



Puget Sound Regional Council

Executive Board

Thursday, October 24, 2024 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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- 1. Call to Order (10:00)** – *Mayor Becky Erickson, President*
- 2. Communications and Public Comment**
Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.
- 3. President's Remarks**
- 4. Executive Director's Report**
- 5. Committee Report**
 - a. Operations Committee – *Executive Dave Somers, Vice President*
- 6. Consent Agenda - Action Items (10:15)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held September 26, 2024
 - b. Approve Vouchers Dated August 31, 2024, Through October 7, 2024, in the Amount of \$1,285,257.17

- c. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

7. Award Presentation (10:20)

- a. Governor’s Smart Communities Award

8. Action Item (10:30)

- a. Adopt the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program – *Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

9. Discussion Item (10:50)

- a. Regional Safety Action Plan Development – *Gary Simonson, PSRC*

10. Discussion Item (11:30)

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

11. Information Items

- a. New Employee Status Report
- b. Governor’s Smart Communities Award

12. Other Business

13. NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER! Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn (12:00)

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2024 Comprehensive Plan Review Status

Fifty-five out of the 86 local jurisdictions have provided their draft local comprehensive plans for review and 48 comment letters have been sent. While some jurisdictions are expressing concern about meeting the December deadline, this rate is ahead of where the region was for the 2015 update cycle. Highlights we've seen in plans include community engagement techniques, like youth councils and community events, addressing racially disparate impacts and barriers to affordable housing, rezoning to accommodate housing needs, and climate work. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For more information, contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at 206-464- 6174 or lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org.

Collaborative Planning with Tribes

The board continued their discussion of Tribal planning and coordination and staff from the Puyallup Tribe shared information from their comprehensive land use plan and suggestions for working with the Tribes. The Puyallup Tribe and other Tribes are interested in collaborating with jurisdictions on their comprehensive plans. Passed during the 2022 legislative session, HB 1717 facilitates Tribal participation in local planning under the Growth Management Act. Tribes typically want to collaborate on transportation, environmental, economic development and infrastructure planning. Board members are encouraged to consider their jurisdiction's approach to coordination with Tribes and share the Tribal coordination guidance document with their staff. [View presentation](#).

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

Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature

The board was briefed on PSRC's recommendations to the 2025 Washington State Legislature. Mirroring the agency's 2024 recommendations to the State Legislature, PSRC's proposed focus areas are keep the region moving (transportation); increase housing choices and affordability (housing); significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions (climate) and sustain a strong economy (economic development). The Executive Committee will finalize the recommendations based on board feedback, and the Executive Board will review the priorities for adoption at their December meeting. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations & Communications, at 206-798-4462 or rkoskey@psrc.org.

Housing Research Center Concept

PSRC staff discussed with the board the need for a state research center dedicated to housing. PSRC currently provides housing data and information to help support local governments and the state legislature, but there is no central location for housing research operating statewide. PSRC has been doing individual outreach to housing advocates, state legislators, business leaders and developers to explore creating a housing research center in Washington state. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations, at 206-798-4462 or rkoskey@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, September 26, 2024
Hybrid Meeting, PSRC Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and is 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 live. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals provided public comment (either written or verbal):

- Commissioner David Simpson
- Joe Kunzler

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Becky Erickson thanked the members for their participation and announced that the board will conduct the Executive Director's annual review at the December meeting. She mentioned that board members will soon receive an email from PSRC's HR consultant requesting their evaluation of Josh's performance for 2024. President Erickson encouraged members to watch for the email, emphasizing the importance of their feedback and expressing her appreciation for their input.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President and Chair of the Operations Committee, Executive Dave Somers, reported that at today's Operations Committee meeting, the committee recommended approval of vouchers dated June 30, 2024, through August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$2,683,999.83. The committee also recommended approval of the following:

1. PSRC's Title VI Plan
2. Budget Amendment and an Increase Contract Authority for Consultant Services for the Second Survey Wave (2025) of an Eight-Year Household Travel Survey Program

3. Contract Authority for Consultant Services for the Regional Transportation Plan Regional Transit Access Assessment
4. Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
5. 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

The committee also received an update on PSRC's Summer Planning Academy. PSRC hosted a leadership development opportunity for high school students. The academy introduces youth to the planning process and career path. The program also supports PSRC's equity goals of creating a more diverse pipeline of planning candidates. Students participated in a competition where they presented their findings to staff.

