



Puget Sound Regional Council

Executive Board

Thursday, February 27, 2025 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting – PSRC Board Room: 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101

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1. **Call to Order (10:00)** – *Mayor Becky Erickson, President*
2. **Communications and Public Comment**
Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.
3. **President's Remarks**
4. **Executive Director's Report**
5. **Legislative Update (10:15)** – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*
6. **Committee Report**
 - a. Operations Committee – *Executive Dave Somers, Vice President*

7. Consent Agenda - Action Items (10:25)

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting Held January 23, 2025
- b. Approve Vouchers Dated January 15, 2025 Through February 3, 2025, in the Amount of \$1,437,654.97
- c. Approve Contract Authority for 2025 General Assembly
- d. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- e. Approve Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace, Stanwood and Steilacoom

8. Discussion Item (10:30)

- a. Federal Legislative Update – *Leslie Pollner and Lauri Hettinger, Holland & Knight*

9. Discussion Item (11:10)

- a. Introduction of Julie Meredith, New WSDOT Secretary – *Josh Brown, PSRC*

10. Information Item

- a. Federal Funds Obligated to Projects in the PSRC Region in 2024 and 2025
- b. VISION 2050 Awards – Call for Nominations
- c. Save the Date! PSRC Annual General Assembly, Thursday, May 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn (11:15) – Join Us for a Reception Immediately After

Reception (11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

A reception to welcome the newly appointed Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary Julie Meredith will follow the meeting in the PSRC Board Room.

Board members please submit proposed amendments and materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Sheila Rogers, e-mail srogers@psrc.org, or mail.

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Recommend Certification of the Cities of Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace and Stanwood

The Growth Management Policy Board has recommended that the Executive Board approve the certification of the 2024 comprehensive plans from Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace and Stanwood. Staff provided comments on the cities' draft plans in 2024 and recommended certification of the adopted plans. The Executive Board will consider the GMPB's recommendations at their February meeting. [View video and presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pingram@psrc.org or Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org.

Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Work Plan and Committee Appointments

The board approved the 2025-2028 Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee (RTODC) membership roster. RTODC serves to advance VISION 2050 transit-oriented development work. Fifteen committee members were selected through the application process, which was open from December 5 through January 8, 2025. The board also discussed the committee's work plan. In 2024, the committee supported the TOD bill analysis, Regional Safety Action Plan, the Regional Transportation Plan update and connecting people to transit. The board discussed the committee's upcoming work plan for 2025. The committee will seat its new members and begin implementation of the work plan at its next meeting, March 21, 2025. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information about the Regional TOD Committee, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org or 206- 464-6174.

Federal and State Policy Budget Updates

The board was briefed on recent federal funding directives and updated on the state legislative session by Communications and Government Relations Director, Robin Koskey. Koskey relayed that the federal funding pause was rescinded, however the Trump administration is moving to implement new policy priorities, pausing some programs at the agency level. On the state side, the legislature is grappling with a budget deficit and considering over 1500 policy bills. PSRC is continuing to work on developing a Housing Research Center in partnership with the University of Washington, with a state budget request for \$250,000 for FY2025 and \$750,000 for FY2026 and every year after. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at Rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-798-4462.

Draft FY2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program

The board was briefed on PSRC's draft FY 2026-2027 biennial budget and work program. The Budget outlines transportation, economic and growth planning activities for the fiscal years 2026-2027. The budget includes estimated revenues of \$41.7 million and is available for review. The final budget is scheduled for approval by the Executive Board in April and adoption by the General Assembly in May. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann at (206) 971-3292 or awerfelmann@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board
Thursday, January 23, 2025
Hybrid Meeting, PSRC Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and is 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 live. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments received.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Becky Erickson reported on the following changes to membership on the Executive Board:

- Issaquah Mayor Mary Lou Pauly and Tukwila Mayor Thomas McLeod will now serve as representatives for Other Cities and Towns in King County.
- Shoreline Mayor Chris Roberts will now serve as an alternate for Other Cities and Towns in King County.
- Des Moines Mayor Traci Buxton will also serve as an alternate for Other Cities and Towns in King County.
- Commissioner Katie Walters will serve as the representative for Kitsap County.
- Commissioner Christine Rolfes will serve as an alternate for Kitsap County.
- Councilmember Eric Younger will serve as an alternate for Bremerton.
- Executive Ryan Mello will serve as a representative for Pierce County.
- Commissioner Cary Bozeman will serve as an alternate for Port of Bremerton.
- Bainbridge Island Mayor Ashley Matthews will serve as alternate for Other Cities and Towns in Kitsap County.

