



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, September 12, 2024 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair

### 2. Communications and Public Comment

Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.

### 3. Report of the Chair

### 4. Director's Report

### 5. Consent Agenda - Action Items (9:45)

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held July 11, 2024
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Bellevue's Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: 142nd PI SE to I-90 Non-Motorized Overcrossing at 150th Ave

**6. Action Item (9:50)**

- a. Release of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP for Public Comment – *Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

**7. Discussion Item (10:05)**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Development of Scope – *Kelly McGourty and Gil Cerise, PSRC*

**8. Discussion Item (10:25)**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Level Setting – *Craig Helmann, PSRC*

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

- a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Financial Strategy Potential New Revenue Sources – *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

**10. Information Items**

- a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker
- b. Regional Safety Action Plan Regional Public Meetings

**11. Next Meeting: October 10, 2024, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Major Topics for October:

- Adoption of 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program
- Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process

**12. Adjourn (11:30)**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Transportation Policy Board**

**July 11, 2024**

**1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen to the meeting live.

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mayor Ralph noted that the board will not be meeting in August and asked the members to review the work plan tracker.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, congratulated Doug McCormick, Snohomish County, for his 2024 County Engineer of the Year award from the Washington State County Road Administration Board. It was also announced that Alexa Leach, PSRC, will be taking over the administrative tasks for the TPB. Ms. McGourty noted that at the end of June, the federal RAISE grants were announced and \$53 million was awarded to five projects in the PSRC region. Ms. McGourty also noted that the work to conduct the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan under EPA's CPRG program is due to be complete by July 2025. Ms. McGourty welcomed the students from the University of Washington

in the Data Science for Social Good program who were in the PSRC board room for the meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held June 13, 2024
- b. Recommend Approval of FTA Project Extensions

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Mello/Daughtry) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

### **ACTION ITEM: 2024 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2024 ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF PSRC'S FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FUNDS**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared that the FTA adjustments process is an annual process to align the final amounts received from each year's federal allocation to amounts awarded to projects based on estimates during PSRC's project selection process. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law there was an increase in 2024 funding of an additional \$80.6 million to distribute across the three urbanized areas in the PSRC region. Ms. McGourty reviewed the adjustments to transit projects for both the earned share distribution and via the equity formula distribution.

It was noted that the Transit Operators Committee reviewed and unanimously recommended the full suite of projects.

Members asked about changes in data since the pandemic, and staff noted that transit data reported to the National Transit Database lags behind a few years but, that new transit line openings have also occurred.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Mello/Walker) that the Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board approval of the 2024 annual adjustments of PSRC's FTA funds as identified in Attachment B. The motion passed.**

### **ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR PSRC'S 2027-2028 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided an overview of the 2024 project selection process and reminded the board of the adoption of the Policy Framework in January 2024, which guided the process, including the significant strengthening of safety and equity considerations. Ms. Barnes described the competitive regional and countywide processes for the distribution of PSRC's FHWA funds and the earned share and equity

formula distribution processes for PSRC's FTA funds. She noted that 136 projects are recommended for approximately \$760 million.

Ms. Barnes described the projects recommended for PSRC's FTA funding, and Doug Cox, PSRC, reviewed the outcomes and features of the FHWA recommended projects. In particular, Mr. Cox described outcomes related to transit, freight, bicycle and pedestrian investments, climate and safety. Given the increased focus on safety, Mr. Cox described the numerous safety countermeasures included in the recommended projects.

Dr. Charles Patton, PSRC, reminded the board of the strengthened equity criteria used in the 2024 process. Dr. Patton then described responses received from higher scoring projects and missed opportunities for lower scoring projects. The key takeaways noted include that low scores do not mean there was something fundamentally wrong with the project but it was noticed that if the sponsor did not participate in the Equity Pilot, they may have missed out on opportunities to fully understand and engage in the updated equity criteria.

Dr. Patton outlined next steps, including encouraging project sponsors to use all PSRC resources and attend trainings; staff debriefing with sponsors to identify points of clarification for future training opportunities; and a recommendation to the board to allow the changes to fully take hold before any additional revisions.

Ms. Barnes reviewed the upcoming schedule for the development of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which includes the public comment release in September and Executive Board adoption in October 2024. The Federal approval of the TIP will take place in January 2025.

