

Coordinated Mobility Planning

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Today

- **Overview of Coordinated Mobility Plan**
 - Background
 - Federal & State requirements
- **Specialized Transportation Programs**
 - Inventory Survey
- **Inclusive Engagement**
- **Next Steps**



Terminology

- **Specialized transportation services** are transportation programs designed for people who have difficulty transporting themselves due to age, income, or ability.



- **“People with accessibility and mobility needs”** refers to older adults, youth, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, people with limited English proficiency, and others.

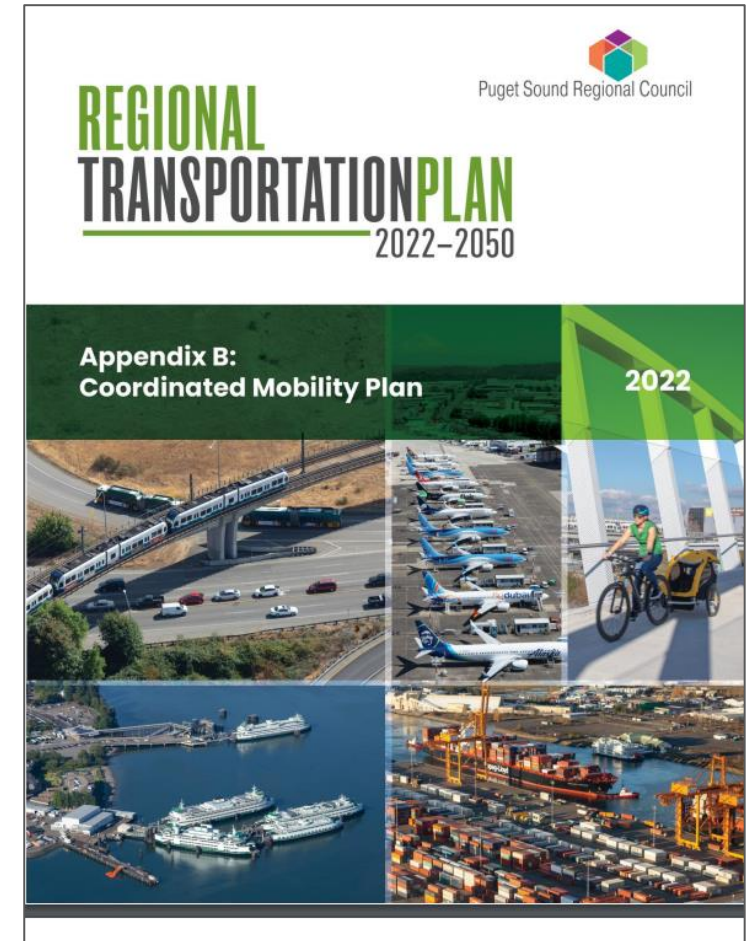
PSRC's Roles

- Planning for **specialized transportation** programs that serve priority populations.
- Develop the **Coordinated Mobility Plan** (meets the requirements of the Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan).
- **Distribute regional priority rankings** for the State Consolidated Grant program.



