



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Optional: Post-Meeting Q&A from 7:30-8:00 pm

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#### 1. Welcome (5:30) – *Debbie Lacy & Maria Fergus, Co-Chairs*

#### 2. Reports

- a. Meeting Summary for November 7, 2024\*
- b. EAC Member Announcements & Check In
- c. Staff Announcements
- d. GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries\*

#### 3. Discussion Item (5:45)

- a. 2024 Project Selection Update\* – *Doug Cox & Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

#### 4. Discussion Item (5:55)

- a. Title VI Demographic Profile\* – *Carol Naito, PSRC*

#### 5. Break (6:30)

#### 6. Discussion Item (6:40)

- a. Title VI Demographic Profile Cont.\* – *Carol Naito, PSRC*

#### 7. Zoom Poll (7:25)

#### 8. Next meeting: January 9, 2025 – Note: This meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday of January.

#### 9. Adjourn (7:30)

**Optional Post-Meeting Q&A (7:30) – *Charles Patton, PSRC***

\*Supporting materials attached.

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

**Date: November 7, 2024**

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Presentations from the meeting are available on the [Equity Advisory Committee webpage](#). Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

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#### **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. Then, Debbie created space for members to share their thoughts and feelings on the state of their communities and encouraged resource sharing.

#### **Staff Announcements**

Charles shared that Debbie participated as a panelist at the Sound Transit Equity Summit, sharing the perspective of EAC members at the event. He also reminded members of the EAC compensation policy, which asks members to request compensation within thirty days of a meeting, and cannot be processed after the fiscal year is complete.

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. 6-10.

#### **Discussion Item: GMPB and TPB Board Representatives Selection**

Members selected the EAC representatives and alternates for the Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board for 2025. The new EAC representatives and alternates are:

##### **Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)**

- Michelle Stewart (representative)
- Thanh Nguyen (alternate)

##### **Transportation Policy Board (TPB)**

- Shannon Turner (representative)
- Julius Moss (alternate)

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

Questions? Contact Charles Patton, Program Manager, at [cpatton@psrc.org](mailto:cpatton@psrc.org).

**Discussion Item: Governor’s Smart Communities Award: Equity Pilot**

Josh Brown, Executive Director, joined Charles in congratulating the Equity Advisory Committee on the Governor’s Smart Communities Award for the Equity Pilot.

Questions? Contact Charles Patton, Program Manager, at [cpatton@psrc.org](mailto:cpatton@psrc.org).

**Discussion Item: Regional Safety Action Plan Development**

Noah Boggess and Gary Simonson, PSRC, were joined by Jacqueline Robinette and Andrés Mantilla, Uncommon Bridges, to summarize ongoing engagement to date for PSRC’s first Regional Safety Action Plan. A facilitated discussion by our consultant partners regarding safety concerns in our communities followed.

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

Questions? Contact Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at [nbogges@psrc.org](mailto:nbogges@psrc.org), or Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, at [gsimonson@psrc.org](mailto:gsimonson@psrc.org).

**Adjourn**

At the close of the meeting, members participated in a poll to evaluate the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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**Members Represented at the Table** See attached attendance roster.

**PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present** Charles Patton, PSRC

Mikayla Svob, PSRC

Noah Boggess, PSRC

Gary Simonson, PSRC

Josh Brown, PSRC

Sarah Margeson

Jacqueline Robinette, Uncommon Bridges Andrés Mantilla, Uncommon Bridges

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. EAC Member Attendance - November 7, 2024





# Puget Sound Regional Council

## DISCUSSION ITEM

December 5, 2024

**To:** Equity Advisory Committee

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

**Subject:** **GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries**



November 7, 2024

### **2024 Housing Monitoring Update: The State of the Region's Housing**

The [2024 Housing Monitoring Report](#) was presented to the board, which includes data and analysis on the region's housing supply, affordability and production.

The 2024 update shows that residents still struggle to access housing within their housing budget, as most renters are cost burdened. Housing production has increased, with 5,000 units of income-restricted housing developed, but to meet the region's goals, 15,000 units will be needed annually. With comprehensive plan updates, local jurisdictions are planning for housing at all income levels, allowing for different types of middle housing and addressing barriers to housing development.

PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy stems from VISION 2050's plan of meeting the housing and affordability needs of residents in the region. PSRC will continue to track and monitor the region's housing landscape. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Eric Clute, Associate Planner, at [eclute@psrc.org](mailto:eclute@psrc.org) or David Dixon, Associate Planner, at [ddixon@psrc.org](mailto:ddixon@psrc.org).