President Erickson announced that she is collaborating with Vice President Somers to finalize the 2025 performance goals for PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown. Once

completed, she will email the finalized goals to board members in March. These goals will form the foundation for evaluating Josh’s performance during his annual review in December 2025.

She reminded board members to save the date for PSRC’s Annual General Assembly, scheduled for Thursday, May 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The location is yet to be determined, and a formal “save the date” notice will be sent out soon.

Additionally, President Erickson stated that the 2025 Nominating Committee will be announced in March. This committee will be responsible for recommending candidates for the positions of President and Vice President at the General Assembly.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Josh Brown Updates and Announcements

- Welcomed new board members, noting that Sheila Rogers will coordinate a time to connect.
- Emphasized PSRC’s commitment to advancing priorities outlined in regional plans with guidance from the Executive Board. He highlighted PSRC’s critical role as a partner between members and government entities.
- Introduced a new standing agenda item, the *Legislative Update*.
- Congratulated King County for securing an \$80 million FTA grant for the RapidRide I Line, launching in 2027. This nearly 18-mile bus rapid transit line will serve Renton, Kent and Auburn. PSRC contributed nearly \$19 million in federal funding to its development.
- PSRC hosted the KRCC staff team to explore collaboration opportunities on the 2025 work plan.
- PSRC is advocating for a statewide housing research center at the University of Washington to address housing challenges and innovation. Local officials are encouraged to sign a letter urging state legislative leaders to fund this initiative.
- The draft *Regional Safety Action Plan* is open for public comment through February 14. The plan aims to eliminate roadway deaths and serious injuries. Visit the engagement hub to provide feedback and share the outreach toolkit.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, updated the board on key developments in federal and state legislative matters. She noted that these updates will now be a standing agenda item, ensuring the board remains informed of relevant legislative activities and their implications for the region.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President and Chair of the Operations Committee, Executive Somers, reported on the outcomes of today’s Operations Committee meeting. The committee recommended approval of vouchers dated November 12, 2024, through January 13, 2025, in the amount of \$2,550,879.63.

In addition, the committee received updates on the draft budget and discussed various dues scenarios. Members were also provided with a staffing update, an overview of PSRC's workforce and key insights from the annual employee survey. Major focus areas for employee engagement in 2025 were outlined during the meeting.

Lastly, the committee welcomed a new member of the PSRC team in the Government Relations and Communications Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Saka/Strakeljahn) to:

- a. **Approve Minutes of Meeting Held December 5, 2024**
- b. **Approve Vouchers Dated November 12, 2024, Through January 13, 2025, in the Amount of \$2,550,879.63**
- c. **Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
- d. **Approve Project Tracking Exception Request**

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Regional Priority Rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program

Jean Kim, Transportation Planning Senior Planner, presented information on WSDOT's 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program, provided an overview of PSRC's regional priority ranking process and ranking factors, and shared a summary of the recommended projects.

Every two years, WSDOT's Consolidated Grant Program distributes federal and state funds for specialized transportation projects supporting individuals with mobility and accessibility needs, including older adults and people with disabilities. PSRC assigns 21 regional priority rankings (A, B and C) to projects in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties based on the Coordinated Mobility Plan. Rankings add points to statewide scores, except for D rankings, which allow projects to compete solely on state scores. Kitsap County is excluded, competing through a different regional organization.

For the 2023-2025 biennium, 11 rankings (three A, three B and five C) were available after prior awards. PSRC evaluated 24 project applications based on factors such as program preservation, strategic priorities, service coordination, performance measures and equitable engagement. Recommendations from the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee (CMAC) emphasized projects serving priority populations, collaborating with other programs and addressing underserved areas. Projects ranked D remain eligible for statewide competition.

At its meeting on January 9, the Transportation Policy Board reviewed and recommended Executive Board approval of the regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program competition.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Buxton/Simpson) to approve the regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program competition, as found in Attachment A.

The motion passed with McCarthy voting nay and Meredith abstaining.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Comprehensive Plan Review & Certification Update

Paul Inghram, PSRC Director of Growth Management, and Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC Growth Management Planning Principal Planner, provided an overview of PSRC's comprehensive plan review and certification process, including key updates, the current review status and potential certification outcomes.

