



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Agenda**

**Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below**

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- 1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00 a.m.) – Philip Harris, PSRC**
- 2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – November 12, 2024\* (10:05 a.m.)**
- 3. Discussion: Follow-Up on Regional Capacity Project thresholds for pedestrian and bicycle facilities\* (10:10 a.m.) – Kelly McGourty, PSRC**

Following up from the November BPAC meeting, a few suggestions for revising the thresholds for pedestrian/bicycle projects on the Regional Capacity Projects list were received. A summary of the process and the suggestions submitted is attached, for discussion.
- 4. Discussion: Regional Safety Action Plan (10:25 a.m.) – Gary Simonson, PSRC**

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) will release the draft plan the week of January 13.
- 5. Discussion: Review initial analysis of micromobility inventory (10:40 a.m.) – Jean Kim, PSRC**

PSRC staff will share some initial regional inventory data and analysis on micromobility. BPAC will be asked to provide feedback on initial findings.
- 6. Roundtable: Announcements of Pedestrian/Bicycle Activities (11:05 a.m.)**

Committee members provide brief updates on local/regional events and other items of interest. Members can also comment on state/federal regulations and other issues impacting bicycle and pedestrian planning in the region.
- 7. Next Meeting: February 11, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
- 8. Information Item: 2025 Planned BPAC Meeting Topics\***
- 9. Adjourn (11:30 a.m.)**

\* Supporting materials attached

For more information, contact Philip Harris at [pharris@psrc.org](mailto:pharris@psrc.org) or 206 464 6843

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**Date: November 12, 2024**

**Location: Online/Remote Only**

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#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Gil introduced Philip Harris to the committee as the future BPAC lead. He then took a roll call and confirmed the attendance of members and alternates.

#### **Approval of Meeting Summary**

The September 10, 2024 BPAC meeting summary was approved.

#### **Discussion: Regional Capacity Project Thresholds for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared background information on the current Regional Capacity Project Thresholds, including details on the previous BPAC input that led to the current thresholds for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Committee members asked various questions about how these thresholds are interpreted and which elements are flexible given the limitations of federal requirements. PSRC staff clarified and responded to these questions and shared that the committee will have another opportunity to suggest edits to the current thresholds at the January BPAC meeting.

*For more information, contact Gil Cerise at [GCerise@psrc.org](mailto:GCerise@psrc.org).*

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

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

Gary Simonson, PSRC, provided an update on the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan. In the meeting Q&A, the committee asked a variety of questions, particularly about how the Regional Safety Action Plan will be used in future PSRC work, and PSRC staff provided responses.

*For more information, contact Gary Simonson at [GSimonson@psrc.org](mailto:GSimonson@psrc.org).*

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

#### **Discussion: Update on Regional Pedestrian/Bicycle Inventories and Analyses**

Nick Johnson, PSRC, provided updates on the regional facility inventory and analyses associated with level of traffic stress. PSRC staff also requested feedback on the proposed update to PSRC's pedestrian and bicycle policies and regulations inventory. The committee shared some feedback on the plan for this inventory and the proposed traffic stress methodology. However, PSRC staff proposed to follow up by email to solicit more feedback from the committee.

*For more information, contact Nick Johnson at [NJohnson@psrc.org](mailto:NJohnson@psrc.org).*

The presentation is provided on the PSRC website [here](#).

### **Roundtable: Announcements of Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities**

During the roundtable, the committee received updates and announcements from the following members:

- Stela Nikolova, City of Bellevue
- David Urbina, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Liz Kaster, City of Tacoma

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

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### **\*Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster for the member or alternate representing each agency/jurisdiction at the meeting; additional alternates present are listed below.

### **\*Alternates, Interested Parties, and PSRC Staff Present**

Alessandra Gonzalez, Everett Transit; Daniel Enrico, City of Everett; Jacob Armstrong; James Blaisdell; Joseph Roberts; Lisa Watson, Public Health-Seattle & King County; Marcus Richards, Community Transit; Richard Gelb, Public Health Seattle/King County; Sherman Goong, City of Bothell; Yana Aria, Community Transit

