



Puget Sound Regional Council

Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, October 3, 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 July 11, 2024*
- b. EAC Member Announcements*
 - Women's Health and Wellness Freedom Run on October 19, 2024
- c. Staff Announcements
- d. GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries*

3. Discussion Item (5:45)

- a. GMPB and TPB Board Representatives Selection* – *Charles Patton, PSRC*

4. Discussion Item (6:05)

- a. Tribal Engagement* – *Erika Harris, PSRC*

5. Break (6:35)

6. Discussion Item (6:45)

- a. PSRC 2025 Recommendations to the State Legislature* – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*

7. Discussion Item (7:15)

- a. Quarterly Engagement Activity* – *Noah Boggess, PSRC*

8. Information Item

- a. Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Released for Public Comment*

9. Zoom Poll (7:25)

10. Next meeting: November 7, 2024

11. 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: July 11, 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 Mikayla to begin the roll call for attendance.

Staff Announcements

Noah Boggess reminded the EAC to complete the Wing Luke tour rescheduling survey. Charles Patton shared the annual survey with members as a forum for and thanked those that had already completed the form. He also mentioned that PSRC staff will begin to conduct outreach for the EAC cohort every other year, to allow for additional continuity on the committee and to provide staff with more time for outreach. Charles also shared a link to the equity tracker, launched a month prior, and encouraged members to view the tracker and test it out.

Charles and EAC representatives 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. 6-9.

Discussion Item: PSRC 2025 State Legislative Agenda

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, briefed members on the role PSRC plays at the Washington State Legislature and the process for adopting 2025 Recommendations to the State Legislature.

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

Questions? Contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Survey Program

Brian H. Y. Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager – Data Solutions & Research, and Suzanne Childress, Data Scientist, updated members on the Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Survey Program and highlighted some of the ways in which the resulting data supports PSRC's planning work.

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

Questions? Contact Brian H. Y. Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager – Data Solutions & Research, at blee@psrc.org, or Suzanne Childress, Data Scientist, at schildress@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Regional Safety Plan Update

Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, briefed the committee on work to develop PSRC’s first Regional Safety Action Plan. The Equity Advisory Committee was briefed on the scope of work in the fall of 2023 and on the outreach and engagement plan at the May 2024 meeting. At the July meeting, staff shared the results of the initial research and data collection efforts.

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

Questions? Contact Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, at gsimonson@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Projects Proposed for PSRC’s 2027-2028 Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Funds

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, shared a brief overview of the projects submitted to the regional competition for the distribution of federal funds, takeaways from the scoring process, and initial thoughts on improvements for future competitions. Members shared their thoughts on how staff can improve the process moving forward.

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

Questions? Contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Quarterly Engagement Activity

This item was postponed to the following meeting due to lack of time.

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
 Mikayla Svob, PSRC
 Noah Boggess, PSRC
 Kelly McGourty, PSRC
 Robin Koskey, PSRC

Sohyeon Yun, PSRC
Jeanne Acutanza
Eva de la Pena, PSRC
Suzanne Childress, PSRC
Gary Simonson, PSRC
Brian Lee, PSRC

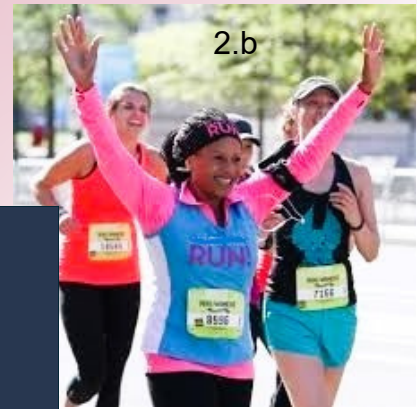
PSRC Equity Advisory Committee - Attendance Roster

