

Regional Transportation Plan Scope of Work

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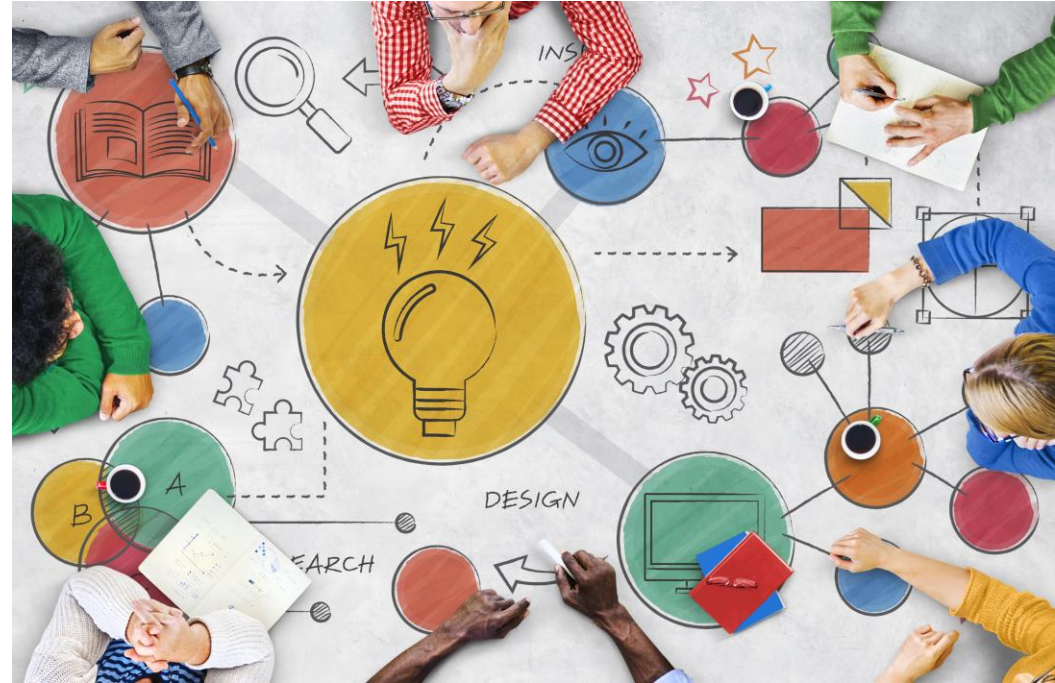


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Today's Presentation

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) requirements
- RTP Scope of Work
- Upcoming milestones
- Future GMPB presentations



Regional Transportation Plan: Requirements

- Minimum 20-year planning horizon
- Updated every 4 years
- Integrated multimodal transportation system
- Reasonable financial strategy to fund investments
- Latest available estimates for growth, travel, and economic activity
- Performance measures and targets
- Address federal planning factors



Planning Framework



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](#)
- Review of financial strategy assumptions, sensitivity testing



RTP Scope of Work

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 Scope of Work

Key investments that are integral to achieving this goal include:

- significant ongoing expansion of the high-capacity transit system
- expansion of supportive local transit service
- achieving state of good repair goals for maintaining and preserving the existing and future system



RTP Scope of Work

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



RTP Scope of Work

Additional significant elements of the next plan include:

- Reevaluation of the Financial Strategy
- Continued analysis and monitoring of equity
- Analysis of changing travel behavior
- 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



Upcoming Milestones

January–April: review of existing transportation system, identification of needs and gaps

May–June: review of proposed new investments, future needs

July–August: analysis of draft alternatives

September–December: development of draft plan

*Discussions will include how the **Regional Safety Action Plan** and **Comprehensive Climate Action Plan** will inform the RTP*



Future GMPB Presentations

Topics, milestones of potential interest to the GMPB:

- Publication of “State of the System” report in April / May
- Assessment of current and future transit needs
- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due to EPA in December
- Coordination with Equity Advisory Committee
- Coordination with Public Health Departments



Thank You

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