



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 9:30-11:30 am

1. **Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Arun Sambataro, King County*
2. **Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for November 21, 2024*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
 - c. 2025 WA Legislative Session Update
3. **Discussion Item (10:00)**
 - a. Draft Regional Safety Action Plan – Public Review and Comment Period* – *Gary Simonson, PSRC*
4. **Discussion Item (10:15)**
 - a. RTP 2026-2050 Development* – *Gil Cerise, PSRC*
5. **Discussion Item (10:45)**
 - a. RTP and Racial Equity Impact Assessment* – *Charles Patton, PSRC*
6. **Discussion Item (11:15)**
 - a. Around the Room Highlights
7. **Next Meeting: February 20, 2025**
8. **Adjourn (11:30)**

*Supporting materials attached.

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: November 21, 2024

Location: Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website:

<https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>.

Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Introductions and Announcements

Andrea Spencer, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants were asked to view the meeting attendance on the “chat” feature on Zoom, and phone-in participants were asked to identify themselves verbally. Members attending in person were instructed to use their table tent to identify themselves.

Reports

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, welcomed committee members and provided short updates on upcoming policy and Executive Board meetings and reviewed the status of ongoing projects in the work program.

He reminded members that the PSRC Executive Board was scheduled to take action on recommendations to the Washington state legislature on regional legislative priorities, as well as the Transportation Policy Board’s recommended scope of work for the 2026-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. He also shared that the draft Regional Safety Action Plan will be released in mid-January for a public review and comment period. Lastly, he introduced Nancy Ferber, a Senior Planner joining PSRC and the Growth Management team.

Discussion: SEA Sustainable Airport Master Plan Near-Term Projects

At the November meeting, Clare Gallagher and Dave Kaplan, with the Port of Seattle, briefed the committee on the draft National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment for the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Near-Term Projects at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac).

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

For more information, contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org.

Discussion: 2024 Housing Monitoring Update: The State of the Region’s Housing

PSRC staff provided an overview of the Regional Housing Strategy monitoring for 2024, including data and analysis on how the strategy is being implemented. Members were asked for feedback on how this data can help inform the implementation of 2024 comprehensive plan updates, meet new state requirements, and support future monitoring of the Regional Housing Strategy.

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

For more information, contact Eric Clute, Associate Planner, at eclute@psrc.org, or David Dixon, Associate Planner, at ddixon@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Scope Update

Beginning in February 2024, the Transportation Policy Board has been engaged in discussions to identify priorities for development of the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Work on the next RTP will continue through 2026, when the plan is scheduled to be adopted. At the meeting on November 21, PSRC staff provided the Regional Staff Committee with a briefing on board discussions to-date, including TPB action at its November meeting on the scope of work for the RTP 2026-2050.

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

For more information, contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org.

Discussion: Highlights from 2023 Household Travel Survey

PSRC staff presented highlights of findings from analyses of the 2023 household travel survey (HTS) data and provide an update on the 2025 HTS project.

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

For more information, contact Brian Lee, Program Manager, at blee@psrc.org, or Suzanne Childress, Data Scientist, at schildress@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Mikayla Svob, PSRC
 Dave Kaplan, Port of Seattle
 Gil Cerise, PSRC
 Brian Lee, PSRC
 Christoph Strouse, King County HCD/RAH
 Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
 David Dixon, PSRC

Grant Gibson, PSRC
Ming-Bang Shyu
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Nancy Ferber, PSRC
Healthy Communities
Steve Rybolt
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
Shawn Phelps
Cacima Lee
Ohay Angah
Mary Richards, PSRC
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Joanne Lin, PSRC
GAH
Ted Vanegas
Eric Clute, PSRC
Simreet Dhaliwal
Sophie Siebach, KC DCHS
Skye D'Aquila, King County DCHS
Carson Hartmann
Frank Hong, Everett
Charles Patton, PSRC

ATTACHMENT:

