

Government Relations Updates & Recommendations to the State Legislature

Executive Board

December 5, 2024



Puget Sound Regional Council



We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

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Federal Updates

- Republican House Majority is very close – will be 220-215 (217-215 until special elections)
- Continuing Resolution by December 20 likely
- Tax Cut Extension focus for Congress
- DOT Secretary nominee – Sean Duffy
- Sam Graves Waiver for Transportation and Infrastructure Committee



2025 State Legislature



- Democratic majority in the Senate will be 30-19. The Democratic majority in the House will be 59-39
- Legislative session starts on January 13, runs 105-days, ends on Sunday, April 27, 2025



2025 Legislative Session Budget Outlook

- Operating budget deficit of \$10–12 billion
- Governor Inslee directed state agencies to propose budget reductions
- Transportation budget deficit
- Governor Inslee's budget released December 11
- New revenue being considered by legislature



Governor Ferguson Transition



- 53-member transition team
- 12 subcommittees
 - Transportation – Senator Liias
 - Housing – Lt. Governor Heck
 - Budget Savings and Efficiencies – Senator Mullet and Rachel Smith, Greater Seattle Metro Chamber
- Subcommittee white papers due January 9



Bills to Watch

- Rent stability
- Road Usage Charge
- Lot splitting
- Transit Oriented Development



Process 2025 Recommendations to Legislature



July 2024

EAC Background

September 2024

Review Recommendations with Economic Development District & Executive Board

October 2024

Review Recommendations with Growth Management Policy Board, EAC & Transportation Policy Board

November 2024

Review & Recommendation by Executive Committee

December 2024

Executive Board Review Adoption



Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature

- Keep the Region Moving
- Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
- Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Sustain a Strong Economy



Changes to the 2025 Recommendations

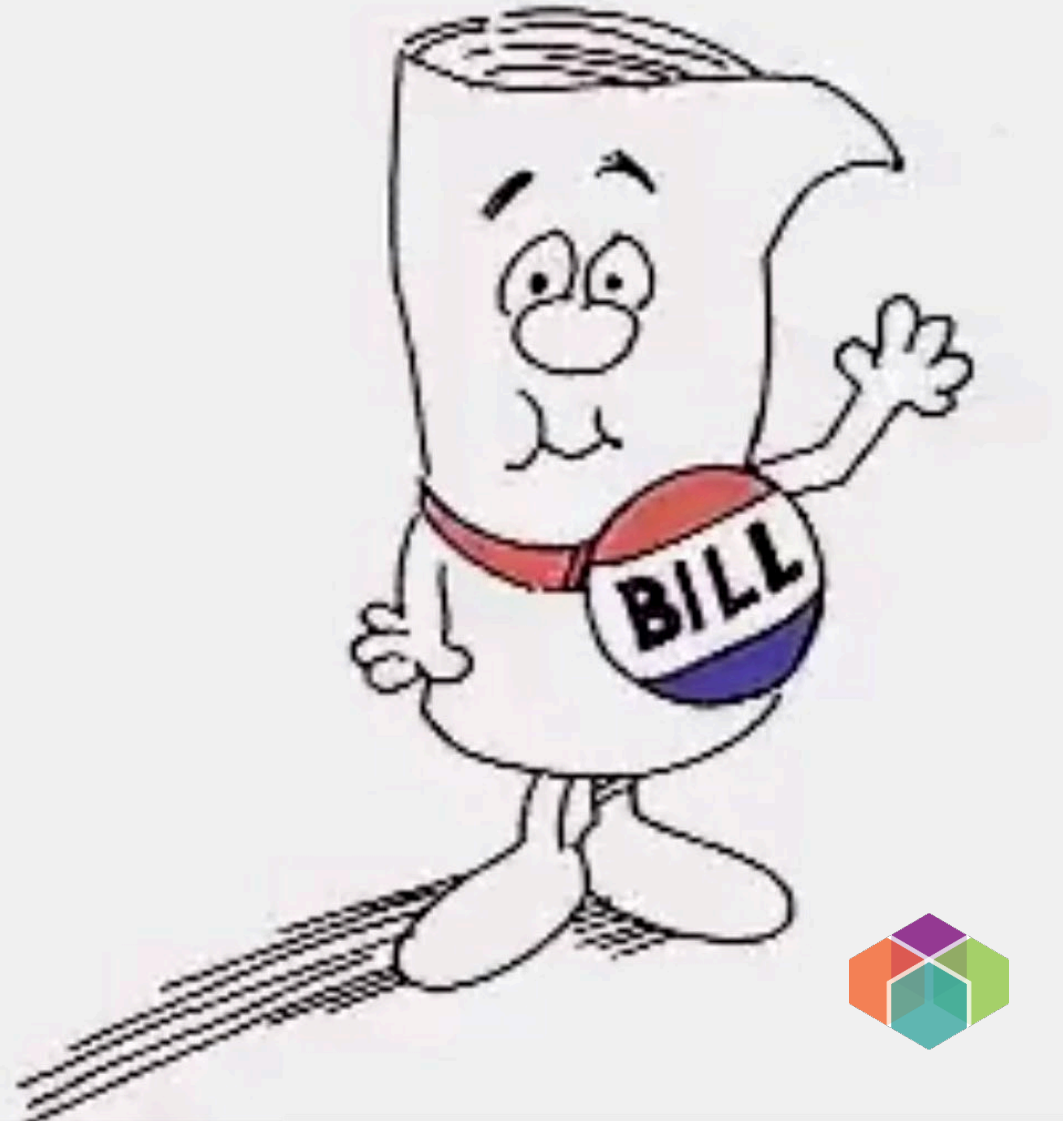


- Keep the region moving **safely**
 - Elevated Safety
 - Included stable revenue sources
 - Added maintenance and preservation
 - Included moving projects forward
- Added Housing Reserch Center
- Included transportation electrification in workforce development



Recommended Action

Adopt the 2025
Recommendations to
the state legislature.





Thank You!

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