



Puget Sound Regional Council

## **Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Agenda**

**Date: Friday, September 20, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: Remote Attendance Only**

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**10:00 1. Call to Order – *Committee Co-Chair***

**2. Report of the Co-Chair**

**3. Communications**

**10:10 4. Discussion Item: Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process – *Gil Cerise, PSRC***

The committee will discuss work to develop the Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050), PSRC's next regional transportation plan meeting federal and state requirements.

**10:40 5. Discussion Item: Findings from 2023 Household Travel Survey – *Brian Lee, Suzanne Childress, and Kristin Mitchell, PSRC***

The committee will learn insights on regional travel trends from the 2023 PSRC Household Travel Survey

**11:10 6. Discussion Item: Regional Safety Action Plan – *Gary Simonson, PSRC***  
The committee will discuss development of the Regional Safety Action Plan

**11:40 7. Committee Roundtable: TOD & Comprehensive Plan Updates – *All Agencies, organizations, and other committee members*: How are you engaged with comprehensive plan updates?**

**8. Information Item**

- 2024 RTODC Meeting Calendar

**Next meeting: December 20, 2024**

**12:00 9. Adjourn Meeting**

Presentations for this meeting will be available on the [RTOD committee page](#) on PSRC's website after the meeting.

Zoom connection information:

**Preferred method, join online:** Click [here](#) for Zoom

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- Call 877-853-5257 or 888-475-4499
- Meeting ID: 842 9549 9161, Passcode: 238746

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## DISCUSSION ITEM

September 13, 2024

**To:** Regional TOD Committee  
**From:** Gil Cerise, Program Manager, Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process**

## IN BRIEF

At the September 20th meeting, the Regional TOD Advisory Committee will be briefed on the schedule, work program, and work to-date developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff will identify future topic areas of interest to engage the RTOD Committee on, including future transit, active transportation, and other TOD-related items.

## 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 regional high-capacity transit network supporting growth in regional centers.

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 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.

In the coming months 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. In addition, PSRC will also engage the board in discussions that will result in the identification of a scope for the next RTP.

At its meeting on September 20th, the Regional TOD Advisory Committee will be provided with an overview of the current RTP and the work program for the next RTP scheduled for adoption in May 2026.

## **NEXT STEPS**

As a follow-up to this meeting, PSRC staff will work to identify appropriate topics and timing for RTOD Advisory Committee briefings and/or input during plan development process.

### **Lead Staff**

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September 13, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Regional TOD Committee

**From:** Kristin Mitchell, Assistant Planner  
Suzanne Childress, Principal Data Scientist  
Brian H. Y. Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager – Data Solutions and Research

**Subject:** Findings from 2023 Household Travel Survey

### **IN BRIEF**

Staff will present insights from PSRC's 2023 Household Travel Survey (HTS) data.

### **DISCUSSION**

PSRC started a new eight-year, four-wave [Household Travel Survey \(HTS\) Program](#) in 2023, following a successful six-year, three-wave HTS program to collect activity and travel data from the region's residents in 2017, 2019, and 2021. This data resource supports agency planning work, including the development of PSRC's regional land use and travel forecast models, and the monitoring of behavioral trends.

Data from the 2023 HTS wave was published in April 2024 on the [PSRC Data Portal](#). At this meeting, staff will provide insights on travel behavior from the 2023 data.

In addition to analyzing the 2023 data, staff is working on the data collection plan for the 2025 HTS wave.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will keep the committee updated on results from the 2023 HTS and progress on planning for the 2025 survey.

For additional information, please contact Brian Lee, Program Manager – Data Solutions and Research, at [blee@psrc.org](mailto:blee@psrc.org), or Suzanne Childress, Principal Data Scientist, at [schildress@psrc.org](mailto:schildress@psrc.org).



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### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Regional TOD Committee  
**From:** Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** **Development of the Regional Safety Action Plan**

### **IN BRIEF**

Work to develop PSRC's first Regional Safety Action Plan is underway, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The committee will be briefed on the purpose and scope of the plan, the results of the research and data analysis tasks, and next steps.

### **DISCUSSION**

The current Regional Transportation Plan directs PSRC to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan including actions, targets and performance indicators. It also directs PSRC to seek resources for regional and local planning and projects and to use the Regional Safety Action Plan to help inform future regional and local planning.

Over the last 18 months, PSRC has been awarded two planning grants through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, newly established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021. Totaling nearly \$8 million, these grants are funding the development of a Regional Safety Action Plan, as well as subawards to 15 local jurisdictions in the region – large and small – to develop roadway safety action plans tailored to their local needs.

To better understand expectations and goals for the Regional Safety Action Plan, PSRC held the first Regional Safety Summit on June 29, 2023. Responding to the feedback heard at the summit, as well as the components required by USDOT under the provisions of the SS4A planning grant, PSRC developed a scope of work for the plan in late 2023. Consultant teams were brought on board in 2024 to help develop the plan: the technical analysis is being led by WSP USA, and outreach and engagement is being led by Uncommon Bridges. The plan is expected to be adopted in spring of 2025.

The Regional Safety Action Plan will follow the USDOT Safe System Approach for equitable and impactful progress on achieving the safety goals across the four-county region. The initial tasks under the scope of work include a detailed analysis of regional crash data, particularly those resulting in serious injuries or deaths, an inventory of current plans and policies in place around the region and a review of best practices.

At the meeting PSRC staff will provide a high-level overview of the purpose and scope of the Plan, highlight the current regional trends as identified through the data analysis and discuss how the data will be further analyzed and used in the development of the plan. Information will also be provided on the state of the practice, both regionally and nationally. This will include a review of local safety plans and policies, and a summary of feedback gathered from agency partners on the types of safety strategies being deployed around the region. PSRC staff will also discuss next steps in the development of the plan, including the establishment of key emphasis areas and the development of a toolkit with a diverse array of strategies aimed at improving traffic safety.

### **NEXT STEPS**

For additional information, please contact Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, at [gsimonson@psrc.org](mailto:gsimonson@psrc.org).



## Puget Sound Regional Council

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### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Regional TOD Committee  
**From:** Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner  
**Subject:** TOD and Comprehensive Plan Updates

### **IN BRIEF**

Committee members will provide updates on their work to advance transit-oriented development in 2024 comprehensive plan updates.

### **DISCUSSION**

Each of the region's 82 cities and towns and four counties are updating their local comprehensive plan to continue shaping their community and planning for growth. Comprehensive plans are 20-year plans for growth, are intended to create a meaningful, community-driven vision for local communities, and collectively plan to address interconnected regional issues. Comprehensive plan updates are due December 31, 2024.

At the June meeting, jurisdictions with members on the Regional TOD Committee (Snohomish County, Lynnwood, Redmond, Seattle, Kent, Fife, and Tacoma) provided updates to the committee on how they are addressing TOD in their comprehensive plan updates.

At the September meeting, other agencies, organizations, and members serving on the committee will also be asked how they are engaged with comprehensive plan updates and what their priorities have been.

### **NEXT STEPS**

For additional information, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at [LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org).



## 2024 PSRC Regional Transit-Oriented Development Meeting Schedule

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