Jurisdiction	Member				
King County	Annie Tran	1			
	Ben Sung Henry				
	Debbie Lacy	1			
	Hien "Elly" Trinh	1			
	Julia Jannon-Shields	1			
	Lisa Espinosa	1			
	Megan Espinoza	1			
	Thanh Nguyen	1			
Kitsap County	Maria Fergus	1			
	Jewel Sheperd-Sampson				
	Shannon Turner	1			
Pierce County	Corey Orvold	1			
	Julius Moss				
	Keshreeyaji Oswal	1			
	Laurenne Sayles	1			
Snohomish County	Amarlin Lily Distelhorst	1			
	Autrina Martindale	1			
	Lupe Valtierra-Prieto				
	Michelle Stewart				
	Mindy Woods	1			
Total Members	Attended 15				

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- Management among women

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DISCUSSION ITEM

October 3, 2024

To: Equity Advisory Committee

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

Subject: **GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries**



September 5, 2024

Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County Coordination

The Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County shared their innovative ways that they work together on land use, transportation and environmental issues. In coordination with the Tulalip Tribes and other Tribes in the area, Snohomish County created a new [Tribal Coordination Element](#) for its 2024 draft comprehensive plan. The Tulalip Tribes recommend that jurisdictions inform and educate themselves on Tribes' identity, culture and history and create goals and policies around communication and a commitment to a relationship with sovereign Tribes in the county. Board members are encouraged to consider their jurisdiction's approach to coordination with Tribes and share PSRC's [Tribal coordination guidance](#) document with their staff. The board expressed appreciation for the many examples of coordination between the Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County. Some board members shared their efforts to coordinate with local Tribes, including riparian

restoration projects, watershed planning, cultural resources conservation and a Tribal Nations Summit. [View presentation](#) and [video](#).

For additional information, please contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org or 206-464-6360.

Transit-Oriented Development Updates: Regional TOD Committee, Lynnwood Link and Model Code Partnership

The board was provided an update on PSRC's Regional Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Committee and updates from Sound Transit staff on the opening of the Lynnwood Link Extension and plans for the Everett Link Extension. The Regional TOD Committee continues the work in VISION 2050 to support equitable transit-oriented development. For September, they have focused on Mobility and Safety with subtopics including the Regional Transportation Plan, the Regional Safety Action Plan and Household Travel Trends. Sound Transit staff highlighted the Lynnwood Link opening on August 30 that brought the light rail to Snohomish County, adding four new stations to the system. Sound Transit also provided an update on the Model Code Partnership, an effort that helps create regulatory language and tools to facilitate TOD, multimodal transportation, affordable housing and other topics encouraged by the Federal Transit Administration. PSRC is hosting two [upcoming webinars](#) to highlight work to advance equity TOD through our TOOLBOX series:

- September 27: *Transit-Oriented Communities*. The session will highlight community amenities and placemaking to build great communities.
- November 1: *Preventing Commercial Displacement*. The session will focus on work to address commercial displacement in the face of neighborhood change.

Board members discussed the importance of anti-displacement strategies, emphasized that existing residents and businesses should be able to benefit from new transit investments and noted the importance of planning for complete communities near transit. [View presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org or 206-464-6174 or Miranda Redinger, High-Capacity Transit Development Manager, at miranda.redinger@soundtransit.org

A video of the meeting is available on the [Watch Board Meetings page](#). Meeting materials, including agendas and presentations, can be found on the [Growth Management Policy Board: Meeting Materials page](#).



September 12, 2024

Release of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP for Public Comment

The Transportation Policy Board authorized the release and distribution of the draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public review and comment. The TIP is a four-year snapshot of currently funded projects throughout the region. PSRC reviews each project to ensure projects are meeting regional policies and federal and state requirements. The period for public comment is scheduled from September 12-October 14, 2024. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at jbarnes@psrc.org or 206-389-2876.

Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Development of Scope

Staff discussed the board work program over the next four months to develop a scope for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Topics will include setting high-level parameters for the plan's financial strategy and big picture items looking into

the future. The overall goal for the rest of the year is to narrow focus for and determine the scope of the RTP to guide PSRC work moving forward. At the next TPB meeting, staff will discuss high-level sensitivity testing on financial strategy options. [View presentation](#).

