



Puget Sound Regional Council

# Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Hybrid Meeting – PSRC Board Room: 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (10:00) – Councilmember Conrad Lee, EDD President**
2. **Communications and Public Comment**  
Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.
3. **President's Remarks (10:15)**
4. **Staff Report (10:25)**
5. **Consent Agenda - Action Items (10:40)**
  - a. Approve Minutes of Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board Meeting held March 6, 2024
  - b. Approve Vouchers dated March 29, 2024 in the amount of \$142.50

c. Adopt Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program (FY2024-2025)

**6. Discussion Item (10:55)**

a. Boeing in Washington – *Susan Champlain, Senior Director of Northwest Region Government Operations, Boeing*

**7. Discussion Item (11:15)**

a. Washington’s Information and Communications Technology Sector – *Dr. Joseph Williams, Washington State Department of Commerce*

**8. Discussion Item (11:45)**

a. Industrial Lands Analysis Update – *Katie Enders, PSRC*

**9. Information Items**

a. PSRC Staff Report

**10. Next Meeting: September 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**11. Adjourn (12:00)**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

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

The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, President. To determine attendance and a quorum was present, a verbal roll call was conducted by staff.

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<https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings>.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Strakeljahn shared that today his term as President will end. The Nominating Committee will propose Councilmember Lee as President and Councilmember Morell as Vice President. In addition, both Presidential Appointments and Executive Committee membership will be brought forth for ratification by the board. Following these items, PSRC Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey, will provide the board with a WA State Legislative update. Other briefings include Regional Workforce Development efforts, led by William Dowling, Director of the Olympic WDC, and the Greater Seattle Partners work program, led by Brian Surratt, President & CEO, and Rebecca Lovell, COO, of Greater Seattle Partners.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included as information items in the March 6, 2024 agenda

packet, on pages 23-34. This agenda, as well as past materials for the board, can be found on the [Economic Development District Board webpage](#).

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held November 29, 2023
- b. Approve Vouchers dated October 31, 2023 thru December 4, 2023 in the amount of \$774.98

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Stern/Morell) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed. Commissioner Simpson and Councilmember Rhyne abstained.**

## **ACTION ITEM: ELECTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OFFICERS**

The bylaws of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District state that the Board of Directors must elect their President and Vice President for a two-year term at the Annual Meeting. The nominating committee recommended Councilmember Lee as President and Councilmember Morell as Vice President for the 2024-2026 term:

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Assefa-Dawson/Greer) to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Councilmember Conrad Lee as President and Councilmember Dave Morell as Vice President, for the 2024-2026 term. The motion passed.**

## **ACTION ITEM: RATIFICATION OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS**

The Bylaws of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District give the board President authority to make appointments to the board to ensure adequate representation and diversity in the makeup of the board. President Lee nominated the following Presidential Appointments for the 2024-2026 term.

- Tom Florino, Director, Worldwide Economic Development, Amazon
- Terry Ryan, Aerospace Economic Development Director, Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport
- Michael Greer, President and CEO, ArtsFund
- Brian Surratt, President and CEO, Greater Seattle Partners

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Stern/Simpson) to ratify the proposed list of Presidential Appointment seats on the board, for the 2024-2026 term. The motion passed.**

## **ACTION ITEM: RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The EDD bylaws state that each year the board must vote to ratify the Executive Committee appointed by the President. President Lee nominated the following individuals to the serve on the 2024-2025 Executive Committee:

- Councilmember Conrad Lee, City of Bellevue – EDD President
- Councilmember Dave Morell, Pierce County – EDD Vice President
- Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton
- Tom Florino, Director, Worldwide Economic Development, Amazon
- Terry Ryan, Aerospace Economic Development Director, Paine Field/Snohomish County Airport
- Councilmember Ed Stern, City of Poulsbo
- Andrea Reay, President & CEO, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber
- Brian Surratt, President & CEO, Greater Seattle Partners

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Assefa-Dawson/Ralph) to ratify the proposed slate of Executive Committee members for the 2024-2025 term. The motion passed.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

PSRC is continuing to track the work of the Washington State Legislature related to PSRC priorities. Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey, briefed the board on bills regarding housing, transportation, and other topics.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS**