Members asked clarifying questions related to relevant safety countermeasures, debriefing with project sponsors and the contingency list process.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Pauly/Kwon) that The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board approval of the projects recommended for PSRC's FHWA and FTA funds as identified in Attachments A through D, including the prioritized contingency lists of projects should additional funds become available prior to the next project selection process. The motion passed.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: COORDINATED MOBILITY PLANNING**

Jean Kim, PSRC, provided an overview of the Coordinated Mobility Plan and the key elements to meet the Federal and State requirements as well as the plan for upcoming engagement.

Ms. Kim reviewed terminology used for coordinated mobility such as specialized transportation services which includes ADA paratransit, accessible shuttles/Vans, and

volunteer transportation. She noted that the Coordinated Mobility Plan is included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which is updated every four years. The plan includes regional trends of priority populations, identifies transportation needs and priorities strategies moving forward.

PSRC has been conducting a specialized transportation program inventory which is a requirement for the Coordinated Mobility Plan. Ms. Jean described information provided by the 44 programs and tribes who have completed the inventory. Ms. Kim described the inclusive engagement process that will be conducted to inform development of the plan.

Next steps include the kickoff of engagement by the fall of 2024 and continuing through the summer of 2025. The draft plan will be released for public comment in winter 2025 – early 2026 with the final plan being adopted in spring of 2026.

Members commented on the reality of services requiring transfers versus provision of direct service connections, as well as the importance of these services in areas with limited transit.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2024.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

- A. Attendance Roster – July 11, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - July 11, 2024				05.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	<b>Associate Members</b>	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle			1
		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		<b>Public Agency Members</b>	
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt			1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1		1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1
		CM Wendy Weiker Mercer Isl Alt			1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1		1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1	<b>PSRC Committees</b>	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Christine Rolfes	1		1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1		1
		CP Jennifer Chamberlin Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1		1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>	
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Ryan Mello, <b>Vice Chair</b>	1	WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Dave Morell Alt			1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt			1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton	1	<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		TBD	
Local Transit	1	CM Marty Campbell, Pierce County		Non-voting	12
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma			Non-voting members present 11
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead	1		
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1		
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt			
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1		
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt			
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1		
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel			
		Robert Barandon Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt			
<b>Statutory Members</b>					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle			
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci			
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		Abbreviations
		Todd Lamphere Alt	1		CHRMN Chairman
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant			CM Councilmember
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt			CP Council President
		REP Dan Griffey, R			COM Commissioner
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt			DEP MYR Deputy Mayor
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Liias, D			MYR Mayor
		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt			MYR Pro Tem
		Vacant, R			REP Representative
		Vacant, R Alt			SEN Senator
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	21		
		Total Voting members present	24		



## Puget Sound Regional Council

September 5, 2024

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **IN BRIEF**

Eight agencies submitted nine projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state and federal funding through various funding processes, such as the Move Ahead Washington funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

### **DISCUSSION**

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337) and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.



The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

### **Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan**

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

### **Air Quality Conformity**

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

### **Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available**

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

### **PSRC's Project Tracking Policies**

There is one request from Community Transit for modification to PSRC's FTA Funds. The request has been reviewed and recommended for approval by PSRC's Transportation Operators Committee.

Community Transit requests to redistribute \$701,713 in 2023 Section 5307 funds from the Transit Revenue Vehicles project to the Facilities Rehabilitation, Renovation and Maintenance project.

The final cost of the buses purchased with these funds under the Transit Revenue Vehicles project was less than expected due to unanticipated discounts. Further changes in Community Transit's bus order plans—due to both pandemic related service reductions and the agency's response to an increased emphasis on converting to zero emissions vehicles—has resulted in Community Transit no longer having bus purchases on which to spend these funds in a timely manner. To avoid the risk of losing the funds, Community Transit requests to spend these remaining funds on facility renovations needed to operate zero emissions vehicles at the Merrill Creek base. The facility project will begin in 2024 and can utilize the funding efficiently. All of the bus order funding will now come from the new Zero Emissions Transit Revenue Vehicles project, which will

contain future years' funding that will be better timed for these orders.

### **Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions**

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

5307	FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program
5309(NS)	FTA New Starts Discretionary Program
CWA	State Connecting Washington Account
Discretionary	All Other Unidentified Federal Fund Sources
FHWA Discretionary	FHWA Discretionary Awards
MAW	State Move Ahead Washington Account
MVA	State Motor Vehicle Account
PROTECT	Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at [jbarnes@psrc.org](mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org) or 206-389-2876.