A. RSC Member Attendance for the November 21, 2024, Meeting

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

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Jurisdiction	Member	Jurisdiction	Member
King County	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office	R	Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies
	McCaela Daffern, King County	R	FHWA
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt		1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner
	Valerie Kendall, King County Alt		Vacant Alt
		FTA	1 Ned Conroy, Community Planner
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity/Social Justice, Co-Chair	R	Danielle Casey Alt
	Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt		Health
	Dan Cardwell, Local Services/Utilities, King Co	R	1 Cristina Ciupitu-Plath, Snohomish County
	Susan McLain, Local Services/Subarea Planning Alt		Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1
			Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 2
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro Gov. Relations	R	Ports
	Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt		1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
			Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt
Economic Dev.	1 Amie Danielewicz, King Co Exec Office Alt		PSCAA
	Jesse Reynolds, Local Services/Econ Dev Alt	R	1 Jennifer Keene, Program Director
			Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Alt
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, OPCD		Puget Sound
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R	Partnership
	Patrice Carroll, OPCD Alt	R	Sound Transit
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt		1 Alex Krieg, Planning & Innovation
			Vacant Alt
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev		Tribal
	Lacey Jane Wolfe, Alt		Representatives
	Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Alt	R	US EPA
			1 Susan Sturges
Cities/Towns	3 Diana Hart, City of Kirkland		
	Jeff Churchill, City of Redmond	R	US HUD
	Brian Davis, City of Federal Way		1 Erik Peterson Alt
	Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah Alt	R	WA Dept. of
	Vacant Alt		Commerce
	Vacant Alt		WSDOT
			1 Matthew Kenna, WSDOT
Kitsap County	1 Eric Baker, Policy		April Delchamps, WSDOT Alt
	Jeff Rimack, Alt		PSRC Committees
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director	R	PSRC Co-Chair
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt		1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
			BPAC
			1 Vacant
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit		Vacant
	Vacant Alt		FAC
			1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
Economic Dev.	1 Joe Morrison, KEDA		Vacant Alt
	Vacant Alt		RPEC
			1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Community Dev, Co-Chair	R	Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair
	Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt		CMAC
			1 Susan Carter, CMAC Chair
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Development, Port Orchard	R	Vacant Alt
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt		TDM
			1 Jennifer Hass, Community Transit
Pierce County	1 Lauren Flemister, Assistant Director	R	Sarah Spicer, City of Seattle, Alt
	Mike Galizio, Transportation Planning Supervisor, Alt		R = Remote attendance
At-Large	2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning	R	
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Planning, Co-Chair	R	
	Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt		
	Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt		
Transit	1 Vacant		
	Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development		
	Vacant Alt		
Tacoma	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Svcs		
	Vacant		
Cities/Towns	1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup	R	
	Chris Larson, Fife, Alt		
Snohomish County	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director		
	David Killingstad, Planning & Development	R	
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director, Co-Chair		
	Ken Klein, Executive Director		
	Jay Larson, Public Works Supervisor, Alt		
	Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt		
Transit	1 Melissa Cauley, Community Transit	R	
	Sabina Araya, Everett Transit Alt	R	
Economic Dev	1 Neepaporn Boungjaktha, Economic Dev	R	
	Vacant Alt		
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director	R	
	Alice Ann Wetzel, Long Range Planning Mgr	R	
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director	R	
	Vacant Alt		
Total Members	47	Attended	35



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning

Subject: **Regional Safety Action Plan to be Released for Public Comment**

IN BRIEF

PSRC has completed a draft of the Regional Safety Action Plan, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The Regional Staff Committee received multiple briefings in 2024 regarding various components of the plan.

The Draft Plan will be released for public comment and posted to PSRC's online Engagement Hub on the week of January 12.

BOARD CALENDAR

At their January 9 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will be asked to authorize staff to release the draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public review and comment.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) has been under development since Fall of 2023, following the June 2023 Regional Safety Summit and receipt of grant funding from USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. In August 2024, PSRC launched the [RSAP Engagement Hub](#), providing information to stakeholders and the general public on how they can participate in the development of the plan. The Hub included an online opinion survey and featured key findings and elements of the plan as they were completed.

In addition to the online Hub, a comprehensive suite of outreach and engagement has occurred as part of the development of the draft plan. This has included four regional public meetings, seven focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and tabling at community

events around the region. In addition, regular briefings have occurred to PSRC's boards and committees, as well as external partner agency meetings.

The draft plan will be posted to the online Engagement Hub the week of January 12 and comprehensive outreach to the public and interested stakeholders will be conducted. The final plan is scheduled to be adopted by the General Assembly in May 2025.