The central Puget Sound region's Local Workforce Development Boards provided an update on statewide and regional workforce development initiatives, including recent investments in the Economic Security for All initiative. The briefing was led by William Dowling, Director, Olympic WDC.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: GREATER SEATTLE PARTNERS**

Greater Seattle Partners (GSP), a regional public-private economic development organization focused on global business attraction, site selection and promoting investment and trade opportunities in the region, provided an update on recent work and planned efforts for 2024. The briefing was led by Brian Surratt, President & CEO, and Rebecca Lovell, COO, Greater Seattle Partners.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The board will meet on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

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Councilmember Conrad Lee, President  
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – March 6, 2024

<b>Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board</b>			
Voting Members		Voting Members	
<b>King County</b>	2	EXEC Dow Constantine	<b>Ports</b>
		Vacant Alt	Port of Bremerton
		Ashton Allison Alt	1
		CM Reagan Dunn	Port of Everett
		Vacant Alt	1
		Cody Eccles Alt	1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1
		CM Cathy Moore Alt	
		Vacant Alt	Port of Tacoma
		MYR Bruce Harrell	1
		Vacant Alt	1
		Markham McIntyre Alt	<b>Commerce</b>
Bellevue	1	CM Conrad Lee*	1
		MYR Lynne Robinson Alt	Chambers of Commerce
		Corbin Hart Alt	1
Cities/Towns	2	CM Larry Brown, Auburn	<b>Economic Development</b>
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	1
		CM Ed Prince, Renton Alt	EDC - Seattle & King
		MYR Dana Ralph, Kent Alt	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Charlotte Garrido	1
		COM Katie Walters Alt	EASC - Snohomish
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
		CM Jennifer Chamberlin Alt	EDB - Tacoma & Pierce
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*	1
		Vacant	<b>Workforce Development Councils</b>
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Dave Morell*	1
		CM Marty Campbell Alt	WDC - Olympic
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1
		CM Kiara Daniels Alt	WorkForce Central
Cities/Towns	1	DM Bryan Yambe, City of Fife	1
		CM Nikki Bufford, City of Fircrest Alt	WSLC
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead	1
		CM Megan Dunn Alt	April Sims, WSLC President
Everett	1	CM Paula Rhyne	1
		Vacant Alt	Chelsea Mason-Placek Alt
		Dan Ernisse Alt	<b>Presidential Appointments</b>
Cities/Towns	1	CM Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam, Arlington	1
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt	1
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>			<b>Non-voting Members</b>
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant	PSRC President, Ex-Officio
		Vacant Alt	Bob Drewel
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman	PSRC President
		CM Jay Mills Alt	MYR Becky Erickson
			Bill Bulis, Executive Director
			Russell Byrd, CPLO Alt
			<b>Abbreviations</b>
			CM Councilmember
<b>Voting</b>	34	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	* Executive Committee
			COM Commissioner
			1 = Voting Member for Meeting
			CHR Chair





**ATTACHMENTS**

A. A/P Check Batches



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Date: May 29, 2024

A/P Check Batches		
Dated	Check Numbers	Amount
(Payroll – 03/29/24)	41754, 41822	\$142.50
Hand Checks		\$0.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b><u>\$142.50</u></b>

**Payment Certification RCW(42.24.080)**

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, the labor performed as described, or that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claim(s) is(are) just, due and unpaid obligations against the above-named governmental unit, that we are authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim(s).

**Authorized District Signature(s) for Payment Claims (Auditing Officer(s) or Board Member(s)):**

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## Check Summary Report

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Check Number	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
41754	3/29/2024	Enders	Per Diem - WEDA Conference	71.25
41822	3/29/2024	Thibedeau	Per Diem - WEDA Conference	71.25
<b>Total</b>				142.50



## Puget Sound Regional Council

June 5, 2024

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board  
**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager  
**Subject:** **Adopt Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program (FY2024-2025)**

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt the Economic Development District element of PSRC's Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget and Work Program as the budget for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (EDD) is a nonprofit corporation in the State of Washington. The EDD has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Puget Sound Regional Council under which the two agencies have consolidated staff services to increase government efficiency and further integrate the EDD's economic development work with the regional growth management and transportation planning at PSRC. Through the MOA, PSRC provides contract services to support EDD's work program.

