



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, February 13, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair

### 2. Communications and Public Comment

Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.

### 3. Report of the Chair

### 4. Director's Report

### 5. Consent Agenda - Action Items (9:45)

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 9, 2025
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace, Stanwood and Steilacoom

**6. Discussion Item (9:50)**

- a. Legislative Update – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*

**7. Discussion Item (10:10)**

- a. Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Development – *Jennifer Keene, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency*

**8. Discussion Item (10:30)**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Development: Current Transportation System – *PSRC Transportation & Data Staff*

**9. Information Items**

- a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker
- b. VISION 2050 Awards: Call For Nominations 2025

**10. Next Meeting: March 13, 2025, 9:30 – 12:00 p.m. (Extended)**

Major Topics for March:

- Regional Safety Action Plan Public Comments
- Regional Transportation Plan Development

**11. Adjourn (11:30)**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Transportation Policy Board**

**January 9, 2025**

**1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to

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

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen to the meeting live.

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was provided.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mayor Ralph welcomed the board to the new year and reminded members of the large body of work to be done in 2025 to develop the Regional Transportation Plan.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the preliminary work conducted in 2024 that provided direction for the development of the draft Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. McGourty described the work ahead throughout 2025, beginning with the January presentations.

Robin Koskey, PSRC, provided a federal and state legislative update. Ms. Koskey provided information specifically on the state transportation budget forecast and key bills to watch in the legislature related to PSRC's work program.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held December 12, 2024
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Zarlingo/ Prince) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## **ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL PRIORITY RANKINGS FOR THE WSDOT 2025-2027 CONSOLIDATED GRANT PROGRAM**

Jean Kim, PSRC, provided an overview of the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program. Ms. Kim noted that this grant consolidates statewide funding to provide funds for a variety of mobility needs. The Consolidated Grant Program is one of the only funding competitions for private nonprofit and human service transportation providers.

Building from the overview briefing provided to the board in December, Ms. Kim described PSRC's role in this process which is to provide regional priority rankings for the projects submitted from the PSRC region. PSRC worked with the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee (CMAC) and Equity Advisory Committee to develop the factors used in the ranking process, derived from the adopted Coordinated Mobility Plan. PSRC evaluated each project using these factors and CMAC developed a recommended ranking of the projects. The rankings provide additional points within the state competition.

PSRC had 11 priority rankings to distribute amongst 24 projects submitted. The projects that were recommended include a variety of safety-net mobility services such as demand-response shuttles and volunteer transportation, projects operated by agencies with limited access to other tax or revenue resources, and projects that demonstrated strong coordination with other transportation programs.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Kwon/Hasegawa) to recommend approval of the regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program competition. The motion passed.**

## **ACTION ITEM: PROJECT TRACKING EXCEPTION REQUEST**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided the board with an overview of the Project Tracking Program and Policies. The policies ensure efficient and timely project delivery, minimizing cost of delays and preserving federal funds coming to the region. If the annual delivery target for FHWA funds is not met, there is a risk of losing funds. These policies allow administrative fund transfer of up to \$50,000 between project phases, however, if a fund transfer request is above \$50,000 it will require board approval. For funds transfer above \$50,000, the policies allow consideration if the phase(s) involved in

the exception request remain fully funded, the applicable phase can be implemented within six months of PSRC Board action, and there is a compelling need for the exception.

The City of Sumner's Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge project is replacing an existing bridge and providing a separated shared-use path on the north side of the roadway. All three of the project's phases (preliminary engineering/ design, right-of-way (ROW) and construction) have received PSRC funding awards, however, construction funds had been granted a 1-year extension to deliver in 2025. The City notified PSRC in August that the project could deliver earlier and support the region's 2024 delivery target, however, due to ROW certification issues the federal ROW funds had to be returned. The city is requesting an exception to transfer the portion of funds deemed ineligible for the ROW phase to the construction phase.

