



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, October 10, 2024 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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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 September 12, 2024
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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

- a. Recommend Adoption of the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program – *Doug Cox, PSRC*

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

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

**8. Discussion Item (10:20)**

- a. Regional Safety Action Plan Development – *Craig Helmann, PSRC and Toole Design*

**9. Discussion Item (10:50)**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process – *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

**10. Information Items**

- a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker

**11. Next Meeting: November 14, 2024, 9:30 – 12:00 p.m. (Extended)**

Major Topics for November:

- Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process and Financial Strategy

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

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

**Transportation Policy Board  
September 12, 2024  
1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to <https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Councilmember Ryan Mello, Co-Chair. Co-Chair Mello 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**

Joe Kunzler provided public comment to the board.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Councilmember Mello noted that the board's meeting is setting the foundation for important work over the next few months which includes the update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, congratulated Sound Transit and the regional partners for the August 30<sup>th</sup> event and the opening of the Lynnwood Link Line extension. Ms. McGourty noted that at their meeting the TPB Transit Caucus briefly discussed the restructuring of local service to feed into the light rail extensions. Ms. McGourty then drew the member's attention to the flyer in agenda item 10.a which provides information on the Regional Safety Action Plan public meetings. PSRC staff have been working to develop the Regional Safety Action Plan while engaging with the region during outreach events. The

Safety Engagement Hub is now live, and the State of the Region report and a map of the High Injury Network are both available.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 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

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

## **ACTION ITEM: RELEASE OF THE DRAFT 2025-2028 REGIONAL TIP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, discussed the overall planning and programming framework that occurs before a new Regional TIP is adopted and ultimately submitted to WSDOT for inclusion into the statewide TIP. The new draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP has \$9.6 billion programmed and represents an estimated \$44 billion in total project investments. Ms. Barnes discussed the breakdown of programmed funds throughout the past seven years, noting that the total funds programmed for the new draft TIP are the highest they've ever been. Ms. Barnes then reviewed some highlights of project outcomes for the draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP. Over one third of the projects programmed are maintenance and preservation. Other key project outcomes include sidewalks, lighting, bike facilities, transit improvements, intersection improvements, stormwater improvements, removal of fish barriers, and planning studies. Ms. Barnes provided examples of key outcomes and discussed the safety countermeasures addressed in the TIP projects.

The next steps for the draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP include the release of public comment until October 14<sup>th</sup> with Executive Board approval on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The document will then be submitted for state and federal review and approval and will go into effect in January.

Members asked how staff identifies the safety elements in projects, which includes reviewing each project's scope and description against the 28 proven safety countermeasures. Members asked how information on the draft TIP will be shared with the public, and staff described the outreach process.

Members discussed improvements in the future to provide more details on projects submitted as part of the routine TIP amendment process included in the consent agenda each month, similar to the level of detail provided in the Draft TIP.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Daughtry/Arnold) that 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. The motion passed.**

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050):  
DEVELOPMENT OF SCOPE**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, reviewed the board engagement conducted to date for the development of the next RTP. Kelly McGourty, PSRC, identified the TPB work program for the next four months leading to adoption of the broad scope for the next RTP. This will include setting high level parameters for the financial strategy, identifying 'Big Picture' items, and identifying other major questions the Board has which will help guide staff work moving forward.

Members noted that ferries, health equity, a thriving economy and electrification should all be included in the next RTP.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050): LEVEL  
SETTING**

Craig Helmann, PSRC, provided information on data trends related to key assumptions in the RTP, addressing growth, electric vehicles and travel behavior. He reported that PSRC's growth forecasts have remained consistent and within 3% of data trends. He reported that the region has seen rapid growth in electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. The RTP will delve deeper into both revenue and emissions impacts electric vehicles.

Mr. Helmann then discussed the changes in travel behavior in the region since the pandemic. He reported on vehicle miles traveled, work from home levels, total trips and transit ridership. Mr. Helmann then described next steps for PSRC's analyses, including upcoming sensitivity tests on a variety of factors.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050):  
FINANCIAL STRATEGY POTENTIAL NEW REVENUE SOURCES**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, discussed the RTP financial strategy and current assumptions for new potential revenue sources. The Board will be asked to review each source for feasibility moving forward. Due to time constraints, staff will follow up with a more detailed survey to obtain board feedback.