The Puget Sound Regional Council operates under a two-year (biennial) budget and work program. The Economic Development District (Task 300) element of PSRC's biennial budget serves as the basis for the budget for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District organization. The EDD Board is required in its bylaws to take action to adopt its budget.

PSRC's overall budget and work program supports regional objectives, local government priorities, and legal mandates associated with PSRC's responsibilities as the federal Metropolitan Planning Organization, state Regional Transportation Planning Organization, as well as facilitator of the region's Economic Development District. The

work program covers regional transportation, growth and economic development planning, and technical, data and administrative services.

PSRC's General Assembly adopted the agency's Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget and Work Program on May 30, 2024 which covers the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. The adopted budget includes agency revenues and expenditures of \$44.8 million.

The adopted budget contains an Economic Development District (Task 300) element, which includes revenues and expenditures of \$501,000. Revenues for Task 300 consist of \$200,000 in grant funding provided to the EDD through a Partnership Planning Program grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, as well as \$301,000 in EDD dues collected from PSRC's membership to provide a required match. There were no changes in revenues or expenditures to the Economic Development District (Task 300) adopted as part of the supplemental budget. The full adopted budget is available online at <https://www.psrc.org/about/budget>.

In November 2023, the EDD Board met to establish [Economic Development Priorities for 2024](#), which are used as a work plan to guide board and staff efforts to implement the Regional Economic Strategy over the upcoming year. Agency economic development efforts frequently require funding beyond Task 300 to implement, including contributions from regional partners, grants from the EDA or other sources. In addition, economic development efforts are funded through other PSRC budget tasks including Regional Planning (Task 000), which supports agency wide departmental administration, special projects and other support tasks, and Council Support (Task 500) element which supports agency-wide communications as well as EDD board management assistance.

### **Budget Development Timeline**

- Late 2023: PSRC staff developed the draft Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program (FY2024-2025) in partnership with PSRC's Operations Committee.
- November 2023: EDD Board met to develop the 2024 Economic Development Priorities, laying out its work for the current year.
- January 2024 - March 2024: The draft supplemental budget was shared with the Executive Board, Economic Development District Board, Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board and the Regional Staff Committee. The Economic Development District Board was invited to provide comments to the Operations Committee.
- April 2024: The Operations Committee considered comments and recommended approval of the budget by PSRC's Executive Board. The Executive Board recommended the budget for adoption by the General Assembly.
- May 30, 2024: PSRC's General Assembly adopted the Draft Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program (FY2024-2025).
- June 5, 2024: EDD Board is being asked to adopt the Economic Development

District element (Task 300) of PSRC's Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program (FY2024-2025) as the budget for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District.

The Economic Development District Board is being asked to adopt the Economic Development District element (Task 300) of PSRC's Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program (FY2024-2025) as the budget for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District.

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



## Puget Sound Regional Council

June 5, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board  
**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager  
**Subject:** **Boeing in Washington**

### **IN BRIEF**

A representative from Boeing will provide an overview of the company's work and community investment efforts.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the June board meeting, Susan Champlain, Senior Director of Northwest Region Government Operations at Boeing, will provide an update to the EDD Board. Senior Director Champlain will discuss the work happening within its regional facilities, as well as contributions made to the local community. With more employees in Washington than anywhere else in the world, Boeing is proud to be a part of the region's growth and future development.

The Boeing Company is a leading global aerospace company that manufactures and services commercial airplanes, defense products and space systems for customers in more than 150 countries. As a top U.S. exporter, the company leverages the talents of a global supplier base to advance economic opportunity, sustainability, and community impact. Boeing's diverse team is committed to innovating for the future and cultivating a culture based on the company's core values of safety, quality, and integrity.

For additional information, please contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at [jthibedeau@psrc.org](mailto:jthibedeau@psrc.org) or 206-389-2879.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

June 5, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board  
**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager  
**Subject:** **Washington's Information and Communications Technology Sector**

### **IN BRIEF**

Washington State Department of Commerce's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector lead will provide an assessment of the region's ICT sector and Commerce's plans to help support this sector's growth.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Washington State Department of Commerce's Office of Economic Development and Competitiveness focuses on supporting innovation to create new business opportunities and jobs that strengthen communities throughout the state. Commerce has appointed a number of sector leads who work closely with the governor, industry and government leaders to forge and promote public-private partnerships, enhance the workforce for the 21st century in targeted, high-growth industries, and advance broad stroke strategies that support small business growth and expansion statewide.