PSRC worked with the Regional Project Evaluation Committee and the countywide chairs and concluded that the request is consistent with the adopted project tracking policies and recommends approval.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Daughtry/Kettle) to recommend approval of the City of Sumner's request for an exception under PSRC's Project Tracking Policies and allow the transfer of \$539,853 in PSRC's FHWA funds from the right-of-way phase to the construction phase for the Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge project. The motion passed.**

#### **ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN RELEASE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Simonson, PSRC, reviewed the draft Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) with the board. Mr. Simonson described each chapter of the plan, which includes: the problem statement and call to action; key findings based on crash data analysis, including regional emphasis areas, crash types, and contributing factors; public engagement and outreach efforts; a strategies toolbox organized by crash types and emphasis areas; and implementation and next steps.

The board was asked to authorize staff to release the draft RSAP for public comment, with online publication and outreach occurring the following week. Staff will come back to the board in March and April to review comments received and take action to recommend the final plan to the Executive Board. In May, the General Assembly will adopt the final plan.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Dembowski/Hasegawa) to authorize staff to release the draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment. The motion passed.**

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050)  
DEVELOPMENT**

Paul Inghram, PSRC, provided an overview of VISION 2050 and the regional growth strategy, which focuses 65% of the region's population growth and 75% of employment growth in regional centers and high-capacity transit station areas. Mr. Inghram described the transportation goal and policies in VISION 2050 which guides the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Craig Helmann, PSRC, described where concentrations of people and jobs are today in the region and by 2050. Mr. Helmann further described PSRC's approach to using this data to identify places that are supportive of different levels and types of transit service and where gaps in those services might be discovered. Distinctions are made between high-capacity transit, frequent transit, all-day transit service and all other transit services.

Gil Cerise, PSRC, discussed the upcoming RTP development work. Mr. Cerise reminded the board of the regional transit access assessment being conducted to identify current and future access to transit needs. Mr. Cerise described the coordination work with the region's transit agencies and noted the upcoming work to review all aspects of the current transportation system for gap identification and assessment of future needs.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2025.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – January 9, 2024.

Transportation Policy Board - January 9, 2025				5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	<b>Associate Members</b>	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle	1		1
		Vacant Alt			1
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	<b>Public Agency Members</b>	
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis, Alt		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1		1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1		1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1	Public Health	1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1		1
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski	1		1
		Vacant Alt		<b>PSRC Committees</b>	
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root	1	Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
		COM Christine Rolfes, Alt			1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Regional Staff Cmte.	1
		CM Eric Younger, Alt			1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1	Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt			1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard	1	Transit Operators Cmte.	1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton			1
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	Vacant		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>	
		CM Dave Morell, Alt		WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1		1
		CM Olgy Diaz, Alt		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership exp. 12/31/26	1
Local Transit	1	Vacant			1
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Non-voting	13
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead			Non-voting members present
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			6
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1		
		CM Michael Dixon, Mukilteo Alt			
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1		
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt			
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1		
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel			
		Robert Barandon, Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman, Alt			
<b>Statutory Members</b>					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1		
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci			
		COM Nicole Grant, Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	-		
		Todd Lamphere, Alt			
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant		Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		CP Council President	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Lias, D		COM Commissioner	
		Vacant Alt		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		Vacant, R		MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18	REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	22	SEN Senator	



## Puget Sound Regional Council

February 6, 2025

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **IN BRIEF**

Four agencies submitted five projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state and federal funding through various funding processes, such as Federal Highway Administration Discretionary awards. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2025-2028 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

### **DISCUSSION**

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337) and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the



action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

### **Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan**

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

### **Air Quality Conformity**

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

### **Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available**

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

### **PSRC's Project Tracking Policies**

This amendment includes two requests for modifications to PSRC's FTA funds. The modifications were found to be consistent with PSRC's project tracking policies and were reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Operations Committee (TOC) after an online vote, completed on February 4, 2025.

Everett Transit (ET) requests to redistribute a total of \$309,825 in PSRC's FTA 5307 preservation set-aside and equity formula funds between four projects. The funds were originally programmed in two *Everett Station Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation* projects from prior fiscal years to rehabilitate Everett Station elevator cabs. Due to Buy America requirements, the work was determined to be ineligible for FTA funds, and ET completed the work using local funds. The preservation set-aside funds would be redistributed to the *2024 Everett Station Preventive Maintenance* project to fund a fire alarm control panel project with costs higher than expected. The equity formula funds would be redistributed to the *2025 Bus Shelters* project to replace/install approximately 15 bus shelters in Everett's disadvantaged census tracts. ET provided adequate information specifying how the new bus shelter project supports equity focus areas and addresses disparities, in line with PSRC's adopted project tracking policies.