**PSRC:** Gil Cerise, Alexa Leach, Nick Johnson, Philip Harris, Jean Kim, Kelly McGourty, Brice Nichols

*\*All attendees were present via remote participation.*

# BPAC Attendance Roster (Members and Alternates represented)

Date: November 12, 2024 10:00am - 12:00 pm

Jurisdiction		Name	Jurisdiction		Name
<b>King County</b>			<b>Snohomish County</b>		
County (2)		Katie Wendel (Roads)	County (1)		Aaron Lee (Public Works)
		Peter Dane (Parks)			VACANT (Alt.)
	x	John Vander Sluis (Roads) (Alt.)	Metro City: Everett (1)	x	Klayton Leingang, Public Works
	x	Max Hepp-Buchanan (Parks) (Alt.)			Alessandra Gonzalez, Everett Transit (Alt.)
Metro City: Seattle (2)	x	David Burgess	Other Cities/Towns (2)	x	Jesse Hannahs (Marysville)
		Christiana Farrell (Alt.)			VACANT
		VACANT			VACANT (Alt.)
		VACANT (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)
Metro City: Bellevue (2)	x	Stela Nikolova	<b>Other Agency Representation</b>		
		Mackenzie Allan (Alt.)	<b>State</b>		
Other Cities/Towns (5)	x	Thomas Valdriz (Issaquah)	Urban Mobility/Access or Multimodal Planning (1)	x	Yvette Liufau (WSDOT)
		Kent Vaughan (Kenmore)			Matthew Kenna (Alt.)
		James Henderson (North Bend)	NW and Olympic Regions (1)		Kenneth Loen
	x	Victoria Kovacs (Kirkland)			VACANT (Alt.)
	x	Erik Preston (Kent)	<b>Transit</b>		
			Transit Operators Committee (1)		Lauren Squires
	x	James Webb (Auburn)		x	Kevin Shively (Alt.)
		VACANT (Alt.)	<b>Public Health</b>		
		VACANT (Alt.)	Public Health (1)	x	Jennifer Halverson-Kuehn (Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department )
		VACANT (Alt.)			Richard Gelb (Public Health Seattle/King County) (Alt.)
	VACANT (Alt.)	<b>Tribes</b>			
County (1)		David Forte (Public Works)	Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)		VACANT
	x	Melissa Mohr (Public Works) (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)
Metro City: Bremerton (1)	x	Nick Ataie	Puyallup Tribe (1)		Robert Barandon
		Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)
Other Cities/Towns (1)		Chris Wierzbicki (Bainbridge Island)	Suquamish Tribe (1)		VACANT
		Anthony Burgess (Poulsbo) (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)
<b>Pierce County</b>			Tulalip Tribe (1)		VACANT
County (1)	x	Shawn Phelps (Public Works)			VACANT (Alt.)
		Tiffany Odell (Trails) (Alt.)	<b>NON-VOTING</b>		
Metro City: Tacoma (1)	x	Liz Kaster	King County (1)		Dr. Jocelyn Enabulele (Roni LifeWorks)
		Jennifer Kammerzell (Alt.)	Kitsap County (1)		Brian Watson (BicycleTeacher)
Other Cities/Towns (2)		Jack Ecklund (University Place)	Pierce County (1)		Larry Leveen (ForeverGreen Trails)
		VACANT	Snohomish County (1)	x	Kristin Kinnamon (Sharing Wheels Comm. Bike Shop/BIKES Club of Snohomish County)
		Michael Kosa (Sumner) (Alt.)	State/Region (1)	x	David Urbina (Cascade Bicycle Club)
		Jeremy Metzler (Edgewood) (Alt.)	At-Large (2)		Phillip Miller (UW Transportation Services)
as of 9/2024					Don Willott (North Kitsap Trails Association)

**BPAC FEEDBACK ON BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN RTP CAPACITY PROJECT  
THRESHOLDS  
JANUARY 2025**

**Background and Reminders**

- Under federal and state law, the identification of a “regional” network for all modes is required, as are projects that add to, or modify, that network
  - Those projects are identified on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Regional Capacity Projects list and are subject to board approval before implementation
- For bicycle and pedestrian investments, per previous feedback from BPAC, the threshold of a regional capacity project was determined to be:
  - Projects over \$20 million on separated pathways on dedicated rights of way
  - Projects that are considered “exempt” – i.e., consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and not required to be on the Regional Capacity Projects list – were determined to be:
    - Facilities adjacent to and within roadway rights of way (bike lanes, sidewalks, pedestrian over/under-crossings, etc.)
    - Projects under \$20 million on separated pathways on dedicated rights of way
- Themes from the previous BPAC discussions on this topic =
  - Important to include representation of bicycle/pedestrian projects on the Regional Capacity Projects list, even though it requires more oversight and approval than programmatic, exempt projects
  - Felt it made sense to focus on separated facilities and use total cost as a surrogate for “regionally significant” projects

**Current BPAC Feedback / Suggestions**

1. Concurrence with only having the most significant trail / separated pathway projects on the Regional Capacity Projects list
2. Increase the \$20 million threshold to reflect inflation / increased construction costs
  - *Staff concurs this seems appropriate, and would work with partner agencies to determine the appropriate level of increase*
3. Include paved surfaces as part of the threshold determination for separated pathways, to distinguish types of projects
  - *Staff concurs this would be a reasonable addition to the threshold determination*

4. Additional clarification on the definition of “separated pathways on dedicated rights of way” vs. “adjacent to and within roadway rights of way” would be helpful
  - *Staff concurs and requested assistance from BPAC to help define these terms*

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## BPAC Planned Meeting Topics

### January 14, 2025:

- Discussion/provide input on Pedestrian/bicycle thresholds for Regional Capacity Project list
- Draft Regional Safety Action Plan: Share draft plan open for comment
- Discuss: Regional Micromobility Inventory

### February 11:

- State of the System for pedestrian/bicycle topic
- Initiate discussion on regional transit access assessment (introduction)

### March 11:

- Discuss input on pedestrian/bicycle connectivity analyses for regional transit access assessment
- Initial discussion on form/format of pedestrian/bicycle information – Active Transportation Plan

### May 13:

- Continued discussion on regional transit access assessment
- Continued discussion on pedestrian/bicycle existing needs
- Connect pedestrian and bicycle modal issues with other RTP topic areas, including:
  - TOD
  - Coordinated Mobility Plan
  - Mobility On Demand

### July 8:

- Preparation for future conditions narrative relating to pedestrian/bicycle
- Continued input on transit access and other programmatic topics

### September 9:

- Overview of modeling results and future conditions – focus on pedestrian/bicycle findings
- Final feedback on pedestrian/bicycle issues that PSRC staff need input on prior to draft plan release
- PSRC staff will outline the next steps for the RTP and opportunities for stakeholders to engage.
- PSRC staff share planned BPAC work program for 2026-2027, focusing on RTP implementation

**November 11: No BPAC meeting planned for November 2025 (Draft RTP in development)**