

Freight Advisory Committee

June 12, 2024

Puget Sound Regional Council



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)

Roll call and introductions.

2. Approve Meeting Summary for April 10, 2024* (9:35)

3. Discussion: (9:40) FAC Membership Restructure

Staff will share, and the committee will discuss, an assessment of the freight-intensive areas of the region to support the updated FAC membership structure.

4. Discussion: (10:10) 2026 RTP Freight Focus Topics

The committee will continue discussion of potential 'deep dive' freight topics that the FAC would like to take on to support the next RTP.

5. Discussion: Other Business and Announcements (10:45)

6. Next Meeting: August 14, 2024

7. Adjourn (11:00)



Transportation Committee Assessment

Goals

- Ensure that transportation planning committees advance key PSRC work program goals and objectives
- Ensure that membership and meeting cadence of committees are appropriate to meeting those goals and objectives
- Make most efficient use of members' time



Transportation Committee Assessment

Key Findings Overall

- Average of 47 meetings per year over 2019–2023 between eight committees
- Almost 300 committee member seats include a cohort of people who represent their agency on multiple seats
- High turnover and low attendance for some committees
- Survey of MPOs and how other planning divisions at PSRC engage committees showed that there are multiple ways and formats to engage stakeholders on important planning topics



FAC Membership Restructure

Key FAC Findings

- Membership structure is large with 33 voting seats and 5 non-voting
 - Structure based on outdated subarea definitions from the previous Industrial Land Analysis
- Small number of core members regularly participate, but many seats are either vacant or have low participation
 - Average 12 members (31%) at meetings from mid-2022 thru 2023
 - Average of 13 non-members at meetings during same period
- High overlap between FAC and RPEC membership



Freight Advisory Committee

Purpose

- Provide technical guidance and subject matter expertise to PSRC's freight planning work program.
- Support maintaining and improving the multimodal freight transportation system to increase reliability, efficiency, and mobility, as called for in the VISION 2050.

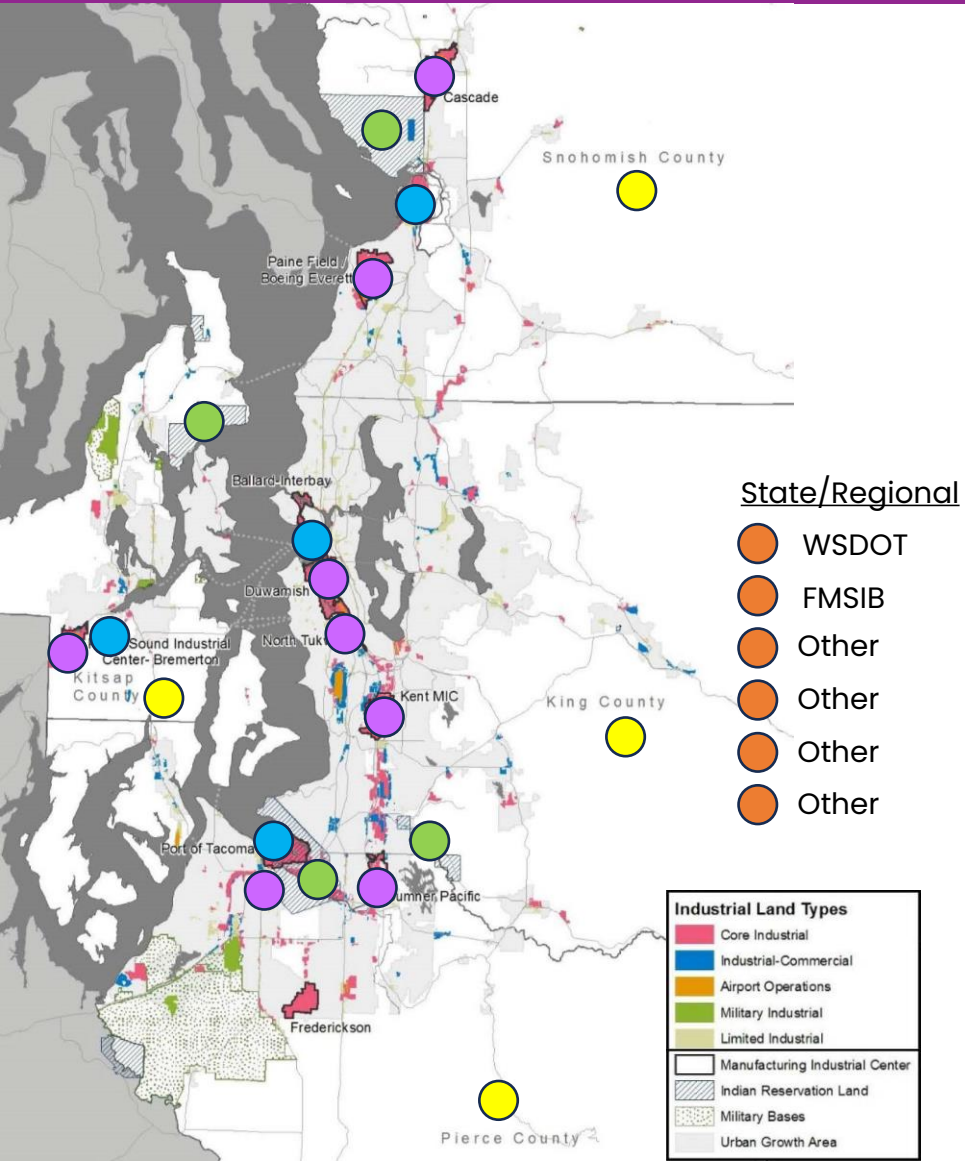


FAC Updates

- Membership
 - Smaller, but maintain balanced representation of MICs and industrial areas, as well as geographic balance
- Meeting Cadence
 - Maintain bi-monthly schedule, but cancel if no freight work program related agenda needs
 - For some topics that need broader input, webinars may appropriate
- Committee Purpose & Operating Procedures
 - Evaluate and refine, maintain focus on PSRC freight work program



Membership Structure Update



Unchanged:

- 4 counties
- 4 ports
- WSDOT & FMSIB
- 4 tribes

Updated:

- 8 MICs (2 have redundancy)
- 4 non-voting
- Others?



2026 Regional Transportation Plan



FAC “Deep Dive” Topics for 2022 RTP

- Preservation & Maintenance
- Truck Parking
- System Integration
 - FAC working group for each topic convened for 2–3 meetings
 - Each group discussed and developed policy and practice recommendations for each topic
 - Working group recommendations were integrated into the freight element of the RTP



Potential FAC Topics for 2026 RTP

Notes from April FAC discussion...

- Preservation & Maintenance – *still merits emphasis*
- Truck Parking – *how to highlight/advance the state's work*
- Vision Zero through freight lens
- Expanding equity focus to better incorporate employment
- Corridors of unique freight importance (e.g., over-legal, heavy haul)
- Port/Truck electrification
- Looking at freight movement from a supply chain perspective
- Trends analysis – e.g., warehousing



Questions

- Highest priority topics?
- Topics that would benefit from a working group?
- Topics covered only by larger group discussion?