### **Regional Safety Action Plan Development**

The board was briefed on the development of PSRC's Regional Safety Action Plan. PSRC was awarded two planning grants through USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program and started to develop the Regional Safety Action Plan. Throughout the summer and fall, PSRC staff and consultants conducted public outreach, tabling at events, facilitating four regional public meetings and the opening of the RSAP Engagement Hub, which provided information to the public on how they can participate in the development of the plan. The board was presented with key data findings and a preliminary menu of tools and strategies developed for the next steps. The plan is scheduled to be adopted in the spring of 2025. [View presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, at [gsimonson@psrc.org](mailto:gsimonson@psrc.org) or 206-971-3276.

### **Transit-Oriented Development Events Recap**

The board reviewed this year's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) event series. This year, PSRC organized two TOOLBOX webinars to highlight work to advance equitable TOD. A session on [Transit Oriented Communities](#) focused on planning around transit to include human-centered considerations like open space, arts and community activation. The [Preventing Commercial Displacement](#) session focused on the work to address the displacement commercial stores experience when neighborhoods change. Both sessions are available on the TOOLBOX series webpage. [View presentation](#).

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

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## Transportation Policy Board | At Work



November 14, 2024

### **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Scope of Work**

The Transportation Policy Board reviewed the key elements identified in the draft scope of work for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to be adopted in May 2026. The draft scope of work is based on VISION 2050 and the policy priorities determined by the board earlier in the year. The board recommended the Executive Board approve the RTP scope of work at their December 5 meeting. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

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

### **Revisiting Project Selection Policy Issues**

The board reviewed data compiled to support discussion of two topics identified earlier in the year for further exploration: (1) setting a potential scoring threshold below which projects would not be eligible for funding and (2) potentially restricting eligibility of projects that increase general purpose vehicle lane capacity on limited access facilities. A summary of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee deliberation and recommendations on both topics was also reviewed. Based on this information, the board determined that no further action is needed at this time. In future project selection processes, PSRC staff will continue to share details on the outcomes and



scope elements of every project, including those adding general purpose lane capacity. [View presentation.](#)

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

### **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Financial Strategy**

Staff provided a summary of feedback provided to date on the RTP financial strategy and a preliminary approach for considering potential new revenue sources in the plan. Results of high-level sensitivity testing were also provided, and the board was asked to provide feedback on any additional sensitivity tests to be conducted in the coming months. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org) or 206-971-3601, or Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at [chelmann@psrc.org](mailto:chelmann@psrc.org) or 206-389-2889.

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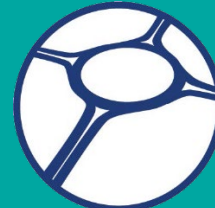
All infrastructure projects include **safety improvements** such as



Crossing improvements



Separating vulnerable users from vehicles

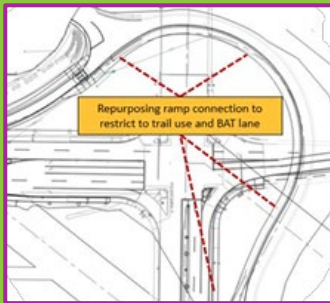


Reducing turn conflicts



Lighting improvements

**Equity considerations** were guided by EAC input and the Equity Pilot Program



### Addressing Disparities

- High scoring projects made it clear how the improvements will remedy the issues expressed by the community using innovative solutions

### Addressing Outreach

- Projects that used strategies outlined in *PSRC's Equitable Engagement Guidance* to conduct outreach scored well. This included translating materials, making meetings accessible, and providing multiple ways for the community to weigh in on the design