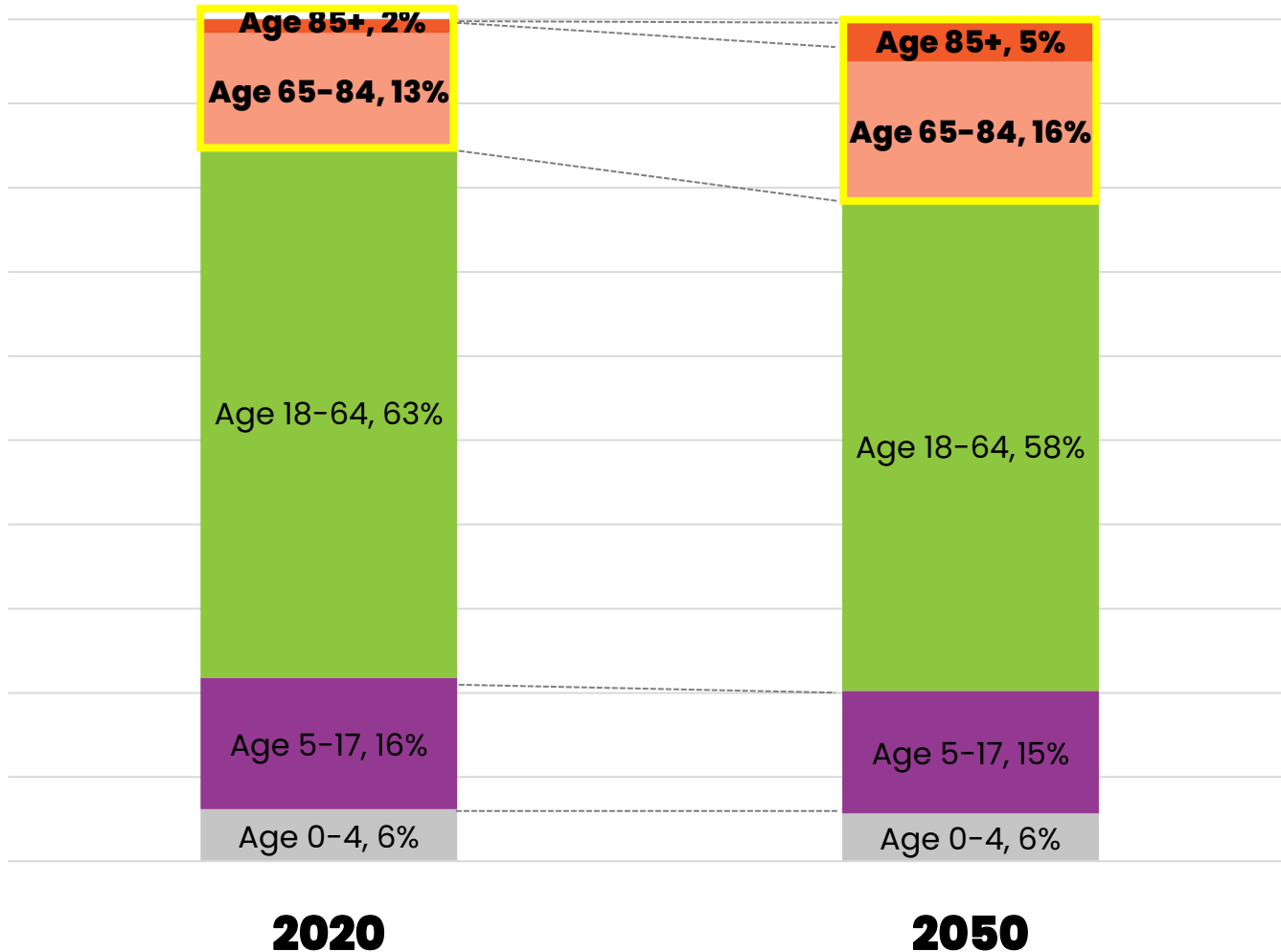
Coordinated Mobility Plan

- Includes information on **population trends**.
- Identifies **transportation needs** of the people with accessibility and mobility challenges due to their age, income, or ability.
- Outlines **prioritized strategies** addressing the needs.
- Provides a **regional inventory** of existing transportation programs.