Additionally, the committee received an update on PSRC's revised annual weighted votes, which had minimal changes. The committee was also briefed on PSRC's 2024 Base Pay Market Study. To ensure continued market competitiveness and adjust for inflation, PSRC increased the minimum, midpoint and maximum rate of each salary range. Additionally, certain pay bands were adjusted to ensure a ten percent differential between ranges.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Kettle) to:

- a. **Approve Minutes of Meeting held July 25, 2024**
- b. **Approve Vouchers Dated June 30, 2024, Through August 30, 2024, in the Amount of \$2,683,999.83**
- c. **Approve PSRC's Title VI Plan**
- d. **Authorize a Budget Amendment and an Increase Contract Authority for Consultant Services for the Second Survey Wave (2025) of an Eight-Year Household Travel Survey Program**
- e. **Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for the Regional Transportation Plan Regional Transit Access Assessment**
- f. **Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
- g. **Authorize 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**

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Recommendations to the 2025 Washington State Legislature

Robin Koskey, PSRC's Director of Government Relations and Communications, updated the board on the progress of developing PSRC's 2025 legislative priorities and invited feedback on potential policy areas for the upcoming session.

Key emerging issues for the 2025 legislative session include the operating budget deficit, transportation budget and possible executive priorities related to housing, ferries and behavioral health.

Input will be collected in October from the Economic Development District Board, the Equity Advisory Committee, the Growth Management Policy Board and the Transportation Policy Board. Final recommendations will then be submitted to the Executive Board for adoption in December.

Housing Research Center

Robin Koskey, PSRC's Director of Government Relations and Communications, briefed the board on the need for a dedicated state housing research center. Housing affordability is a critical issue in Washington, especially for Black, Indigenous and people of color. Although PSRC provides housing data and supports local governments, its capacity for in-depth research is limited, and there is no centralized housing research center in the state.

Drawing inspiration from models like UC Berkeley's Turner Center and NYU's Furman Center, a Washington-based center could focus on expanding access to quality, inclusive housing, increasing supply while reducing costs, driving innovation in housing policy and maximizing housing production around transit investments while addressing displacement concerns.

PSRC is working with the University of Washington, Housing Development Consortium and Urban Land Institute to explore this initiative. Outreach to housing advocates, legislators, business leaders and developers is underway, with plans for a public-private campaign to support the center's creation.

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

Kelly McGourty, PSRC Director of Transportation Planning, reported that since February 2024, the Transportation Policy Board has been working on priorities for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is scheduled for adoption in May 2026. She briefed the board on the work program, leading up to the adoption of the RTP scoping document in December.

Key themes discussed include safety, climate, equity, maintenance, transit, ferries, system decarbonization and diverse community needs. The board has also emphasized analyzing post-pandemic travel behavior, geographic insights and tracking progress. Recent discussions focused on investments, system performance, financial strategies and key data trends.

In the coming months, the board will refine the financial strategy and set parameters for investment decisions, with the RTP scope being adopted in December to allow for plan development in 2025, targeting final adoption in 2026.

INFORMATION ITEM

Included in the agenda packet was information on PSRC’s weighted votes as revised in August 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Adopted this 24th day of October 2024.

Mayor Becky Erickson, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT:

- A. Executive Board Attendance, September 26, 2024

<i>Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:</i>		Present
King County	EXC Dow Constantine	1
	CM Claudia Balducci	1
	Vacant Alt	
	Vacant Alt	
Seattle	MYR Bruce Harrell	
	CM Robert Kettle	1
	CM Rob Saka	1
	CM Sara Nelson Alt	
	CM Tammy Morales Alt	
	CM Dan Strauss Alt	
Bellevue	MYR Lynne Robinson	
	CM Janice Zahn Alt	1
Federal Way	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
Kent	Vacant Alt	
	MYR Dana Ralph	1
Kirkland	CM Toni Troutner Alt	
	MYR Kelli Curtis	
Renton	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	1
	MYR Armondo Pavone	1
Redmond	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	1
	MYR Angela Birnev	1
Auburn	CM Vanessa Kritzer Alt	
	MYR Nancy Backus	1
Other Cities/Towns in King County	DP MYR Larry Brown Alt	
	MYR Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington	1
	MYR Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw	
	MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah Alt	
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
Kitsap County	MYR Thomas McLeod, Tukwila Alt	
	COMM Charlotte Garrido	
Bremerton	COMM Katie Walters Alt	
	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
Port Orchard	CM Jennifer Chamberlin Alt	
	MYR Rob Putaansuu	
Other Cities/Towns in Kitsap County	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
Pierce County	MYR Joe Deets, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
	EXC Bruce Dammeier	
Tacoma	CM Ryan Mello	1
	CM Dave Morell Alt	
Lakewood	CM Krstina Walker	1
	MYR Victoria Woodards Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Pierce County	CM Ryan Pearson	1
	MYR Jason Whalen Alt	
Snohomish County	MYR Joshua Penner, Orting	1
	DP MYR Dennis King, Puyallup Alt	
	EXC Dave Somers	1
Everett	CM Sam Low	
	CM Jared Mead Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Snohomish County	MYR Cassie Franklin	
	CM Scott Bader Alt	1
	MYR Jon Nehring, Marysville	1
Port of Bremerton	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
Port of Everett	COMM Axel Strakeljahn	1
	COMM Gary Anderson Alt	
Port of Seattle	COMM David Simpson	
	COMM Glen Bachman Alt	
Port of Tacoma	COMM Hamdi Mohamed	
	COMM Toshiko Hasegawa Alt	
Washington State Department of Transportation	COMM John McCarthy	1
	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
Washington State Transportation Commission	Secretary Roger Millar	1
	Julie Meredith Alt	
Washington State Transportation Commission	COMM Nicole Grant	1
	COMM Jim Restucci Alt	