### **ATTACHMENT**

A. Projects Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2023-2026 TIP

Month: September

**Project(s) Proposed for  
Routine Amendment to 2023-2026 TIP**

Year: 2024

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. Arlington	<b>SR 531 Trail</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases for a grade-separated shared use trail with lighting and landscaping along the north side of SR 531, from SR 9 to 67th Avenue NE.	\$1,000,000	Federal FHWA Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$156,069	Local				
		\$1,156,069	Total				
2. Community Transit	<b>Facilities Rehabilitation, Renovation and Maintenance</b> Existing project redistributing funds from CT-71: Transit Revenue Vehicles 2023-2024 for rehabilitation, renovation, and maintenance of transit facilities, including at Merrill Creek base building in Everett.	\$701,713	Federal 5307(Urban)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$701,713	Total				
3. Kent	<b>64th Avenue S/W James Street</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases for pavement repair, grinding, milling, and overlay of 64th Avenue S/SW James Street between W Meeker Street and SR 181. Work also includes improvements to bus stops, bike lanes, sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks and pedestrian push buttons.	\$3,070,000	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$3,070,000	Total				
4. Kirkland	<b>132nd Avenue NE &amp; Slater Avenue Crossing</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases for a new crossing that includes a HAWK signal, bike lane, and median.	\$1,086,000	CWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$100,000	State				
		\$1,617,000	Local				
		\$2,803,000	Total				
5. Kitsap County	<b>Colchester Drive, Duncan Creek Fish Passage Culvert</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases to replace an existing culvert system with a fish-passable structure, a new stormwater system and outfall, and new habitat plantings and cover.	\$2,785,000	Federal PROTECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$697,000	Local				
		\$3,482,000	Total				

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP	Other Amend
6. North Bend	<b>North Bend 202/Mt Si Roundabout</b> Existing project adding a right-of-way phase for a roundabout with bike lanes and sidewalks.	\$860,000	Local	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$860,000	Total				
7. Northwest Seaport Alliance	<b>Catalyzing Zero-Emission Drayage Trucking Infrastructure &amp; Opportunities</b> New project programming a construction phase for at least one electric truck-charging hub for drayage truckers with overnight parking and other amenities. Through a competitive process, the project will select private entities to develop electric truck-charging hub(s).	\$12,000,000	Federal Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$14,553,000	Local				
		\$26,553,000	Total				
8. Northwest Seaport Alliance	<b>Drayage Truck Demonstration Project in King County</b> New project programming an other phase for the purchase of zero-emission drayage trucks and associated charging/fueling infrastructure. The project will offer incentives for up to 50% of the cost of the truck and charger.	\$6,240,000	State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$6,240,000	Local				
		\$12,480,000	Total				
9. WSDOT Northwest Region	<b>I-5/Thornton Creek to Lake Washington - Fish Passage</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases to replace a fish passage barrier with a fish passable structure. This is a multi-year project, and the programming reflects the planned expenditure schedule within the span of the current regional TIP.	\$1,679,473	CWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$3,009,203	MAW				
		\$409,161	MVA				
		\$5,097,837	Total				



## Puget Sound Regional Council

September 5, 2024

### CONSENT AGENDA

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Bellevue’s Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: 142nd PI SE to I-90 Non-Motorized Overcrossing at 150th Ave SE**

### IN BRIEF

The City of Bellevue has submitted a request to change the status of a segment of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail project—from 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE to the I-90 Non-Motorized Overcrossing at 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE—from “Candidate” to “Approved.” Per PSRC’s adopted procedures, requests to change a project status require board action.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board authorize a change in project status for the City of Bellevue’s *Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: 142<sup>nd</sup> Place SE to the I-90 Non-Motorized Overcrossing at 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE* from “Candidate” to “Approved” status in the Regional Transportation Plan.

### DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan contains policies requiring PSRC’s Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan are designated as Candidate, Approved or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan and/or other planning requirements. A project’s status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final

signatures on its environmental documentation but has completed all other requirements, the Executive Board may grant Conditional Approval. Once the final details have been completed, staff has the authority to grant a project full Approval status administratively, thereby saving the project sponsor several weeks of delay.

This project will construct a section of a separated multi-use trail along the south side of I-90. The trail will include a 12-foot-wide hard surface facility, trailhead treatments, wayfinding, landscaped buffer in some areas, lighting and storm drainage improvements and a mid-block pedestrian crossing west of 146<sup>th</sup> Street SE.

