



Puget Sound Regional Council

Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Optional: Post-Meeting Q&A from 7:30-8:00 pm

1. Welcome (5:30) – *Debbie Lacy & Maria Fergus, Co-Chairs*

2. Reports

- a. Meeting Summary for May 2, 2024*
- b. EAC Member Announcements
- c. Staff Announcements*
- d. GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries*

3. Discussion Item (6:00)

- a. Title VI Demographic Profile* – *Carol Naito, PSRC*

4. Break (6:30)

5. Discussion Item (6:40)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process* – *Gil Cerise & Jean Kim, PSRC*

6. Zoom Poll (7:25)

7. Next meeting: July 11, 2024

8. Adjourn (7:30)

Optional Post-Meeting Q&A (7:30) – *Charles Patton, PSRC*

*Supporting materials attached.

Members can access the attendance sheet [here](#) to complete and submit to finance@psrc.org for compensation.

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Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: May 2, 2024

Location: Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the [Equity Advisory Committee webpage](#). Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Welcome

Debbie Lacy, from King County, and Maria Fergus, from Kitsap County, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The co-chairs welcomed everyone and asked Hila Keller to begin the roll call for attendance.

Staff Announcements

Charles thanked EAC members for their work in exploring how PSRC can incorporate equity more effectively into the project selection process, and shared the update that members would receive emails regarding projects funded in their county. He also shared a one pager on the equity pilot and EAC co-creation process, for those that might want to replicate that process in other jurisdictions across the region.

He then briefed the committee on the work of the Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board, whose meeting summaries were included in the EAC agenda packet on pg. 6-10.

Discussion Item: Icebreakers and Quarterly Engagement Activity

Noah Boggess shared the structure and purpose of these breakouts with the committee and explained that different members of the committee would lead these small groups for member relationship building.

Questions? Contact Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Regional Safety Plan Engagement Plan

PSRC staff are working with consultant partners Uncommon Bridges to create an engagement strategy for the Regional Safety Action Plan, which is being developed through funding awarded by the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. Staff briefed the Equity Advisory Committee on the engagement plan and members had an opportunity to provide feedback.

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

Questions? Contact Noah P. Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Plan Review Overview

Staff provided the Equity Advisory Committee with an overview of PSRC's review process of local comprehensive plans, how they relate to VISION 2050, and how equity is incorporated into the review process.

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

Questions? Contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: PSRC Summer Planning Academy

PSRC staff are planning for the second year of the summer youth engagement program called Summer Planning Academy (SPA). The program has been revised for this second iteration. The application period is currently open through May 15. EAC members were briefed on SPA and encouraged to share the application with community members.

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

Questions? Contact Noah P. Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org.

Adjourn

At the close of the meeting, members participated in a poll to evaluate the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Members Represented at the Table See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Charles Patton, PSRC
 Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
 Hila Keller, PSRC
 Noah Boggess, PSRC
 Isabella Rivera, Equity
 Gary Simonson, PSRC

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. EAC Attendance Roster - May 2, 2024



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DISCUSSION ITEM

June 6, 2024

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives

Subject: **GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries**



May 2, 2024

Racially Disparate Impacts in Housing

Snohomish County planner, Henry Jennings, shared with the board the history of Snohomish County's racially restrictive covenants and the work to identify them within the county. Three years ago, the Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1220, requiring cities and counties to examine racially disparate impacts, displacement and exclusion in housing policies. Now, jurisdictions must review existing policies and regulations, identify displacement risk and implement policies and regulations. Using data from the University of Washington, Snohomish County has identified areas of racially restrictive covenants in numerous locations and has evaluated how the legacy of those covenants has contributed to different outcomes over time. Snohomish County is using this information to inform new plans, policies and procedures in its 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, add a suite of equity policies in its Land Use Element and propose an inclusionary zoning code. PSRC will continue to work with local jurisdictions to support comprehensive plan updates. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For more information, contact Paul Inghram at pingham@psrc.org or Liz Underwood Bultmann at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org.