Members commented on the need to identify challenges inherent in sources that require legislative action and be clear on necessary action steps for implementation.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2024.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – September 12, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - September 12, 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		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>		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
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt	1	Transit Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard			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	1
		CM Dave Morell Alt		exp. 12/31/26	1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt		exp. 12/31/26	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			8
<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	1		
<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	1		
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		Todd Lamphere Alt			
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>					
House	2	Vacant			
Transportation Cmte.		REP Jake Fey, D Alt			
		REP Dan Griffey, R			
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt			
Senate	2	SEN Marko Lias, D			
Transportation Cmte.		SEN Emily Randall, D Alt			
		Vacant, R			
		Vacant, R Alt			
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	22		
		Total Voting members present	24		



## Puget Sound Regional Council

October 3, 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**

Five 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**

This month's amendment includes no project tracking actions.

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

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

5339(b)	Federal Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program
FBP	Federal Ferry Boat Program
MAW	State Move Ahead Washington account
MVA	State Motor Vehicle Account
NHPP	Federal National Highway Performance Program
PROTECT	Federal Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation program
STBG	Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant program

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

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

Month: October

## 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. Kitsap Transit	<b>Port Orchard Intermodal Terminal</b> New project programming a preliminary engineering phase for redevelopment of the Port Orchard Intermodal Terminal, including upgraded pedestrian facilities and vessel loading areas and additional moorage space.	\$851,716	Federal FBP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$190,000	Local				
		\$1,041,716	Total				
2. Northwest Seaport Alliance	<b>Wapato Creek Fish Passage Restoration</b> Existing project programming a construction phase to replace the existing Wapato Creek Culvert under E Alexander Avenue with a fish passable structure.	\$24,500,000	Federal PROTECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$13,000,000	Local				
		\$37,500,000	Total				
3. Pierce Transit	<b>New Gantry with Depot Conductive Charging Infra for 30 Battery-Electric Buses</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases to install a covered gantry, drop-down reel system for up to 30 Battery Electric Buses and add ten depot chargers with three dispensers per unit.	\$14,866,286	Federal 5339(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,651,814	Local				
		\$16,518,100	Total				
4. Pierce Transit	<b>Battery Electric Buses with Wireless Inductive Charging Capabilities</b> New project programming an other phase to replace four 2010 diesel-powered coaches with four new 40-foot battery electric buses with wireless inductive undercarriage charging capabilities.	\$6,605,969	Federal 5339(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,165,771	Local				
		\$7,771,740	Total				
5. Seattle	<b>East Marginal Way S Preservation</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases to mill and overlay the asphalt pavement of East Marginal Way S between 1st Avenue S and 16th Avenue S, and including base repairs and crack sealing.	\$10,000,000	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,250,000	Local				
		\$11,250,000	Total				

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
6. Seattle	<b>Roosevelt Way Preservation</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases to mill and overlay the asphalt pavement of Roosevelt Way between NE 92nd Street and 15th Avenue, and including pavement repair and crack sealing, and installation of curb ramps and improved crossings.	\$8,700,000	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$950,000	Local				
		\$9,650,000	Total				
7. WSDOT Olympic Region	<b>SR 3/Division Ave &amp; W Pleasant St Intersection - Roundabout</b> New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases to construct a roundabout.	\$3,921,052	Federal STBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$107,688	MVA				
		\$4,028,740	Total				
8. WSDOT Olympic Region	<b>SR 305/High School Rd NE Intersection - Roundabout</b> New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases to construct a roundabout.	\$3,771,924	Federal STBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$141,633	MVA				
		\$3,913,557	Total				
9. WSDOT Olympic Region	<b>SR 162/SR 512 Puyallup Vicinity - Remove Fish Barriers</b> New project programming a preliminary engineering phase to replace the existing fish barrier with a fish passage structure.	\$1,418,744	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$69,948	MAW				
		\$1,488,692	Total				



## Puget Sound Regional Council

October 3, 2024

### **ACTION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

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

**Subject:** **Recommend Adoption of the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program**

### **IN BRIEF**

The draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was released for public review and comment on September 12, 2024. The comment period will continue through October 14, and the Executive Board is scheduled to take action on the final TIP on October 24. The 2025-2028 TIP includes the projects approved by the Executive Board in July as part of PSRC's 2024 project selection process, as well as projects with local, state and other federal funds expected to be utilized during this timeframe. The TIP document also includes a positive air quality conformity finding, background on the project selection process, an equity analysis and additional information.