Puget Sound Regional Council

October 17, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Vouchers Dated August 31, 2024, Through October 7, 2024, in the Amount of \$1,285,257.17**

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080, following the Operations Committee's review, the Executive Board approves the vouchers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

REQUESTED

<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
09/03/24 - 10/07/24	AP Vouchers	\$ 527,912.07
08/31/24 - 09/15/24	Payroll	\$ 757,345.10
		\$ 1,285,257.17

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, at awerfelmann@psrc.org or 206-971-3292.



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October 17, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Adopt 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. At its meeting on October 10, the Transportation Policy Board recommended adoption of the amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt 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 or 206-389-2876.

ATTACHMENT

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	Port Orchard Intermodal Terminal 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	Wapato Creek Fish Passage Restoration 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	New Gantry with Depot Conductive Charging Infra for 30 Battery-Electric Buses 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	Battery Electric Buses with Wireless Inductive Charging Capabilities 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	East Marginal Way S Preservation 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	Roosevelt Way Preservation 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	SR 3/Division Ave & W Pleasant St Intersection - Roundabout 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	SR 305/High School Rd NE Intersection - Roundabout 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	SR 162/SR 512 Puyallup Vicinity - Remove Fish Barriers 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 17, 2024

ACTION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Adopt 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 continued through to October 14. 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.

At its meeting October 10, the Transportation Policy Board recommended Executive Board adoption of the 2025-2028 Regional TIP. A summary of comments received by October 14 is included in Attachment A; any additional comments received by the October 24 Executive Board meeting will be provided at that time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should 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 14 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 24 Executive Board meeting will be provided at that time.

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 significant¹ 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 or 206-389-2876.

ATTACHMENT

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

¹ 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 14, 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.

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

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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

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 Executive Board received a briefing on the results of the initial research and data collection efforts in June. At the October meeting, the board will have an 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. Totalling 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 the 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 (RSAP). The Executive 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 24 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 Executive Board at the October 24 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.

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

October 14, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

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

IN BRIEF

Since 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. The Executive Board was briefed on the work to date and upcoming schedule for the Transportation Policy Board in September. Additional information on the draft scoping process will be provided at the meeting on October 24.

DISCUSSION

Since February, the Transportation Policy 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.

A particular focus of board discussions has been a reevaluation of the RTP financial strategy. The financial strategy includes inputs and assumptions regarding current law revenue sources, as well as a menu of potential new revenue sources needed to fully fund the investments and operations contained in the 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.

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.



Puget Sound Regional Council

October 17, 2024

INFORMATION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **New Employee Status Report**

PSRC has five new employees:

Lauren Maki – Planning Intern in Transportation Planning Division

Malia Houghton – Data Intern in Data Department

Maria Suchoski – Planning Intern in Regional Planning Division

Mira Malden – Planning Intern in Growth Management Division

Philip Harris – Principal Planner in Transportation Planning Division

For more information, please contact Thu Le, HR Manager, at tle@psrc.org or 206-464-6175.

GOVERNOR'S SMART COMMUNITIES *Award*



PSRC is proud to announce we will receive the Governor's Smart Communities Award for work cocreated with the [Equity Advisory Committee](#) (EAC) on the transportation funding Equity Pilot. The EAC worked side-by-side with PSRC staff to award \$6 million of federal transportation resources to explore strategies to elevate equity in the funding process. The EAC recommendations were incorporated into PSRC's project selection process and will shape all future funding decisions.

We are grateful to the EAC for their engagement and impact on how funding decisions can incorporate equity.

The Washington State Department of Commerce will present the award on behalf of Governor Inslee at PSRC's Executive Board meeting in October.

Watch the [meeting](#)

Attend in person – [Directions to PSRC's office](#)

The Governor's Smart Communities Awards highlight effective implementation of the state's Growth Management Act (GMA) and other local or regional planning procedures. [Learn about all of the 2024 awards.](#)



**Award Presentation
Thursday, October 24, 2024
10:20 AM**