Transfer of Development Rights Technical Assistance Opportunity

Washington's Department of Commerce staff briefed the Growth Management Policy Board on opportunities to receive technical assistance to develop and update Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs and participate in Land Conservation and Local Infrastructure Programs (LCLIP). Through a grant from the National Estuary Program, Commerce will provide feasibility assistance and policy guidance for local governments to use these programs in the Puget Sound region. TDR is a market-based tool that supports the voluntary transfer of development rights to communities that would like to focus on new growth. LCLIP provides a financial incentive for cities to participate in TDR. LCLIP allows cities to receive a portion of future county property tax revenue from areas that receive development rights through TDR. Local jurisdictions will receive technical assistance from a consultant selected and managed by Commerce. Cities from the Puget Sound region will be selected based on the willingness to participate, potential to generate tax revenue through the two programs (TDR and LCLIP) and the market's capacity to absorb development credits. One tool that helps cities market TDR opportunities is the [Aedalin](#) TDR Exchange. Contact Commerce or PSRC if your city is interested in this technical assistance opportunity. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Angela San Filippo, Washington State Department of Commerce, at angela.sanfilippo@commerce.wa.gov or Erika Harris, PSRC, at eharris@psrc.org.

Industrial Lands Analysis

The board received key findings from the draft regional Industrial Lands Analysis update. In 2022, staff began outreach to help identify trends in the region's industrial lands. Findings from the analysis fall into the categories of supply of industrial lands, positive drivers of demand, incompatible and undesired uses, impacts to communities, maintenance costs, workforce, transit investments and goods movement. The draft of the regional Industrial Lands Analysis is on the [project's web page](#), and the release of the final report is targeted for summer 2024. [View presentation.](#)

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

Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process

The Growth Management Policy Board was briefed on the schedule and work program for the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This planning effort is being led by the Transportation Policy Board (TPB). Over the last three months, the TPB has been discussing key regional priorities and focus areas to guide the development of the next RTP. Over the coming months, PSRC staff will seek the public's input on RTP priorities and focus areas before bringing the results back to the TPB in the fall. Board members provided feedback on how the RTP can support VISION 2050 and the Regional Growth Strategy with interest expressed in addressing the linkage between transportation and land use, ensuring the plan is "human-centered". The RTP is scheduled for adoption in May 2026. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Gil Cerise at 206-971-3053 or gcerise@psrc.org, or Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Information Items

- a. General Assembly Registration Flyer
 - b. PSRC Summer Planning Academy for High School Students
 - c. GMPB Meeting Calendar 2024 Updated – Meeting added on July 18 – please mark your calendars
 - d. [Salmon Recovery Planning Grants](#)
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May 9, 2024

Regional Transportation Plan Modeling and Analysis Tools

Staff provided the board with an overview of the various modeling and analysis tools PSRC uses to develop the Regional Transportation Plan. The tools address population and employment, travel behavior, air quality and climate and other categories of metrics. The board also discussed additional analytical metrics that would be useful, such as changes in travel behavior since the pandemic, tracking progress by county and city over time, new technologies, etc. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at 206-389-2889 or chelmann@psrc.org.

Regional Transportation Plan Data Collection and Inventories

The board was briefed on data collection efforts and comprehensive inventories of various aspects of the current transportation system. Inventory areas that are collected include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, specialized transportation services, mobility on demand, transportation demand management programs, intelligent transportation systems, freight assets and others. The analysis of these data sets will support the 2026 RTP by identifying, for example, gaps in the transportation network and connectivity to transit. The majority of data collection updates will be completed this year with analysis in 2025. [View presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org or Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at 206-389-2876 or jbarnes@psrc.org.

2024 Outreach Activities

Staff briefed the board on various efforts and plans for robust engagement throughout the region to guide the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Safety Action Plan. Through PSRC's equitable engagement guidance and PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan, the agency will learn more about the needs and priorities of these communities. The board provided feedback and suggestions on additional outreach and tools that can be used. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org, or Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at 206-464-6170 or nboggess@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee
From: Carol Naito, Program Manager – Data Applications
Subject: **Title VI Demographic Profile**

IN BRIEF

At its meeting on June 6, 2024, the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) will receive an update on PSRC's triannual update to its Title VI demographic profile, a component of the agency's broader Title VI Plan. Staff will also share a proposed scope of work for the EAC sub-committee established to collaborate with PSRC staff on the demographic profile.