Pierce Transit (PT) requests to redistribute \$645,382 in PSRC's FTA 5307 earned share funds between two projects. The redistribution is needed because funds are remaining after completion of the *Clean Fuels Bus Replacement/Expansion 2021-2022* project. Redistribution of these funds to the *2025-2026 Preventative Maintenance* project will allow the frequency of the project's maintenance activities to be increased.

**Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions**

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

5307                                      FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program

FHWA Discretionary                  FHWA Discretionary Awards

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at 206-389-2876 or [jbarnes@psrc.org](mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org).

**ATTACHMENT**

- A. Projects Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP

Month: February  
Year: 2025

Project(s) Proposed for  
Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP

5.b - Att. A  
Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP	Other Amend
1. Duvall	<b>3rd Avenue Reconstruction Project</b> New project programming preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases to reconstruct 3rd Avenue NE between NE 143rd Place and NE Stephens Street, adding a roundabout, bike facilities, and a sidewalk.	\$3,157,250 Local	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$3,157,250 Total				
2. Everett Transit	<b>2024 Everett Station Preventive Maintenance</b> Existing project with funds redistributed from ET-34: Everett Station Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation and ET-41: 2021-2023 Everett Station Preventative Maintenance and Rehabilitation for replacement of a fire alarm control panel.	\$173,720 Federal 5307(Urban)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$43,431 Local				
		\$217,151 Total				
3. Everett Transit	<b>2025 Bus Shelters</b> New project with funds redistributed from ET-41: 2021-2023 Everett Station Preventative Maintenance and Rehabilitation for replacement of 15 bus shelters in the Everett Transit service area.	\$136,105 Federal 5307(Urban)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$34,026 Local				
		\$170,131 Total				
4. Pierce Transit	<b>2025-2026 Preventative Maintenance</b> Existing project with funds redistributed from PT-170: Clean Fuels Bus Replacement/ Expansion 2021-2022 for increased frequency of preventative maintenance activities for Pierce Transit's vehicle fleet and facilities.	\$645,382 Federal 5307(Urban)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$161,346 Local				
		\$806,728 Total				
5. Seattle	<b>Seattle Safe Streets</b> New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases for safety treatments to address pedestrian collisions at intersections and bicycle crashes. Improvements include accessible pedestrian signals, protected bike lanes, new sidewalks, and arterial traffic calming treatments.	\$19,663,000 Federal FHWA Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$4,915,750 Local				
		\$24,578,750 Total				



## Puget Sound Regional Council

February 6, 2025

### CONSENT AGENDA

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace, Stanwood and Steilacoom**

### IN BRIEF

PSRC staff has reviewed and recommends certification of the 2024 comprehensive plan updates for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace, Stanwood and Steilacoom.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

**The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board should recommend that the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions in the following conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan:**

- **City of Lakewood 2024 Comprehensive Plan ([link](#))**
- **City of Mountlake Terrace 2024 Comprehensive Plan ([link](#))**
- **City of Stanwood 2024 Comprehensive Plan ([link](#))**
- **Town of Steilacoom 2024 Comprehensive Plan ([link](#))**

The draft certification reports are available at the links provided for the board's review.

### DISCUSSION

A major emphasis of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) is the need to coordinate local, regional and state planning efforts. Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) have worked together to develop an overall process for reviewing local, countywide, regional and transit agency policies and plans for compatibility and consistency.

Consistent with [PSRC's plan review process](#), PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plans and recommends certification of the following adopted comprehensive plans:

- **Lakewood** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on September 16, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in July 2024.
- **Mountlake Terrace** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on October 16, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in September 2024.
- **Stanwood** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on September 26, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in May 2024.
- **Steilacoom** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on September 17, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in July 2024.

The comprehensive plans were reviewed in accordance with the adopted plan review process using PSRC's [Plan Review Manual](#) and [VISION 2050 consistency tool](#). The plans were found to be substantially consistent with VISION 2050 (the multicounty planning policies) and the Regional Transportation Plan and to conform to transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. PSRC staff coordinated with jurisdictional staff in the review of the plans and the development of the certification reports.