By 2050, 21% of the region's population will be 65 or older

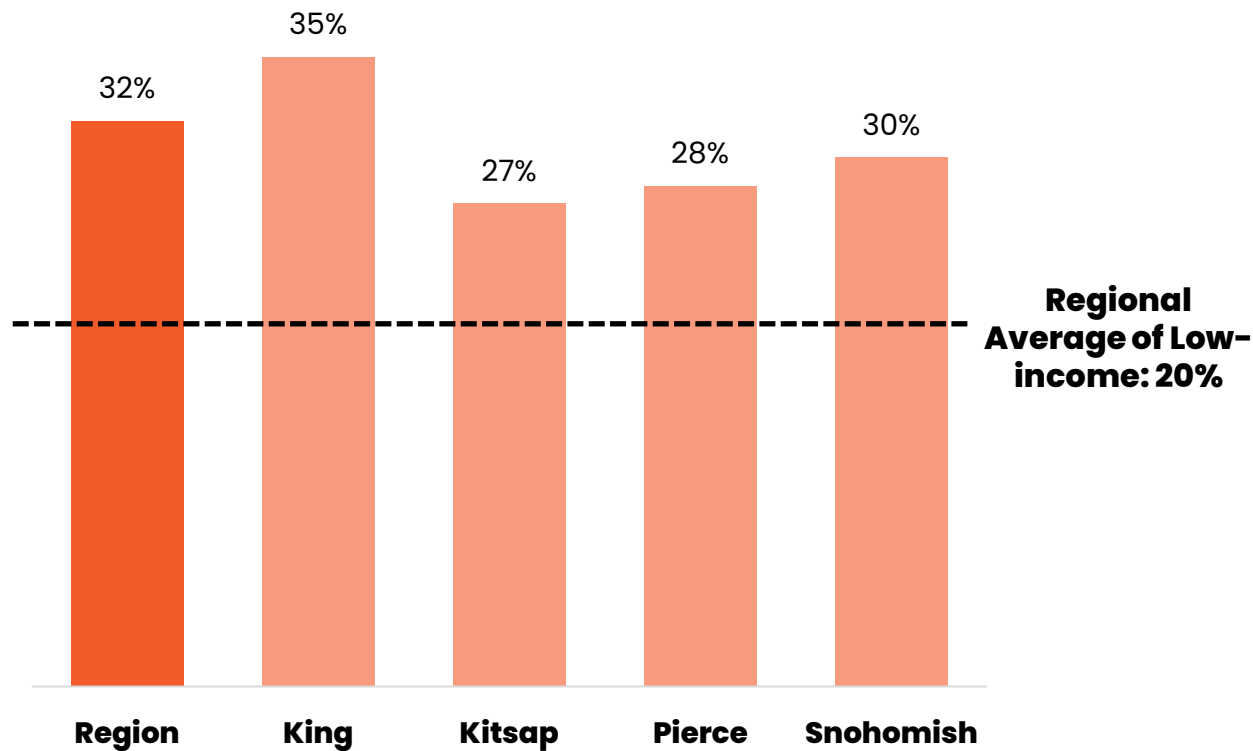
PSRC Population Forecasts by Age Group



- **The oldest age group (85+)** is projected to grow at the fastest rate.
- Older adults are more likely to have a disability than younger populations.

Demographic Intersections

People with Disabilities with Low Incomes, 2019



People with disabilities are over-represented in low-income and unemployed populations.

- **32%** of people with disabilities have low incomes.
- The unemployment rate of people with disabilities was **8.1%** vs. those without disabilities at 3.6%.

Addressing Intersectionality

The Coordinated Mobility Plan addresses equity and inclusion by:

- Incorporating people of color in conjunction with age, income, and ability.
- Highlighting the mobility needs of the historically marginalized and underserved communities, identified through engagement.



Source: <https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/18/08/building-inclusive-campus>

Specialized Transportation Program Inventory

An online survey conducted in spring 2024:

- Reached **transit and specialized transportation agencies**, and received information from 44 programs.
- Coordinated with WSDOT and Hopelink (One-call One-click travel planner).
- Currently working with agencies for additional data collection.



2024 Inventory Survey

Program Types

Operations

- Transit
- ADA complementary paratransit
- Demand response shuttles/vans
- Volunteer transportation
- Non-emergency medical transportation
- Tribal transportation

Mobility Management

- Information referral and assistance
- Travel training
- Mobility coalition

Key Destinations

- 1. Medical facilities**
- 2. Grocery stores & foodbanks**
- 3. Residences**
4. Employment/Educational
5. Transit stations
6. Recreational & Parks

Inclusive Engagement

Phase I (Fall 2024)



Review feedback and data to assess the **transportation needs** of priority populations.

Phase II (Spring/Summer 2025)



Develop prioritized strategies based on feedback.

Outreach continues



Key Mobility Needs identified in the Plan

- **Shorter travel and transfer** times.
- **More services** at times when they are needed.
- **Accessible information** about available services and language services.
- Better access to **health and wellness** destinations.
- **Affordable transportation** for families with low incomes.
- Connected **ADA-accessible infrastructure**.
- **Better regional coordination** to meet growing mobility needs.

Regional Priorities for Consolidated Grant

- **WSDOT manages and allocates the Consolidated Grants** for transportation programs, including specialized transportation.
- **PSRC recommends priority projects** for the state's evaluation.
- Projects are expected to **address PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan** in applications.
- For this year's process, PSRC worked with the Special Needs Transportation Committee and Equity Advisory Committee to **elevate equity throughout the prioritization** process.



Next Steps

Fall 2024: Phase 1 engagement kicks off

By Summer 2025: Phase 2 engagement continues

Winter 2025–Early 2026: Draft plan release for comment

Spring 2026: Coordinated Mobility Plan adopted as part of 2026–2050 RTP





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