Committee members are asked to provide feedback on work completed to date and the EAC sub-committee process.

DISCUSSION

As part of its Title VI requirements, PSRC develops and maintains a [Title VI Plan](#) which includes a demographic profile of the central Puget Sound region's people of color, low-income, and other populations relevant to supporting the agency's equity work program including public outreach and engagement activities. The profile is updated every three years, with the next update due in October 2024.

The Committee was introduced to the Title VI demographic profile and scope of work for the forthcoming update at its March 2024 meeting. In June, the Committee will hear about work completed to date, including implementation of revised race and ethnicity reporting standards being used to produce data for the 2024 demographic profile. Committee members will also have an opportunity to hear about the EAC sub-committee formed to partner with PSRC staff to co-create the 2024 Title VI demographic profile and an interactive StoryMap report product, as well as provide

feedback on how the demographic profile may be improved to better support and integrate with PSRC's overall equity work program and downstream equity analyses.

At the conclusion of the staff presentation, members of the EAC will be asked if they have questions or feedback regarding:

1. The proposed scope of work for the EAC sub-committee
2. The revised race and ethnicity reporting standards used to produce data for the 2024 demographic profile
3. Any other aspect of the presentation

NEXT STEPS

Staff will return to the Equity Advisory Committee at its meeting in December 2024 to present key data highlights and take-aways from the 2024 demographic profile as well as solicit feedback on the draft interactive StoryMap report.

For additional information, please contact Carol Naito, Program Manager, at cnaito@psrc.org or 206-464-7535.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Gil Cerise, Program Manager, Transportation Planning
Jean Kim, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process**

IN BRIEF

At the June 6 meeting, the Equity Advisory Committee will be briefed on the schedule and work program for developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff will then facilitate a discussion on engaging the committee on this work through the completion of the project in May 2026.

DISCUSSION

Under federal and state law, PSRC is required to develop a long-range regional transportation plan every four years. The current plan, adopted in 2022, describes the investments and actions needed to create a safe, clean, and efficient transportation system essential to the region's quality of life, health, and economy. The RTP is designed to support VISION 2050, the centerpiece of which is an integrated local and regional high-capacity transit network.

During development of the current RTP, identified objectives were to make progress on existing challenges and address current and future needs of the transportation system, as well as to plan for long-term system investments to accommodate future growth. In addition, the board identified six key policy focus areas for the plan: access to transit, safety, climate, equity, local agency needs and forward-thinking future investments.

The plan also incorporated new and innovative tools for sharing data and information. For example, a new visualization tool of the transportation system and current conditions was developed, and online videos created to share information on specific elements of the plan. In addition to engagement with PSRC's boards, committees, and

member agencies, expanded efforts to engage with community was also conducted throughout plan development. This included a public survey, an online open house, community focus groups, youth outreach, and interviews with business and labor groups. During the formal public comment period, over 550 comments were received on the plan.

Over the past several months, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing key regional priorities and focus areas to guide development of the next RTP. Key themes have included the continued focus areas of safety, climate, and equity; maintenance and preservation; transit and accessibility; ferries; decarbonizing the system; and recognizing the diverse needs and community contexts around the region.

The board has also discussed analytical needs for the next plan, such as addressing changes in travel behavior since the pandemic, providing more detailed analyses by county and city, and tracking progress over time.

Over the summer PSRC will engage the public on the RTP, sharing themes of the initial board discussion, and receiving feedback on regional priorities and focus areas to bring back to the board in the fall.

At its meeting on June 6, the Equity Advisory Committee will be provided with an overview of the current RTP and the schedule and work program for the next RTP scheduled for adoption in May 2026. PSRC staff will seek the committee's feedback on its priorities for the RTP, and specific topic areas the committee is interested in engaging in for this large multi-year project.

NEXT STEPS

Feedback from this meeting will inform the plan for engaging with the EAC over the course of the next two years. Opportunities for upcoming committee engagement on RTP (2026-2050) development will be identified.

For more information please contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at 206-971-3053 or gcerise@psrc.org, or Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.