Dr. Joseph Williams serves as the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector lead at Commerce after serving as the Seattle Director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory from 2019 to 2022. He previously held the ICT sector lead role from 2016 to 2019. Dr. Williams will lead Commerce's work with industry stakeholders and partners to deepen Washington's status as a world leader in quantum computing, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence, and will report to the Legislature on 2022's Blockchain Work Group bill (SB5544).

Dr. Williams will provide an assessment of the state's ICT sector, and an overview of Commerce's plans to help support the sector's growth including leveraging key federal funding.



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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

June 5, 2024

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board  
**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager  
**Subject:** **Industrial Lands Analysis Update**

### **IN BRIEF**

Staff will provide the Economic Development District Board with a briefing on the project timeline and key findings for the recently released draft regional Industrial Lands Analysis update.

### **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 from the project 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 project with the EDD at its November 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](#). Release of the final report is 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, Economic Development Program Manager, at [jthibedeau@psrc.org](mailto:jthibedeau@psrc.org) or 206-389-2879.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### INFORMATION ITEM

June 5, 2024

**To:** Economic Development District Board

**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

**Subject:** **June 2024 Staff Report**

### DISCUSSION

#### **Industrial Lands Analysis Update**

In April, PSRC released a draft Industrial Lands Analysis Update. The report includes a regional industrial lands inventory, an evaluation of supply and demand for industrial lands and analysis of key regional trends. This work was guided by both the Economic Development District Board and the Growth Management Policy Board. Read the report [here](#).

#### **Funding for Ferries**

In March, the Washington State Legislature adopted the Supplemental Transportation Budget that included robust funding for Washington State Ferries (WSF). These investments address cost increases for vessel construction and conversion, preservation, additional service for the Bremerton and Vashon passenger only ferry service and fund an economic impact study of the WSF system. In May, PSRC delivered a letter from 38 local elected leaders from across the region to leadership of the U.S. House and Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittees urgently requesting funding for federal ferry grant programs at the highest level possible in FY 2025 appropriations. There are three competitive federal ferry funding opportunities coming up in the next year. PSRC is continuing to work with local and federal leaders to support the region's ferry system.

#### **Transit Agency Mechanics**

In the fall of 2023, PSRC organized a discussion with regional transit agencies regarding workforce challenges related to greater adoption of zero emission transit vehicles. Through the beginning of the year, PSRC worked with each agency to detail challenges being faced and to aggregate workforce data. PSRC staff will be meeting

with the Transportation Policy Board's Transit Caucus to discuss findings and possible next steps.

### **Comprehensive Plan Reviews**

Regional cities and counties are working on updating their comprehensive plans by the end of 2024. PSRC staff have begun reviewing draft plans and providing comments on areas for improvement. Once adopted by the jurisdiction, PSRC staff will review for consistency and provide a draft report with a certification recommendation, along with comments for future work. The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board will make certification recommendations to the Executive Board, which will make the final decision on certification.

### **PSRC General Assembly**

On May 30, PSRC's General Assembly met at the Seattle Convention Center. The General Assembly includes all mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions. At the meeting, the General Assembly adopted PSRC's Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget and Work Program, which includes funding for the work of the Economic Development District.

### **PSRC Equity Tracker**

PSRC has been working on an Equity Tracker that uses data to help measure wellbeing for different communities in the region. This resource will track progress on equity-related VISION 2050 goals and policies including measures that cover the economy, climate change, communities and health, environment, housing, public services, transportation and regional collaboration. The Equity Tracker website is now live (<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/equity/equity-tracker>) and is being tested and refined.

### **TOOLBOX Session: Office to Residential Conversion**

On Friday, August 2, PSRC will be hosting a TOOLBOX session examining efforts to convert unused office space to residential uses. Open to the public, the TOOLBOX Series is focused on best practices and resources for local planning and implementation. The session will provide information, resources, and tools and include presentations on local projects as well as projects from other regions. For more information on this and other sessions, visit: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/toolbox>.

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