PSRC has initiated the certification process for 2024 comprehensive plan updates, which are 20-year growth plans created by the region's 82 cities and towns and four counties. These plans must align with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and state Growth Management Act requirements. The Executive Board will review plans and may certify, conditionally certify, or not certify them. Certification ensures eligibility for PSRC funding and inclusion in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

PSRC staff have reviewed 74 draft plans and provided feedback to help jurisdictions meet certification requirements. Key focus areas include transportation planning, growth targets, housing, urban growth area boundary changes and climate policies. Challenges include meeting new state housing requirements, aligning with growth targets and addressing complex transportation criteria.

The board will begin certification actions in February, starting with plans adopted by early-adopters like Lakewood and Steilacoom.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Included in the agenda packet:

- Regional Safety Action Plan Released for Public Comment
- PSRC's Draft FY2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program
- 2025 Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 27, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Adopted this 27th day of February 2025.

Mayor Becky Erickson, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT:

A. Executive Board Attendance, January 23, 2025

Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:		Present
King County	EXC Dow Constantine	
	CM Claudia Balducci	
	Vacant Alt	
	Vacant Alt	
Seattle	MYR Bruce Harrell	
	CM Robert Kettle	1
	CM Rob Saka	1
	CM Sara Nelson Alt	
	Vacant Alt	
	CM Dan Strauss Alt	
Bellevue	MYR Lynne Robinson	1
	CM Janice Zahn Alt	
Federal Way	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
	Vacant Alt	
Kent	MYR Dana Ralph	1
	CM Toni Troutner Alt	1
Kirkland	MYR Kelli Curtis	1
	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	1
Renton	MYR Armondo Pavone	
	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	1
Redmond	MYR Angela Birnev	1
	CM Vanessa Kritzer Alt	1
Auburn	MYR Nancy Backus	
	DP MYR Larry Brown Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in King County	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington	1
	MYR Thomas McLeod, Tukwila	1
	MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1
	Mayor Traci Buxton, Des Moines Alt	1
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline Alt	1
Kitsap County	COMM Katie Walters	1
	COMM Christine Rolfes Alt	
Bremerton	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
	Eric Younger Alt	
Port Orchard	MYR Rob Putaansuu	1
	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Kitsap County	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
	MYR Ashley Mathews, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
Pierce County	EXEC Ryan Mello	
	CM Robyn Denson	
	CM Dave Morell Alt	
Tacoma	CM Krstina Walker	1
	MYR Victoria Woodards Alt	
Lakewood	CM Ryan Pearson	1
	MYR Jason Whalen Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Pierce County	MYR Joshua Penner, Orting	
	DP MYR Dennis King, Puyallup Alt	
Snohomish County	EXC Dave Somers	1
	CM Sam Low	1
	CM Jared Mead Alt	
Everett	MYR Cassie Franklin	
	CM Scott Bader Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Snohomish County	MYR Jon Nehring, Marysville	1
	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
Port of Bremerton	COMM Axel Strakeljahn	1
	COMM Cary Bozeman, Alt	
Port of Everett	COMM David Simpson	1
	COMM Glen Bachman Alt	
Port of Seattle	COMM Hamdi Mohamed	
	COMM Toshiko Hasegawa Alt	
Port of Tacoma	COMM John McCarthy	1
	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
Washington State Department of Transportation	Secretary Julie Meredith	1
	Vacant Alt	
Washington State Transportation Commission	COMM Nicole Grant	1
	COMM Jim Restucci Alt	



Puget Sound Regional Council

February 20, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Vouchers Dated January 15, 2025 Through February 3, 2025 in the Amount of \$1,437,654.97**

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080, following the Operations Committee's review, the Executive Board approves the vouchers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

REQUESTED			<u>TOTALS</u>
<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>		
01/21/25 - 02/03/25	AP Vouchers	\$	483,848.74
01/15/25 - 01/31/25	Payroll	\$	953,806.23
			\$ 1,437,654.97

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, at awerfelmann@psrc.org or 206-971-3292.



Puget Sound Regional Council

February 20, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Contract Authority for 2025 General Assembly**

IN BRIEF

Executive Board authorization is required for the Executive Director to enter into a contract in excess of \$10,000 per year. A request is being made to authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more contracts to include but not limited to space rental, catering, speaker and audio-visual expenses related to the 2025 General Assembly.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more contracts in support of the 2025 General Assembly. The total cost for all contracts will not exceed \$47,000.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program includes funding for this project. The total budget for the contracts is not to exceed \$47,000.

