

Regional Transportation Plan Scope of Work

Executive Board
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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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Today's Presentation

- Review of information presented in October
- Request action to approve the Scope of Work



Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Direction



- The current RTP calls for a “major” update to the next plan, to respond to new challenges and opportunities
- Direction also calls for the next plan to include environmental analysis and consider innovative approaches to regional planning



2024 Work Program

- Board feedback on policy priorities and analysis needs
- Updating of inventories and data collection of the transportation system
- Updating of models and tools to align with identified policy priorities
- Peer agency review on key issues and best practices
- [Regional Safety Action Plan](#) underway
- Partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and others on developing the regional [Priority and Comprehensive Climate Action Plans](#)
- Consulted with PSRC's SEPA attorneys on the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the next plan



RTP Scoping Approach

First and foremost, the primary basis for the scope of the next RTP is **VISION 2050**, which has the following Transportation goal:

The region has a sustainable, equitable, affordable, safe, and efficient multimodal transportation system, with specific emphasis on an integrated regional transit network that supports the Regional Growth Strategy and promotes vitality of the economy, environment, and health.



RTP Scoping Approach

Board feedback to date on policy priorities for the next plan have confirmed the commitment to this vision



RTP Scoping Approach

Additional significant elements of the next plan include:

- Reevaluation of the Financial Strategy
- Continued analysis and monitoring of equity
- Analysis of changing travel behavior post-COVID
- Regional transit access assessment
- Emerging stormwater issues and mitigation
- Growth targets and investments from 2024 comprehensive plans
- Identify actions and outcomes



Additional Transportation Policy Board Feedback

In addition to the continued focus on climate, safety and equity and supporting VISION 2050:

- Highlight ongoing health work in the scope, including addressing health equity
- Regarding emerging stormwater issues, update the scope language to “account for the impacts” from the current state of the practice
- *The Scope of Work document will be updated to reflect these suggestions*



Environmental Review

Under consultation with PSRC's SEPA attorneys, an Addendum will be developed for the next plan

- Scenarios will be developed, guided by board direction, that will inform plan investment portfolios and alternatives
- No scenario is expected to create *new significant adverse environmental impacts* from what was analyzed in previous RTP or VISION analyses
- PSRC will report on numerous and diverse performance metrics throughout the process



Next Steps

- October – Boards reviewed draft approach for RTP scope
- November – Transportation Policy Board recommended approval of RTP scope to Executive Board
- **Through Spring 2025** – Transportation Policy Board review of financial strategy
 - Sensitivity testing and scenario development
 - Set initial parameters for new sources and assumptions
 - Feeds into request for project / investment submissions



Plan Investment Submissions

PSRC will gather information on all planned investments through 2050 for board consideration --

- **Programmatic:** maintenance & preservation, system operations, local investments
 - *Will include board direction on regional policies & assumptions for State of Good Repair, local transit service growth*
- **Regional Capacity Projects:** additions or modifications to the identified regional transportation system, across modes – roadway, transit & ferries, bicycle/pedestrian



Schedule of Work

	2024				2025												2026				
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Financial Strategy Reevaluation and Scenario Development																					
Project and Investment Submittals for Board Consideration																					
Identification of Draft Plan Alternatives																					
Policy Direction on Draft Plan Elements (incl. Safety & Climate Action Plans)																					
Draft Plan / Alternatives Modeling																					
Review of Modeling Results / Board Discussion and Plan Refinements																					
Draft Plan Public Review Process																					
Board Review of Public Comments / Final Plan Development																					
Transportation Policy Board / Executive Board Recommendation of RTP																					
General Assembly Action / Adoption of RTP																					



Action

The Executive Board is asked to approve the Regional Transportation Plan (2026–2050) Scope of Work, as described in Attachment A of Agenda Item 8.