Table 1 provides additional details of the project, including the criteria used to review the project for the requested status change.

**Table 1: Project Details and Review Criteria**

<b>Review Criteria</b>	<b>Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: 142nd PI SE to I-90 Non-Motorized Overcrossing at 150th Ave SE</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$12,861,000
<b>Consistency with Regional Policies</b>	This project is consistent with regional policy.
<b>Benefit-Cost Analysis</b>	Project cost is less than \$100,000,000, so benefit-cost analysis is not required.
<b>Environmental Documentation</b>	NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) was issued January 26, 2016, and reevaluated by WSDOT on November 30, 2018, and September 29, 2023, at which time the original NEPA determination was confirmed to remain valid.
<b>Other Planning Requirements</b>	N/A
<b>Financial Feasibility</b>	The project is fully funded with \$2,527,000 of federal funds, \$6,900,000 of state funds, and \$3,434,000 of local funds for a total project cost of \$12,861,000 in 2020 year of expenditure dollars.
<b>Air Quality Conformity</b>	Approving this project will not change the region's air quality conformity determination.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Barnes at 206-389-2876 or [jbarnes@psrc.org](mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org).



## Puget Sound Regional Council

September 5, 2024

### **ACTION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Release of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Public Comment**

### **IN BRIEF**

The Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been prepared and is ready to be released for public review and comment. The draft TIP includes the projects approved by the Executive Board in July to receive PSRC's 2027-2028 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds as part of the 2024 project selection process, as well as projects with local, state and other federal funds expected to be utilized between 2025 and 2028. The draft TIP document also includes a positive air quality conformity finding, background on the project selection process, an equity analysis and additional information.

The public comment period for the draft TIP is scheduled from September 12 through October 14, 2024. A summary of comments received to date will be provided at the October 10 Transportation Policy Board meeting, when the final 2025-2028 Regional TIP is scheduled to be recommended for Executive Board approval.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Transportation Policy Board should authorize the release and distribution of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP for public review and comment from September 12 through October 14, 2024.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Regional TIP is required under federal and state legislation and helps to ensure that transportation projects in the region are meeting regional policies and federal and state requirements. The TIP is a four-year program of projects that must be updated at least every four years. In the central Puget Sound region, a new TIP is created after each project selection process for PSRC's federal funds, which typically occurs

every two years. The Regional TIP must contain all projects utilizing federal transportation funds, as well as any regionally significant projects in the region, regardless of funding source.

Documentation of the 2024 project selection process and the development of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP has been available on PSRC's website throughout the year. In addition, major action items taken by the boards, such as approval of the *2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds* in January and approval of the recommended projects in July, have been featured in PSRC's *At Work* publication, which is sent to board and committee members, legislators and interested parties.

Consistent with PSRC's Public Participation Plan, the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP is scheduled to be released for a public comment period prior to adoption by the Executive Board. In addition to detailed project information, the draft TIP includes documentation of the project selection process for PSRC's federal funds, the positive air quality conformity finding, an equity analysis, the financial plan, and other data. In addition, an interactive web map is available with information on each project, and the ability to view the projects geographically within the context of other data such as the location of regional centers, designated freight routes, equity focus areas, and other information. The full suite of information is available on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/transportation-improvement-program>.

At the September 12 Transportation Policy Board meeting, staff will provide a summary of the projects and funding included in the Draft TIP and request the board release the TIP for public comment. Comments may be made via a comment form on PSRC's website, by mail, email, or in person at the September 12 and October 10 Transportation Policy Board meetings, and at the Executive Board meeting on October 24, 2024.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at [jbarnes@psrc.org](mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org) or 206-389-2876.





## Puget Sound Regional Council

September 5, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board  
**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Development of Scope**

### **IN BRIEF**

Beginning in February 2024, the Transportation Policy Board has been engaged in discussions to identify priorities for development of the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Work on the next RTP will continue through 2026, when the plan is scheduled to be adopted. At the September meeting, staff will review the work program and RTP discussion items for the rest of 2024, culminating in board adoption of the RTP scoping document in December.

### **DISCUSSION**

Since February, the board has been discussing regional priorities and focus areas to guide development of the next RTP, scheduled for adoption in May 2026. Primary 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.