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, at gsimonson@psrc.org or 206- 971-3276.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Gil Cerise, Program Manager
Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan 2026-2050 Development**

IN BRIEF

As a follow-up to the November 2024 presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) scope of work, PSRC staff will provide an update on the development process for the next plan and suggest topics for ongoing Regional Staff Committee engagement in the year ahead.

BOARD CALENDAR

The Transportation Policy Board is leading on this topic with related information coming to the board monthly, through spring 2026. Advisory committees provide feedback on specific topics, as described in the memo below.

DISCUSSION

PSRC staff shared the board-adopted scope of work for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) at the November committee meeting. As described in past presentations, the RTP is the functional transportation plan implementing VISION 2050 and supporting the regional growth strategy. As such, it encompasses and incorporates a wide variety of modal and programmatic elements to successfully meet federal and state requirements and address regional priorities.

The RTP development process is being led by the Transportation Policy Board. Many elements within the RTP are further informed by specific PSRC advisory committees. For example, the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) will be advising on equity-related components of the RTP. In other cases, multiple committees will be providing input, as appropriate. For example, the regional transit access assessment will be informed by

the Transit Operators Committee (TOC), the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), and the Regional TOD Committee.

At the January 16th committee meeting, PSRC staff will review the various elements being addressed in the development of the next RTP and identify specific topics of interest to the Regional Staff Committee that are not already being addressed through other advisory committee forums. For example, we anticipate engaging further with the committee on the topics of health and the regional climate action plan being developed in partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

NEXT STEPS

PSRC will develop a calendar for engaging the committee on specific topics identified through the RTP development process.

For additional information, please contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at 206-971-3053, or gcerise@psrc.org, or Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601, kmcgourty@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives
Subject: **RTP and Racial Equity Impact Assessment**

IN BRIEF

As part of the Regional Equity Strategy, PSRC staff have worked with the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) to develop a [Racial Equity Impact Assessment \(REIA\)](#). At its January meeting, staff will brief the Regional Staff Committee on how the tool will be applied to the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

BOARD CALENDAR

At their December meeting, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) adopted the scope of work for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which included direction to perform an equity analysis. The RSC will discuss use of the Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) as a component of that analysis.

DISCUSSION

In 2021, PSRC staff began discussing the need to develop a Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA). Intended to help explicitly consider the impacts to racial equity in planning and policy decisions, the assessment is identified as a need in VISION 2050 and the Regional Equity Strategy. The assessment uses the structure and language of the [Racial Equity Toolkit](#) created by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE).

Staff met with the Equity Advisory Committee multiple times in 2022 to collaborate with the committee on the structure of the Racial Equity Impact Assessment, as well as the guidance and other resources that would help users understand the overall purpose and intentions of each element of the assessment. The assessment consists of six distinct

steps with multiple questions. It is intended to help ensure that racial equity is considered as part of the entire policy and plan development process.

Since February, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) has been discussing regional priorities and focus areas to guide development of the next RTP, scheduled for adoption in May 2026. Primary themes have included the continued focus areas of safety, climate and equity; maintenance and preservation; transit and accessibility; ferries; decarbonizing the system; and recognizing the diverse needs and community contexts around the region. To address the aforementioned equity theme, staff will apply the Racial Equity Impact Assessment to the RTP, exploring questions such as:

- Early Engagement
 - What equitable engagement was conducted?
 - What key issues emerged from this engagement?
- Quantitative Data
 - What are the demographics of the region?
 - What disparities exist in the region?
 - How has structural racism informed regional disparities?
- Qualitative Data
 - What transportation priorities were identified by Equity Focus Areas (EFAs)?
 - What transportation challenges are experienced by EFAs?
 - What are the potential unintended consequences of the RTP?
- Strategies for Disparities
 - How will the priorities and challenges identified by EFAs be addressed?
 - What are some strategies to remediate past harms caused by the region's legacy of structural racism?
 - How will unintended consequences be addressed in the RTP?

NEXT STEPS

Staff will begin the early engagement process of the REIA in January 2025, via the Public Comment process and the Public Opinion Survey. PSRC will continue to engage the board, committees, and the public throughout the development of the RTP and the application of the REIA.

For additional information, please contact Charles Patton, Program Manager, at cpatton@psrc.org or 206-971-3285.