The adopted plan review process calls for the Executive Board to take certification action on comprehensive plans on recommendation from the Growth Management and Transportation Policy Boards. Options for Executive Board action are to:

- Certify that the plan is consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan and conforms to Growth Management Act requirements for transportation planning, or
- Conditionally certify that the plan addresses most provisions of regional plans and policies and the Growth Management Act, with a requirement that a limited set of outstanding issues be addressed prior to full certification, or
- Do not certify.

Based on previous board direction, jurisdictions with plans that are certified or conditionally certified are then eligible to apply for PSRC funding or proceed with any project submitted into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

## NEXT STEPS

The Growth Management Policy Board acted to recommend certification at its January and February meetings. The Executive Board will consider policy board recommendations later this month. Additional local plans will be brought forward to recommend for certification at the board's March meeting.

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at [pinghram@psrc.org](mailto:pinghram@psrc.org) or Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, at [lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org).



## Puget Sound Regional Council

February 6, 2025

### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Legislative Update**

### IN BRIEF

PSRC is tracking federal developments and the work of the Washington State Legislature related to regional budget and policy priorities. PSRC's Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey, will brief the board on recent federal and state activity and policy proposals.

### DISCUSSION

On January 13, the Washington State Legislature kicked off a long 105-day legislative session. Governor Ferguson was sworn into office on January 15. The first new executive in 12 years and over 30 new or new-to-role legislators mean a time of transition and change in Olympia. Legislators will pass a biennial budget in the face of a budget deficit, and key issues are expected to include education, public safety, housing affordability, rent stabilization and homelessness, the transportation budget, ferries and revenue. Over 1500 bills were filed by the beginning of the second week of the session.

President Trump taking office has also created significant and impactful changes as a result of executive orders and other actions.

The Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing on these activities at their meeting on February 13; a companion briefing was provided at the [February 6 Growth Management Policy Board](#) meeting.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at [Rkoskey@psrc.org](mailto:Rkoskey@psrc.org), 206-798-4462.

### ATTACHMENTS

- A. Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature

# Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature



Puget Sound Regional Council

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) supports adoption of state legislation that advances solutions to achieve a thriving, racially equitable and sustainable Puget Sound region through leadership, visionary planning, and collaboration.

## Keep the Region Moving Safely

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan lay out a foundation for completing regional transportation investments and future work to strengthen connections to and between the region's centers. PSRC is drafting a Regional Safety Action plan to help address the troubling increase in deaths and serious injuries on our roadways and to support the Washington State Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Target Zero. We urge transportation policies and investments prioritizing a Safe Systems Approach to eliminate or reduce the severity of crashes in our communities. PSRC supports:

- Sustaining the transportation investments made with Move Ahead Washington and the Climate Commitment Act and exploring stable new revenue sources to address declines in existing revenue, ensure projects of regional significance are built and fully fund maintenance and preservation.
- Developing an equitable road usage charge (RUC) system through the work of the Washington State Transportation Commission to generate necessary revenue to eventually replace the gas tax, fund the state's long-term transportation needs, including multimodal connections, and introduce revenue flexibility.
- Funding and policies to restore, improve and modernize the Washington State Ferries system to ensure reliable cross-sound service and reduce environmental impact.

## Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy identifies strategies to expand housing options, create greater affordability and promote fair and equal housing access to address the housing affordability crisis in our state. The PSRC region needs to build 620,000 more homes by 2044 and 50% of these homes need to be affordable to people earning less than half of the Area Median Income. Action is needed to address racially discriminatory housing policies and increase homeownership for Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) households.

To help address urgent housing needs in our state, PSRC supports creating a **housing research center** at the University of Washington to provide timely analysis and data driven research to help guide policymakers to adopt bold strategies to create more affordable homes.

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PSRC also supports legislation and funding in three action areas:

- **Supply:** Build more housing of different types as soon as possible.
- **Stability:** Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs.
- **Subsidy:** Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very low-income households and unhoused residents.

### Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan outline how state, regional and local partners can act in coordination to reduce emissions in the region and prepare for climate impacts. PSRC supports state legislation to respond to the urgent environmental, health, economic and equity threat of climate change through:

- Transit-focused land use.
- Multimodal transportation choices.
- Pricing the transportation system.
- Decarbonization of the transportation system, including improvements to freight and passenger vehicles and fuels.