Details of the investments contained in the current plan have been reviewed, as well as the resulting performance of the regional transportation system. Details on the RTP financial strategy have also been provided, including assumptions around current law revenues and new revenue sources needed to fully fund the investments and operations contained in the plan.

At the September meeting, staff will share a look-ahead for the rest of 2024 and key discussions that will lead to board adoption in December of the scope of the next RTP.

The primary topic of discussion will focus on the plan's financial strategy and setting high level parameters for plan development and investment decisions. Other topics the board will be asked to discuss include forward looking "big picture" items by 2050 to further explore, and any other remaining questions or policy areas not yet identified.

A board decision on the scope of the plan in December will allow staff to engage in analysis and draft plan development under those key assumptions in 2025 and stay on schedule for plan adoption in May of 2026.

For more information please contact Kelly McGourty at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org) or 206-971-3601 or Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org) or 206-971-3053.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

September 5, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board  
**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Level Setting**

### **IN BRIEF**

Over the past several months, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing priorities and key themes for developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), to be adopted in May 2026. At the September meeting, staff will provide information and trends on key inputs and assumptions in the current plan, to set the stage for development of the next RTP.

### **DISCUSSION**

The current RTP, 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 identifies the investments and actions necessary to support VISION 2050 and the regional growth strategy, the centerpiece of which is an integrated local and regional high-capacity transit network. Assumptions and inputs in the RTP therefore encompass a wide variety of factors and topics, including population and employment growth, current and future travel modes and implementation of policies and goals such as decarbonizing the transportation system.

In support of the development of the next RTP, at the September meeting staff will provide a baseline level-setting of current conditions and trends on some of these key inputs and assumptions. Relevant data will also be available on the RTP Dashboard on PSRC's [website](#).

For more information, please contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at (206) 389-2889 or [chelmann@psrc.org](mailto:chelmann@psrc.org).



## Puget Sound Regional Council

September 5, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Financial Strategy Potential New Revenue Sources**

### **IN BRIEF**

Over the past several months, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing priorities and themes for development of the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), to be adopted in May 2026. In June, staff provided a detailed briefing on the RTP financial strategy, including assumptions, forecasts and potential sources of new revenues assumed in the plan. At the September meeting, the board will continue the discussion of the RTP financial strategy, with a focus on the feasibility of new potential revenue sources.

### **DISCUSSION**

Since February, the board has been discussing various aspects of the current RTP and identifying priorities for development of the next plan. Details of the investments contained in the current plan have been reviewed, as well as the resulting performance of the regional transportation system. A high-level overview of the RTP financial strategy has also been provided, including assumptions around current law revenues and new revenue sources needed to fully fund the investments and operations contained in the plan.

At the June 13 meeting, staff provided more detailed information on the RTP financial strategy, including federal and state requirements, current revenue sources and forecast assumptions, new funding sources and their revenue potential, and overall revenue and system performance impacts.

At the September meeting, additional board feedback will be sought on the types and feasibility of the current list of potential new revenue sources, and scenarios staff should

analyze to identify tradeoffs and impacts from the next financial strategy. For reference, [Appendix J](#) of the current RTP provides more background information on the plan's financial strategy.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org) or 206-971-3601, or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org) or 206-971-3286.

# PSRC Transportation Work Program - Draft Progress Reporting

DRAFT Progress Chart (Timeline as of September 5, 2024)

Status	
<span style="color: purple;">■</span>	Preparing
<span style="color: teal;">■</span>	In Progress
<span style="color: orange;">■</span>	Complete
<span style="color: gray;">■</span>	Tentative