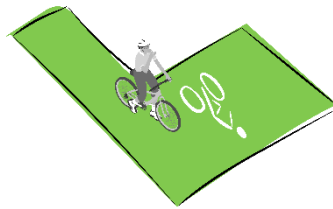
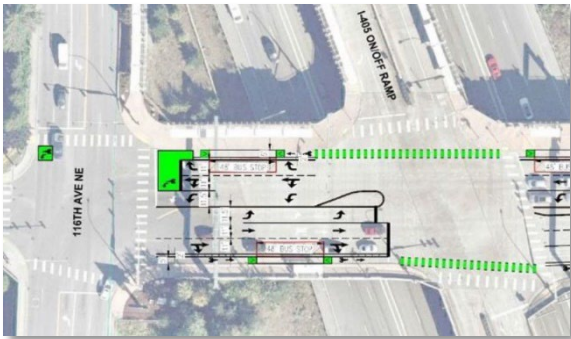
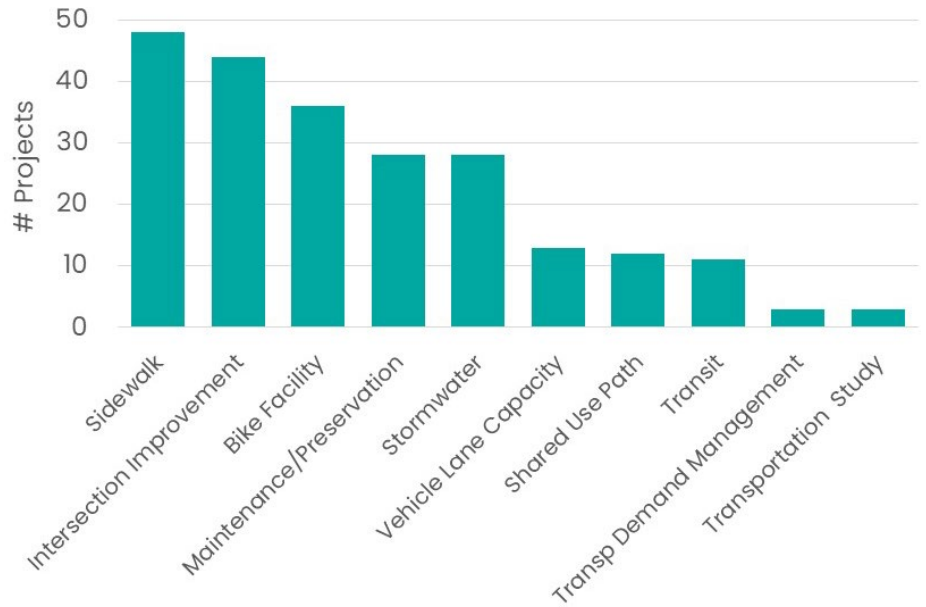


### Addressing Displacement

- High scoring projects included sponsor agencies that demonstrated a strong commitment to countering displacement risk, e.g., an agency with a *Housing Action Plan*

101 projects were awarded \$239 million in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds, with outcomes that include:

- Building sidewalks or pathways
- Upgrading intersections
- Installing bike lanes
- Improving the transit network
- Stormwater improvements
- Preserving & maintaining existing transportation facilities



Projects throughout the region are making it easier to get around by any mode, such as this intersection improvement.

35 projects were awarded \$473 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.

This includes 7 projects receiving Equity Formula funds, directing investments to Equity Focus Areas.

Transit project outcomes include:

- Accessibility improvements to ferry facilities
- Bus stop rehabilitation
- Vehicle purchases, including zero-emission buses
- High-capacity transit network expansion (e.g., Link, Bus RapidRide)
- Passenger amenities
- Fast Ferry docking facility
- Transit infrastructure (e.g., trolley poles, switches)
- Vehicle and transit facility maintenance





## Puget Sound Regional Council

December 5, 2024

### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Equity Advisory Committee

**From:** Carol Naito, Program Manager – Data Applications

**Subject:** **Title VI Demographic Profile**

### IN BRIEF

At its meeting on December 5, 2024, the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) will participate in a series of conversations regarding PSRC's Title VI demographic profile and associated work program. Committee members will be asked to provide feedback on analyses completed to date as well as comment on the ongoing and future work PSRC is undertaking with the EAC subcommittee formed to collaborate with staff on the demographic profile.

### DISCUSSION

As part of its Title VI requirements, PSRC develops and maintains a [Title VI Plan](#) which includes a demographic profile of the central Puget Sound region's people of color, low-income, and other populations relevant to supporting the agency's Title VI and regional equity work programs, including public outreach and engagement activities. The profile is updated every three years, with the most recent update completed in October 2024.

The Committee was first introduced to the Title VI demographic profile at its meeting in March 2024. In June, the Committee received a project update, learned about revised race and ethnicity reporting standards being used for the 2024 profile, and also heard about work items that the EAC demographic profile subcommittee would be partnering with PSRC staff to co-create.

The discussion agenda for the Committee's December meeting will cover the following items:

- [2024 Demographic Profile](#): An overview of data highlights from the [2024 Central Puget Sound Demographic Profile](#)

- Next Steps: The current and future scope of work related to the demographic profile that PSRC staff and the EAC demographic profile subcommittee will be collaborating on, including:
  - Creation of an interactive online StoryMap report to make key information from the 2024 profile more accessible to the general public
  - Consideration of alternative data tabulation methods to better highlight existing racial inequities
  - Exploration of additional equity lenses that may be incorporated into future versions of the profile

During the December session, Committee members will be asked if they have questions or feedback regarding the demographic profile, including:

- Its content and key takeaways
- Its relationship to downstream equity efforts at PSRC
- The scope of the forthcoming interactive StoryMap report
- Potential ways to strengthen the existing profile
- Any other aspect of the presentation materials

## **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will return to the Equity Advisory Committee at its meeting in June 2025 to present a project update and solicit feedback on a draft interactive StoryMap report.

For additional information, please contact Carol Naito, Program Manager, at [cnaito@psrc.org](mailto:cnaito@psrc.org) or 206-464-7535.