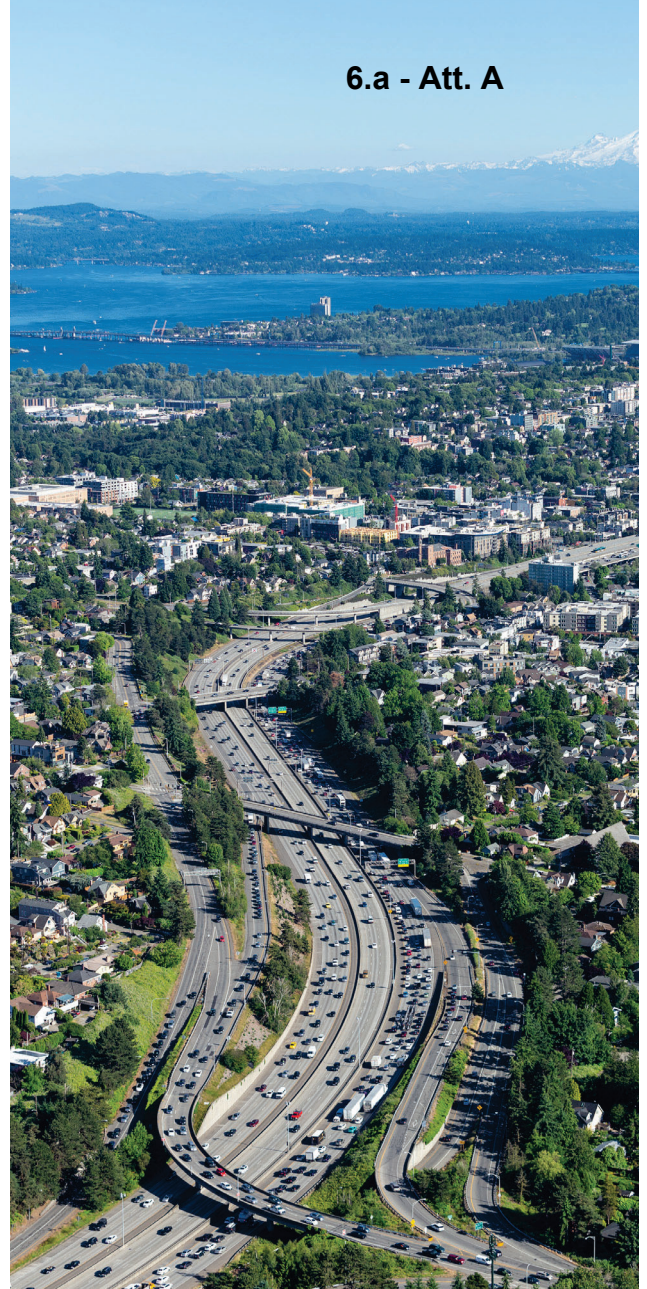
### Sustain a Strong Economy

VISION 2050 and the Regional Economic Strategy plan for economic growth and opportunity that creates widespread prosperity and living-wage jobs to help sustain the region's economy. PSRC supports continued investments in:

- Workforce development programs to meet the needs of employers and a growing economy, including electrification of the transportation system.
- Critical infrastructure to support economic development, including broadband.
- Clean energy industry technology like Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), offshore wind, fusion, hydrogen and other emerging technologies.

For more information, please contact:

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Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. PSRC is composed of nearly 100 members, including the four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies and Tribal governments within the region.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

February 6, 2025

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Development**

### **IN BRIEF**

Work is underway to develop the regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, led by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) and funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. At the meeting on February 13, 2025, PSCAA staff will provide the board with a briefing on the status and schedule of this work.

### **DISCUSSION**

Climate is a significant element of VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and PSRC's project selection processes. PSRC has collaborated with partner agencies around the region to further advance work related both to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate impacts.

PSRC's focus as the Metropolitan Planning Organization is emissions from on-road transportation, with emission reduction strategies that address land use, transportation choices, pricing and technology. However, the state and regional climate goals are reflective of emissions from all sectors of the economy, including energy, agriculture and others. As such, the current RTP called for PSRC to continue working with partner agencies to develop a climate implementation strategy for achieving the region's climate goals and to monitor progress.