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

Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Level Setting

The board was briefed on key data and assumptions for developing the next RTP. Staff presented data and trends on regional growth, electric vehicles and travel behavior, and reported that the RTP forecasts will remain consistent with VISION 2050. A more thorough analysis of electric vehicles, transportation revenue and changing travel behavior trends will be provided, and staff will continue to report data in the RTP Dashboard. [View presentation](#).

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

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

The board continued their discussion of the RTP financial strategy, with a focus on the feasibility of new potential revenue sources. Due to time constraints, staff will follow up with a survey and ask for feedback outside the meeting. A discussion with the board of overarching parameters to guide the next RTP financial strategy will continue until the end of the year. [View presentation](#).

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

A video of the meeting is available on the [Watch Board Meetings page](#). Meeting materials, including agendas and presentations, can be found on the [Agendas & Resources page](#). Results can be filtered by board or committee name.



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October 3, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

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

Subject: **GMPB and TPB Board Representatives Selection**

IN BRIEF

During its meeting on October 3, 2024, Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) members will learn about the roles and responsibilities of [Growth Management Policy Board \(GMPB\)](#) and [Transportation Policy Board \(TPB\)](#) representatives and alternates. Members will also learn about how they will select the EAC representatives and alternates for these boards.

DISCUSSION

During its meeting on October 3, 2024, EAC members will learn about the roles and responsibilities of Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) representatives and alternates. The current representatives and alternates are:

- Shannon Turner - GMPB representative
- Lisa Espinosa - GMPB alternate
- Annie Tran - TPB representative
- Julius Moss - TPB alternate

Members will also learn about how they will select EAC representatives and alternates for these boards. Additionally, members will be asked about their interest in serving a one-year term as a board representative or alternate. Responsibilities for the position include:

- Share the views of the EAC during monthly GMPB / TPB board meetings
- Provide short meeting summaries to the EAC (staff will assist with this summary presentation)

Members who express interest in this position will be selected by the EAC via an anonymous poll. Below please find the rules for the selection process:

- The member who receives the most votes will get to choose which board they would like to serve as a representative for
- The member who receives the second most votes will serve as a representative on the other board
- Third most votes, gets to choose which board they would like to serve as an alternate for
- Fourth most, serves as an alternate for the other board

Representatives and alternates will be compensated \$125 per meeting, if they are not already compensated by their employer to attend meetings covering similar topics. Current representatives and alternates can reapply for the position.

NEXT STEPS

The election will be held during the November 7, 2024, EAC meeting using an online polling platform.

For additional information, please contact Charles Patton, Program Manager, at cpatton@psrc.org.



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October 3, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee
From: Erika Harris, Senior Planner
Subject: **Tribal Engagement**

IN BRIEF

The Equity Advisory Committee will hear about Puget Sound Regional Council's work to engage and coordinate with Tribes in the region.

DISCUSSION

The central Puget Sound region is a part of a larger area that is the traditional aboriginal territory of the Coast Salish peoples. The [Coast Salish Tribes](#) have lived here since time immemorial and while each Tribe is unique, all share in having a deep historical connection and legacy of respect for the land and natural resources. These sovereign Tribal Nations enrich the region through environmental stewardship, cultural heritage and economic development, and collaborate with local governments to shape the region's future.

PSRC recognizes and respects the full sovereignty of each Tribe, and their traditional lands located within the jurisdictional boundaries of PSRC members. Treaties are the highest law of the land and were made between sovereign Tribes and the United States. As sovereign nations, each Tribe has its own form of government, constitution or charter, laws and planning processes.

[VISION 2050](#) added an increased emphasis on Tribes in the region and supports meaningful, regular and ongoing exchange of information for better informed decision-making and mutual understanding between Indian Tribes as sovereign nations and PSRC member jurisdictions.