A summary of comments received by October 1 is included in Attachment A; any additional comments received by the October 10 Transportation Policy Board meeting will be provided at that time.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board adopt the 2025-2028 Regional TIP, including the following actions and findings:

#### **A. Compliance with State and Federal Requirements**

PSRC finds that the 2025-2028 Regional TIP satisfies all state and federal requirements, including consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan, financial feasibility and a positive finding of air quality conformity. PSRC has also provided reasonable opportunity for public review and considered public comments. Therefore, the 2025-2028 Regional TIP should be adopted by PSRC and submitted to the state and federal funding agencies for approval.

**B. Project Selection – Required for the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Funds Managed by PSRC**

PSRC approves project selection for all projects in the 2025-2028 Regional TIP for which PSRC has project selection responsibilities. These include projects with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funds.

**C. Authorization for Administrative Amendments to the TIP**

PSRC staff are authorized to continue to achieve flexibility and efficiency in the administration of PSRC's programming responsibilities. This authorization enables staff to execute administrative approval for reasonable agency requests for routine project and programming amendments to the approved TIP.

**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 such as those under the Clean Air Act. 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 new 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 was released for a public comment period on September 12, 2024. In addition to detailed project information, the TIP includes documentation on the project selection process for PSRC's federal funds, the positive air quality conformity finding of the Regional TIP, an equity analysis, details on the financial information contained in the TIP and other data. A news release was sent to local newspapers and media outlets, and the draft TIP was provided to major libraries in the region. Full documentation is available on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/transportation-improvement-program>, including an interactive web map with information on each project.

Public comments received by October 1 are included in Attachment A. PSRC

responds to every comment submitted, and comments regarding specific projects are also forwarded to the appropriate project sponsor for additional response. Any additional comments received by the October 10 Transportation Policy Board meeting will be provided at that time. The comment period will continue through October 14, 2024.

Once a new TIP is adopted, sponsors are offered the opportunity to update existing projects or add new projects on a monthly basis. New projects and existing projects adding a future phase must be approved by PSRC's Boards, with the exception of those projects that are not regionally significant<sup>1</sup> and with a total project cost less than \$3 million. PSRC staff have been authorized to administratively approve these projects, along with amendments to existing projects in the approved TIP that are not adding a new phase.

Upon approval by the Executive Board, the 2025-2028 Regional TIP will be forwarded to the state, with state and federal approvals expected in January 2025. Activity on existing projects since the Draft TIP was prepared will be incorporated into this final submittal and total dollar figures for the 2025-2028 TIP will be updated at that time.

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

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Public Comments on the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to the Regional Transportation Plan [Regional Capacity Project List](#) and [Administrative Procedures](#) for identification of which projects fall above and below this threshold.

**Attachment A: Public Comments on the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP**

Reflecting all comments received through October 1, 2024

*Note: PSRC responds to every comment, and where appropriate forwards the comment to any affected jurisdictions.*

**Comment 1:**

Spencer Clark, Woodinville

Regarding "Kirkland - NE 132nd Street Preservation": 124th Ave NE south of 132nd needs bike lanes badly. Ideally protected ones, but I'd take what I can get.

**PSRC Response to Comment 1:**

Thank you for commenting on the Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Your comment will be provided to PSRC's Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board for their review in October and has been forwarded to the City of Kirkland via this reply.

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**Comment 2:**

Riley Avron, Seattle

Please do not add lanes, or widen existing highways. This might improve traffic temporarily, but induces yet more driving until the travel times are once again poor, with no net benefit and huge cost, financially and environmentally.

**PSRC Response to Comment 2:**

Thank you for commenting on the Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Your comment will be provided to PSRC's Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board for their review in October.





## Puget Sound Regional Council

October 3, 2024

### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

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

**Subject:** **Recommendations to the 2025 Washington 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 brief the Transportation Policy Board on the process to adopt legislative priorities and seek feedback on potential legislative policy items.

