **Transit Investments:** Potential benefits and challenges of new high-capacity transit investments.
- **Goods Movement:** The impact of increasing traffic on the region's industrial supply chains.

NEXT STEPS

The draft regional Industrial Lands Analysis update is available on the project's [web page](#), with release of the final report targeted for summer 2024. PSRC encourages jurisdictions to use the regional and manufacturing center industrial lands information both to complete their comprehensive plan updates and to continue to plan for employment growth in their communities.

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau, Program Manager – Economic Development, at jthibedeau@psrc.org or at 206-389-2879.



SAVE THE DATE

Puget Sound Regional Council

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

 **May 30, 2024 | 9:30 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**, to vote on major decisions, establish the budget, and elect new officers. Please save the date!

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

Registration will open in **early April**.

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.