In the spring of 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program (CPRG). The CPRG program provided funds to states and large urban areas to develop near- and long-term climate action

plans. PSCAA is leading the planning efforts on behalf of the region, in collaboration with PSRC, the four counties and several cities. The near-term Priority Climate Action Plan was submitted to EPA on March 1, 2024. The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is due by December 2025 and development efforts are currently underway. More information may be found on PSCAA's [website](#).

PSCAA staff will brief the board on these efforts at the meeting on February 13, 2025. Further discussions will be held at the board in the coming months to identify how the CCAP will inform development of the next RTP, to be adopted in 2026.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at (206) 971-3601 or [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org).



## Puget Sound Regional Council

February 6, 2025

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject: Regional Transportation Plan Development: Current Transportation System**

### **IN BRIEF**

In January, the board was provided a briefing that set the stage for upcoming presentations on the current transportation system, including a reminder overview of VISION 2050 and the regional growth strategy, details on the distribution of people and jobs today and in the future, and information on the current transit network and services throughout the region. In the coming months, additional presentations on the current transportation system will be brought to the board, with the goal of preparing an interim report by the spring.

The February board briefing will focus on additional details of current transit services, the bicycle and pedestrian network, and other transit-supportive programs such as Transportation Demand Management activities, mobility on demand programs and transportation services for those with mobility challenges.

### **DISCUSSION**

Work to develop the draft plan will continue throughout 2025 and the board will be briefed each month on various plan elements. In the coming months, information on additional elements of the current transportation system will be provided, identifying key trends and notable gaps in the system, with the goal of publishing an interim report by the spring. Information on the current system will then feed into the development of the draft plan and identification of future investments to the system through 2050.

The February board briefing will provide key findings on the current transportation system related to transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and other transit-supportive programs such as Transportation Demand Management activities, mobility on demand

programs and transportation services for those with mobility challenges. Staff will share information on the inventory and data collection efforts for these system elements and provide a high level of summary of findings, particularly within the lens of where people and jobs are, including PSRC's six equity focus areas.

In March, information on the freight system, roadways and Intelligent Transportation Systems will be provided, along with overall base year system data. In April, staff will present information on maintenance and preservation activities and needs across all modes. Information on these system inventories and data findings will be published in a current transportation system report in the April-May timeframe.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org) or 206-971-3601 or Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org) or 206-971-3053.



# PSRC Transportation Work Program - Progress Reporting

Updated for 2025-2026

Progress Chart (Timeline as of February 6, 2025)

Status	
	Preparing
	In Progress
	Complete
	Tentative

Project	Status to-date
<b>Regional Transportation Plan</b>	
Alignment of RTP and Funding Cycles	TBD - pending further board discussions
Update RTP Project Plan Consistency Framework	Consultant contract in progress; work expected to be complete by March 2025
Board work group to determine 2026 RTP scope of work	RTP Steering Committee, February-September 2024; board action completed November / December 2024
TPB direction on scope of work for 2026 RTP	February through December 2024
RTP development	Q2 2024-Q2 2026
Financial Strategy Refinement	Board discussions Q2 2024 - Q2 2025
<b>PSRC Funding</b>	
2026 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds	Work to develop the next Policy Framework will begin in Fall 2025
FHWA/FTA Project Selection: Board Action	Board action July 2026
Annual FTA Adjustments Process	Pending, Spring 2025
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project Selection	Pending, Fall 2025
Transportation Alternatives Project Selection	Pending, Fall 2025
Consolidated Grant Program Regional Rankings	Board action January 2025
<b>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</b>	
2025 -2028 TIP Development	Complete
Conduct Equity Analysis of draft 2025-2028 TIP	Complete
Release of 2025-2028 TIP for Public Comment	Complete
Board Action on 2025-2028 TIP	Complete, October 2024
Monthly TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Project Tracking/Rebalancing	Ongoing
<b>Climate: GHG Analysis and Planning</b>	
2030 Transit Networks and Service	Complete
PSRC 2030 Network Modeling and Analysis	Complete
Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project	Complete
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Clearinghouse	Operational/Ongoing, initial launch complete, maintenance and updates ongoing
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Outreach	Ongoing
Develop Climate Implementation Strategy with Partners	CPRG planning work underway with partners, Preliminary Climate Action Plan submitted to EPA March 1, 2024, Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due December 2025
PSRC Board Progress Briefings	Ongoing
<b>Regional Safety Plan</b>	
Explore Grant/Funding Opportunities	Complete
Apply for Safe Streets for All Grant	Round 1 complete; Round 2 complete
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Complete, included in the draft Regional Safety Action Plan
Convene Stakeholders	Complete - Regional Safety Summit held June 29, 2023
Develop Scope of Regional Safety Plan	Complete; board review September 2023
Develop Regional Safety Plan	Draft plan complete, released for public comment January 2025; General Assembly adoption May 2025