### DISCUSSION

In 2023 and 2024, the Executive Board adopted Recommendations to the Washington State Legislature after consultation with the Economic Development District Board, Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board and Equity Advisory Committee.

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 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

PSRC staff sought input from the Executive Board and the Economic Development District Board on this initial list of recommended focus areas at their respective September meetings. The Equity Advisory Committee was given background information on the legislative priorities in July and staff will seek further input in October.

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 their December 5 meeting.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations & Communications, at [Rkoskey@psrc.org](mailto:Rkoskey@psrc.org) or 206-798-4462.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature

# Recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature

7.a - Att. A

*Draft*



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

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

October 3, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board  
**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director, Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** **Regional Safety Action Plan Development**

### **IN BRIEF**

Work to develop PSRC's first Regional Safety Action Plan is continuing to advance, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The Transportation Policy Board received a briefing on the results of the initial research and data collection efforts in June. At the October meeting, the board will be briefed and have the opportunity to provide feedback on the key findings and emphasis areas from the data analysis, the preliminary menu of tools and strategies developed for the plan 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.

In the last year, PSRC was 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.

Responding to the feedback heard at a June 2023 Regional Safety Summit, as well as the components required by USDOT under the provisions of the SS4A planning grant, PSRC developed a draft scope of work for a Regional Safety Action Plan. The Transportation Policy Board provided feedback on the scope of work in September

2023, and consultant teams were brought on board in 2024 to help develop the plan. At the June TPB meeting, PSRC staff and the consultant team briefed the board on the data analysis and state of the practice components being done for the plan.

In August 2024, PSRC launched the [RSAP Engagement Hub](#), which provides information to stakeholders and the general public on how they can participate in the development of the plan (including an online survey). The Hub also features key findings and a detailed [State of the Region Report](#) based on the data analysis, as well as an [interactive map of the region's high-injury network](#). This network highlights corridors across the region that have seen the highest concentrations of deaths and serious injuries in recent years.

At the October 10 meeting, PSRC staff and the consultant team will brief the board on the key findings and emphasis areas derived from the data analysis, the preliminary menu of tools and strategies being developed for the plan, a summary of what has been heard through the engagement process so far, and next steps.

Feedback provided by the Transportation Policy Board at the October 10 meeting will help inform next steps in the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan. An additional briefing will be provided to the board by the end of the year when a draft plan is developed. The plan is scheduled to be adopted in spring of 2025.

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

October 3, 2024

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

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

**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process**

### **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. Over the next several months, the Transportation Policy Board will continue discussions to identify key issues and the scope of the RTP moving forward. In particular, the board will reevaluate key inputs to the RTP financial strategy and review corresponding impacts based on various scenarios.

### **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, the board began additional discussions on potential new revenue sources to include in the financial strategy. Given time constraints, a survey was subsequently sent to board members requesting feedback on the following: 1) the policy parameters by which each new source will be considered; 2) whether the identified sources are feasible and should be retained or removed from consideration; and 3) any additional new sources to consider for the next plan. Over the next several months, the board will continue this discussion and staff will conduct sensitivity testing and present high level outcomes to the board for their deliberations. These outcomes will include impacts to estimated future revenues and system performance where applicable.

In October, staff will provide more details on the key elements that may be included in the draft RTP scope. The original schedule called for the Transportation Policy Board to take action on the high level scope in December; the proposed revised schedule will accelerate action by the Transportation Policy Board in November, followed by Executive Board action in December. At a minimum the scope will address the policy priorities set by the board in previous discussions; the work underway to develop both safety and climate action plans; the reevaluation of the financial strategy; and the scenario and sensitivity testing to be conducted at board direction.

Staff will provide more detailed information at the meeting on October 10. In November, additional time may be scheduled to allow for deeper technical discussions on the financial strategy assumptions based on board member interest.

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# PSRC Transportation Work Program - Draft Progress Reporting

DRAFT Progress Chart (Timeline as of October 3, 2024)

Status	
	Preparing
	In Progress
	Complete
	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, February-September 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 Q2 2024 - Q2 2025
<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	Complete, released for public comment September 2024
Conduct Equity Analysis of draft 2025-2028 TIP	Complete, included in Draft released for public comment
Release of 2025-2028 TIP for Public Comment	September -October 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