

# Regional Transportation Plan Scope of Work

Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
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# Today's Presentation

- Review of work begun and board discussions to date
- Executive Board approved RTP Scope of Work
- Next steps and overall schedule



# 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



# 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

- November/December – approval of RTP Scope
- November through Spring 2025 – review of financial strategy
  - Sensitivity testing
  - Scenario development
  - Set parameters for new sources and assumptions
  - Feeds into request for project / investment submissions



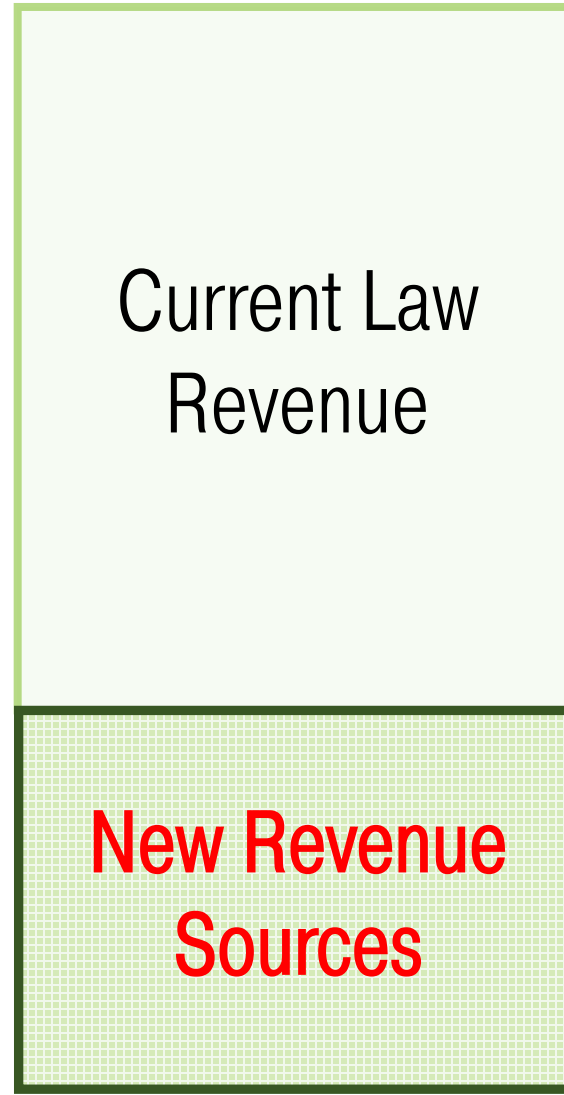


# Financial Strategy Building Blocks

Expenditures



Current Law Revenue



Revenues



# Categories of New Potential Revenue Sources

## Local Sources:

- Index fuel tax
- Carbon tax on fuel
- Parking surcharges
- Vehicle license fees
- Transportation impact fees
- Lifting county road levy cap
- Street utility tax
- MVET

## User Fees:

- Facility tolls
- Road usage charge

## Transit / Ferry Sources:

- Employee tax
- Local transit sales tax increase
- Transit / ferry fare increases
- License service fee increase
- MVET

## State Sources:

- License & registration fee increase
- Weight fee increase



# Preliminary Proposed Approach

- Staff proposes to focus on those sources that could be implemented consistently across the region and that are more likely to generate greater potential revenue:
  - Indexing sources to inflation
  - Road usage charge
  - Vehicle License & Registration Fees
  - Sales Tax Increases for Local Transit
  - Lifting the county road levy cap



# Next Steps

- Continued board discussions on financial strategy assumptions in the coming months
- Information gathered on proposed investments in the Spring
  - Proposed investments will inform revenue needs ( )
  - Revenue assumptions will inform investment decisions
- Depending on policy deliberations and assumed financial strategy, different investment portfolios may be analyzed



# 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 expansion*
- **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
<b>Financial Strategy Reevaluation and Scenario Development</b>																					
<b>Project and Investment Submittals for Board Consideration</b>																					
<b>Identification of Draft Plan Alternatives</b>																					
<b>Policy Direction on Draft Plan Elements (incl. Safety &amp; Climate Action Plans)</b>																					
<b>Draft Plan / Alternatives Modeling</b>																					
<b>Review of Modeling Results / Board Discussion and Plan Refinements</b>																					
<b>Draft Plan Public Review Process</b>																					
<b>Board Review of Public Comments / Final Plan Development</b>																					
<b>Transportation Policy Board / Executive Board Recommendation of RTP</b>																					
<b>General Assembly Action / Adoption of RTP</b>																					