VISION 2050 policy, MPP-RC-4, directs the members of PSRC to coordinate with Tribes in regional and local planning, recognizing the mutual benefits and potential for impacts between growth occurring within and outside Tribal boundaries. In coordination with the Tribes in the region, PSRC has prepared a [handout on coordination with Tribes in comprehensive planning](#). Further, PSRC supports partnerships with Tribes on cultural and natural resource protection, fish and wildlife habitat restoration, economic development, climate change adaptation and mitigation actions and other issues of Tribal interest. To provide information on the past treatment of Tribes, PSRC created a Tribes chapter in the interactive report on the [Legacy of Structural Racism](#). This includes information on [Tribal treaty rights](#).

Passed during the 2022 legislative session, [HB 1717](#) facilitates Tribal participation in planning under the Growth Management Act, including comprehensive plan updates. HB 1717 creates a procedure for Tribes to communicate their intention to participate in comprehensive plan updates and provides a way to formalize the agreement to collaborate. The new law also includes a provision for mediation services for parties to resolve conflicts. These services are coordinated by the Department of Commerce.

This intentional effort to coordinate planning with the Tribes has not always been the case. VISION 2040 provided much less guidance about Tribes, and the coordination with Tribes during local comprehensive plan updates has often been cursory. With the changes in VISION 2050 and state law and a broader recognition of the Tribes in our region, the engagement and coordination between Tribes and local governments is improving.

At the October meeting, Erika Harris, AICP, a Senior Planner in PSRC's Growth Management group, will present information on PSRC's engagement and coordination with Tribes in the region. This will include current transportation and Puget Sound recovery planning work.

Questions for the committee:

- Do you work with Tribes? On what issues?
- What suggestions do you have for engagement with Tribes?

NEXT STEPS

Committee members are encouraged to share the [Tribal coordination guidance document](#) with local jurisdictions that they work with.

For additional information, please contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org or 206-464-6360.



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October 3, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Robin Koskey, Director, Government Relations & Communications

Subject: **PSRC 2025 Recommendations to the State Legislature**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff have begun work to support the adoption of recommendations to the Washington State Legislature in advance of the 2025 legislative session. PSRC staff will update the Equity Advisory Committee on emerging legislative issues, relay the process to adopt legislative priorities and seek feedback on potential legislative policy items.

DISCUSSION

Last fall, the Executive Board adopted Recommendations to the 2024 Washington State Legislature after consultation with the Equity Advisory Committee and PSRC boards. We are now seeking feedback on the 2025 recommendations.

Background: PSRC Role at the State Legislature

In July PSRC staff relayed that as a regional planning agency, PSRC provides data and background information about the impact of proposed legislation to the Washington State Legislature to provide policy makers with tools to allow well-informed decision making.

2024 Recommendations to the State Legislature:

PSRC staff propose following a similar framework to the recommendations adopted last year (2024 Recommendations to the State Legislature attached) based on adopted regional plans and policies in the following four focus areas:

- **Transportation** - Keep the Region Moving
- **Housing** - Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

- **Climate** - Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- **Economic Development** – Sustain a Strong Economy

NEXT STEPS

Staff sought input on legislative recommendations from the Executive Board and the Economic Development District Board in September. The Growth Management Policy Board and the Transportation Policy Board will also be briefed on the priorities in October. Staff proposes the Executive Committee will finalize recommendations based on all feedback and the Executive Board adopt the legislative priorities at the December meeting.

Discussion Questions:

What are your suggestions as we develop the 2024 set of recommendations to the Washington State Legislature?

What emerging issues are you or your networks working on in advance of the 2025 state legislative session?

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2024 Recommendations to the State Legislature

Recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature

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Puget Sound Regional Council

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) supports adoption of state legislation that advances solutions to achieve a thriving, racially equitable and sustainable Puget Sound region through leadership, visionary planning, and collaboration.