Project	Status to-date
<b>Regional Transportation Plan</b>	
Alignment of RTP and Funding Cycles	TBD - pending further board discussions
Update RTP Project Prioritization Framework	Anticipated Q3 2024 - Q2 2025
Board work group to determine 2026 RTP scope of work	RTP Steering Committee, beginning February 2024
TPB direction on scope of work for 2026 RTP	February through December 2024
RTP development	Q2 2024-Q2 2026
Financial Strategy Refinement	Board discussions beginning Q2 2024
<b>PSRC Funding</b>	
Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds	Board adopted January 2024
FHWA Project Selection: Board Action	Board action July 2024
FTA Funding Methodology Process Discussion	Completed with board action in March 2023
FTA Project Selection / Equity Formula Distribution	Complete
Annual FTA Adjustments Process	Complete
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project Selection	Complete
Transportation Alternatives Project Selection	Complete
Equity Pilot Program Development	Complete
Equity Pilot Program Project Selection	Board approved January 2024
Consolidated Grant Program Regional Rankings	Complete
<b>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</b>	
2025 -2028 TIP Development	Q3-Q4 2024, following 2024 project selection
Conduct Equity Analysis of draft 2025-2028 TIP	Q3-Q4 2024
Release of 2025-2028 TIP for Public Comment	September 2024
Board Action on 2025-2028 TIP	October 2024
Monthly TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Project Tracking/Rebalancing	Ongoing
<b>Climate: GHG Analysis and Planning</b>	
2030 Transit Networks and Service	Complete
PSRC 2030 Network Modeling and Analysis	Complete
Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project	Complete
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Clearinghouse	Operational/Ongoing, initial launch complete, maintenance and updates ongoing
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Outreach	Ongoing
Develop Climate Implementation Strategy with Partners	Board discussions in Q1-2 2023 and expert panel convened; CPRG planning work underway with partners, Preliminary Climate Action Plan submitted to EPA March 1, 2024, Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due summer 2025
PSRC Board Progress Briefings	Ongoing
<b>Regional Safety Plan</b>	
Explore Grant/Funding Opportunities	Complete
Apply for Safe Streets for All Grant	Round 1 complete; Round 2 complete
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Preliminary local safety plan inventory completed; more detailed review to be conducted as part of the Regional Safety Action Plan
Convene Stakeholders	Complete - Regional Safety Summit held June 29, 2023
Develop Scope of Regional Safety Plan	Complete; board review September 2023

Develop Regional Safety Plan	Technical and engagement consultants under contract; work to commence through Q1-Q2 2025
<b>Performance Measures and Dashboard</b> <i>Align with Equity Tracker, other related monitoring efforts</i>	
Identify Measures	Complete
Develop Dashboard Outline for Board Feedback	Complete
Assemble Data	Initial set complete; ongoing and continuous
Publish Draft Dashboard	Complete
Refinement and Updates	Ongoing
Annual Board Briefings	Briefing February 2024 and annually thereafter
<b>Active Transportation Plan Repackaging</b>	
Repackage Active Transportation Plan	Complete
<b>ADA Transition Plan Technical Assistance</b>	
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Preliminary research complete; moving to monitoring role
Board Briefing and Discussion	TPB briefing June 2023
<b>Annual Transit Integration Report</b>	
Report Development	Complete
Publish Report	Released November 2023
<b>Big Ideas/Transformational Planning</b>	
Regional Convenings to Support Effort	TBD - pending further board discussions
Future of HCT Regional Convening	TBD - pending further board discussions
<b>Data Collection, Analysis, Performance Metrics</b>	
Data collection, maintenance of viz tool and improvements	In Progress, Q1-Q4 2024
Equity, EJ analysis methodology improvements	Q3-Q4 2024
<b>RTP Financial Strategy</b>	
Collaborate with Partners on Implementation Steps	TBD - pending further board discussions



Puget Sound Regional Council



# REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS

## Roadway Deaths and Serious Injuries Continue to Rise

Traffic related deaths in the central Puget Sound region have almost doubled since 2010, reaching nearly one death every day.

## People Throughout the Region Are Working On Solutions

Cities and towns are identifying ways to make roads safer, using a Safe System Approach, which calls for Safer People, Safer Vehicles, Safer Speeds, Safer Roads, and better Post-Crash Care.

## We Want to Hear From You!

Please join PSRC for a public meeting to let us know how we can take action to make your community's roadways safer. You can expect food, entertainment, and interactive ways to give your input on traffic safety needs in your area.

### KITSAP COUNTY

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**  
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Kitsap Filipino-American Association  
1240 Sheridan Road, Bremerton, WA 98310  
To RSVP, visit [Kitsap County Eventbrite](#).

### PIERCE COUNTY

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**  
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Tacoma Art Museum  
1701 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402  
To RSVP, visit [Pierce County Eventbrite](#).

### KING COUNTY

**Thursday, September 26, 2024**  
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

El Centro de la Raza  
2524 16th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144  
To RSVP, visit [King County Eventbrite](#).

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY

**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**  
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Everett Station  
3201 Smith Ave, Everett, WA 98201  
To RSVP, visit [Snohomish County Eventbrite](#).

Other ways you can help shape the region's plan to address transportation safety:

- Find us at a local community event
- Visit our Online Engagement Hub

For more information, visit <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/safety>

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