

Regional Safety Action Plan

Regional Staff Committee

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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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Regional Safety Action Plan Overview

- **Chapter 1: Overview**
 - Problem statement and call to action
- **Chapter 2: Safety Analysis**
 - Highlights key findings based on crash data analysis, including emphasis areas, crash types, and contributing factors

10 key findings

- 1 Deaths on the region's roadways have **nearly doubled** in the last decade. This is the wrong direction, and unacceptable.
- 2 **Bicyclists and pedestrians** represent **nearly half of the increase** in deaths, with **pedestrians representing the vast majority**.
- 3 Crashes are happening everywhere – in all parts of the region, but **there are as many deaths in rural areas as in the biggest cities**.
- 4 Communities with **lower income residents have 37% higher** rates of serious injuries and deaths than higher income areas. Communities with **majority people of color have 32% higher** rates of serious injuries and deaths than the region as a whole.
- 5 Deaths and serious injuries are **70% higher in areas with a majority of both people of color and lower incomes** compared to the regional average.
- 6 **Native American and Alaskan Native** community members are **seven times more likely to die** in crashes than white residents.
- 7 Mapping crashes shows **the most frequent** fatalities and serious injuries occur **on major arterials with higher posted speeds**.
- 8 **The vast majority of crashes involve cars and light trucks. However, those involving motorcyclists have a one in four risk of death or serious injury**, five times that of cars or trucks.
- 9 In crashes involving **light trucks and SUVs, pedestrian and bicyclist deaths are 43% higher** than crashes involving passenger cars.
- 10 The most frequent contributing factors resulting in deaths and serious injuries involve **speeding, impairment, distraction, and failures to yield**. Crashes may include multiple factors.



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- **Chapter 3:
Engagement and
Collaboration**
 - Describes Public Involvement framework and findings

- **17 Community Events**
- **35 Stakeholder Interviews**
- **4 Regional Public Meetings**
- **7 Focus Groups**
- **1,200+ Responses to Online Questionnaire**
- **Online Engagement Hub**
- **PSRC Board/Committee Briefings**



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- **Chapter 4: Strategies Toolbox**
 - Provides menu of strategies organized by crash types and emphasis areas identified in data analysis
 - Includes Design/Engineering and Planning/Policy/Program strategies
- **Chapter 5: Implementation and Next Steps**
 - Guidance on how local agencies can use the plan
 - Future step is determining how the RSAP should inform PSRC's planning going forward, including the RTP

Next Steps/Schedule

- Jan. 9: TPB authorized staff to release plan for comment
- Week of Jan. 13: Draft plan posted to the online Engagement Hub and comprehensive outreach to public and interested stakeholders is being conducted
- Public comment period will run through Feb. 14

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PSRC Regional Safety Action Plan Engagement Hub

Welcome

Traffic Safety
in the Region

Traffic Safety
Strategies

Get Involved

Welcome

Welcome to the Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) Engagement Hub. We're glad you're here!

PSRC is taking action to improve roadway safety.

Let's do it together!

Together, we can establish a regional culture of safety and advance solutions to achieve a thriving, equitable, and sustainable central Puget Sound.

As the region continues to grow from just over 4.4 million today to a projected 5.8 million by 2050, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and partners are focused on addressing transportation safety and improving the way people get around.

How to use this Engagement Hub

- Advance through the hub by selecting the tab you would like to navigate to at the top of the page or by selecting the button labeled "Next Page" at the bottom of each page.
- Share this hub with others who might be interested.

- PSRC will be taking comments through mail, email, and the [Online Engagement Hub](#)



Next Steps

- March & April: TPB will review comments received on the Draft Plan
- April: TPB and EB will take action to recommend the Final Plan
- May 22: General Assembly to adopt Final Plan

Thank
You!