<b>Performance Measures and Dashboard</b>	
<i>Align with Equity Tracker, other related monitoring efforts</i>	
Identify Measures	Complete
Develop Dashboard Outline for Board Feedback	Complete
Assemble Data	Initial set complete; ongoing and continuous
Publish Draft Dashboard	Complete
Refinement and Updates	Ongoing
Annual Board Briefings	Briefing February 2024 and annually thereafter; information being captured in the RTP current system briefings in 2025
<b>Active Transportation Plan Repackaging</b>	
Repackage Active Transportation Plan	Complete
<b>ADA Transition Plan Technical Assistance</b>	
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Preliminary research complete; moving to monitoring role
Board Briefing and Discussion	TPB briefing June 2023
<b>Annual Transit Integration Report</b>	
Report Development	Complete
Publish Report	Released November 2023
<b>Big Ideas/Transformational Planning</b>	
Regional Convenings to Support Effort	TBD - pending further board discussions
Future of HCT Regional Convening	TBD - pending further board discussions
<b>Data Collection, Analysis, Performance Metrics</b>	
Data collection, maintenance of viz tool and improvements	In Progress
Equity, EJ analysis methodology improvements	Q4 2024-Q1 2025
<b>RTP Financial Strategy</b>	
Collaborate with Partners on Implementation Steps	Q1-3 2025

# VISION 2050 AWARDS

## Call for Nominations 2025

The Puget Sound Regional Council is seeking nominations for the VISION 2050 Awards Program through April 18, 2025.

The VISION 2050 Awards celebrate progress to enhance the region's communities and natural environment while advancing equity and opportunity for all. The awards recognize innovative work to create a better future for central Puget Sound.

We welcome nominations in the following categories:

### On the Ground

Projects that show VISION 2050 in action today, including housing, mixed-use development or redevelopment, expanding access to opportunity, open space preservation, and transportation investments.

### Planning Ahead

Comprehensive or subarea plans, economic development plans, climate action plans, equity initiatives, design guidelines, outreach programs, and other similar efforts that are shaping a positive future for the region.

### Working Together

Cross-jurisdictional or public/private partnerships focused on solutions or working together to tackle tough problems and advance VISION 2050. Examples include multijurisdictional work on housing affordability, environmental and climate initiatives, corridor transportation planning, or other similar efforts to face long-term regional challenges.

### The region's vision for 2050

is to provide exceptional quality of life, opportunity for all, connected communities, a spectacular natural environment, and an innovative, thriving economy. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at [www.psrc.org](http://www.psrc.org)



## Eligibility

PSRC will only be accepting nominations directly from its [membership](#). Others seeking to nominate projects can do so through the member jurisdiction in which the project is located. PSRC will help connect potential nominees with local governments to help with the nomination process. Please contact [Michele Leslie](#) with questions.

Nominations must be for projects, programs, plans or partnerships within the four-county region of King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties that help achieve VISION 2050. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at [psrc.org/vision](http://psrc.org/vision).

All nominated projects must be completed and open, plans must be adopted by their jurisdictions, programs must be in operation and partnerships must be formally working together.

## Submit a Nomination!

Nominations must be submitted online through the [VISION 2050 Awards Nomination Form](#)

Learn more at: [www.psrc.org](http://www.psrc.org)

Scan the code for  
the nomination form



## Schedule

- April 18, 2025 – Nominations due
- April–May 2025 – Awards Selection Committee composed of PSRC board members will select the award winners
- Summer 2025 – Awards presented on location around the region