Keep the Region Moving

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan lay out a foundation for completing regional transportation investments and future work to strengthen connections to and between the region's centers. PSRC supports:

- Sustaining the transportation investments made with Move Ahead Washington during the 2021 legislative session
- Developing an equitable road usage charge (RUC) system through the work of the Washington State Transportation Commission to generate necessary revenue to eventually replace the gas tax, fund the state's long-term transportation needs, including multimodal connections and introduce revenue flexibility
- Funding and policies to restore, improve and modernize the Washington State Ferries system to ensure reliable cross-sound service and reduce environmental impact
- Maintaining agreed upon state and local funding split decisions as agreed upon by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) workgroup

Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy identifies coordinated strategies, policies, and actions to expand housing options, create greater affordability, and promote fair and equal housing access to address the housing affordability crisis in our state. The PSRC region needs to build 800,000 more homes by 2050 and 20% of these homes need to be affordable to people earning less than half of the Area Median Income. Action is needed to address racially discriminatory housing policies and increase homeownership for Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) households. PSRC supports legislation and funding to in three action areas:

- **Supply:** Build more housing of different types as soon as possible
- **Stability:** Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs
- **Subsidy:** Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very low-income households and unhoused residents

Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan outline how state, regional, and local partners can act in coordination to reduce emissions in the region and prepare for climate impacts. PSRC supports state legislation to respond to the urgent environmental, health, economic and equity threat of climate change in alignment with the essential components of regional long-range planning:

- Transit-focused land use
- Multimodal transportation choices
- Pricing the transportation system
- Decarbonization of the transportation system, including improvements to freight and passenger vehicles and fuels

Sustain a Strong Economy

VISION 2050 and the Regional Economic Strategy plan for economic growth and opportunity that creates widespread prosperity and living-wage jobs to help sustain the region's economy. PSRC supports continued investments in:

- Workforce development programs to meet the needs of employers and a growing economy
- Critical infrastructure to support economic development, including broadband
- Clean energy industry technology like Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), offshore wind, fusion, hydrogen and other emerging technologies

For more information, please contact:

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Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. PSRC is composed of nearly 100 members, including the four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies and Tribal governments within the region.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee
From: Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist
Subject: **Quarterly Engagement Activity**

IN BRIEF

Throughout 2024, EAC members will join breakout sessions, which will serve as loosely structured times for the EAC to meet in groups of five and get to know one another better. These sessions will last between 10-20 minutes.

Each member will have the opportunity to serve as a facilitator and will be responsible for moving the conversation along. Facilitators will have their choice to:

- Introduce themselves to the group in more detail, sharing about their career and journey to the EAC.
- Discuss the EAC workplan, bouncing ideas off of fellow members about topics in the year to come.
- Discuss issues the region is facing (e.g. affordable housing crisis).
- Get to know the small group better and continue to break the ice with the new cohort.

February Leads	March Leads	May Leads
Mindy Woods Debbie Lacy Autrina Martindale Noah Boggess	Lisa Espinosa Shannon Turner Corey Orvold Hien "Elly" Trinh	Jewel Shepherd-Sampson Megan Espinoza Thanh Nguyen Lily Distelhorst

July Leads	October Leads
Maria Fergus Julius Moss Lupe Valtierra-Prieto Annie Tran	Laurenne Sayles Keshreeyaji Oswal Ben Sung Henry Julia Jannon-Shields

Staff want this lift to be as light as possible and members are not expected to spend too much time or energy preparing for it. Staff will have some questions for facilitators in the event they are unable to prepare to facilitate a meeting.

For additional information, please contact Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org with questions or comments.



Puget Sound Regional Council

October 3, 2024

INFORMATION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, PSRC

Subject: **Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Released for Public Comment**

IN BRIEF

The Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been 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.

BACKGROUND

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 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>.

Comments may be made via a comment form on PSRC's website, by mail, email, or in person at the October 10 Transportation Policy Board meeting and at the Executive Board meeting on October 24, 2024.

NEXT STEPS

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. The Executive Board is scheduled to take final action on October 24, 2024.

For additional information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org.