DISCUSSION

The Puget Sound Regional Council's General Assembly includes all mayors, county executives, commissioners and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions, tribes and statutory members. Each elected representative is a voting member of the General Assembly. The General Assembly will meet on May 22, 2025 to adopt the FY

2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Plan, elect new officers and adopt the Regional Safety Plan.

For additional information, please contact Josh Brown, Executive Director, at jborwn@psrc.org or 206-464-7515 or Sheila Rogers, Executive Administrator, at srogers@psrc.org or 206-464-5815.



Puget Sound Regional Council

February 20, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Adopt 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. At its meeting on February 13, the Transportation Policy Board recommended adoption of the amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt 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.

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

7.d - Att. A
Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP	Other Amend
1. Duvall	3rd Avenue Reconstruction Project 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	2024 Everett Station Preventive Maintenance 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	2025 Bus Shelters 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	2025-2026 Preventative Maintenance 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	Seattle Safe Streets 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 20, 2025

ACTION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair, Growth Management Policy Board
Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

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

IN BRIEF

The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board recommend that the Executive Board certify the 2024 comprehensive plan updates for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace, Stanwood, and Steilacoom. The certification reports describe how the comprehensive plans meet applicable requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should 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. 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 or Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

February 20, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Federal Legislative Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC's federal consultants, Leslie Pollner and Lauri Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisors from Holland & Knight, will provide a timely update on the presidential transition, recent federal funding directives and congressional legislative efforts in Washington, DC.

DISCUSSION

PSRC began working with Holland & Knight (H&K) in December 2022 and renewed their contract for an additional two years in December of 2024 after a competitive request for proposals process.

H&K provides PSRC with advice, expert information and relationship building support on federal affairs, legislation and programs. The law firm has expertise and capacity to provide in-depth analysis of federal legislation and provide updates on federal programs and funding, adding capacity for PSRC staff. H&K also facilitates deepened relationship building with federal agency staff and members of PSRC's federal congressional delegation and staff. PSRC staff meet with H&K weekly and contemporaneous updates are provided on breaking developments to remain up to date on what is happening in Washington, DC.

On February 7, Ms. Pollner provided a federal funding directive update on a webinar PSRC convened with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). You may view a recording of the webinar [here](#). PSRC and AWC plan to convene future meetings on emerging federal issues, as needed when important updates are warranted. PSRC has shared a [news post](#) outlining recent federal developments on the PSRC web site to be updated as new information emerges. A link to [H&K's Executive Order](#)

[Tracker](#) detailing presidential directives that may have impacts on local government may be found on the post.

Ms. Pollner and Ms. Hettinger will be presenting virtually.

Biographies

Leslie I. Pollner, Senior Policy Advisor

Leslie Pollner is co-leader of Holland & Knight's Local Government Group and a member of the firm's Public Policy & Regulation Group. Ms. Pollner focuses on several key industries, including transportation, economic development and housing. Her extensive experience in government at both the federal and local level allows her to help clients develop innovative solutions and advocacy strategies to achieve results.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Pollner was the deputy mayor for federal affairs in Los Angeles under Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. She led the City of Los Angeles' office in Washington, D.C., directed its federal advocacy efforts and managed lobbying teams at the Los Angeles port, airport and public utilities commissions. Ms. Pollner was also the principal liaison with the U.S. Conference of Mayors while Mayor Villaraigosa was the president of the organization and worked with mayors across the country on key issues, including building a coalition to support the transportation reauthorization bill.

Prior to that, Ms. Pollner was a two-time chief of staff for U.S. Reps. Suzanne Kosmas and Tim Mahoney, both of Florida. She has also worked in public affairs consulting and crisis communications support for Fortune 500 companies and helped develop communications strategies for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, concentrating on the nonprofit's education investments.

Lauri A. Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisor

Lauri Hettinger is a senior policy advisor in the Public Policy & Regulation Group in the Washington, D.C., office of Holland & Knight. Ms. Hettinger advocates for local government municipalities' and industry's infrastructure needs, including surface transportation, water resources, economic development and Army Corps of Engineers.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Ms. Hettinger served as staff director for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member, George Voinovich (R-OH). In this role, she served as his primary advisor on transportation, water infrastructure, environment, Army Corps of Engineers and economic development. Ms. Hettinger also served as a legislative assistant to Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN), handling his infrastructure, environment, energy and appropriations issues. During the 2002 election cycle, Ms. Hettinger was a senior research analyst for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. She started her legislative career in the office of Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC) as a legislative correspondent.

For additional information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at 206-971-3602 or rkoskey@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

February 20, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Introduction of Julie Meredith, New WSDOT Secretary**

DISCUSSION

Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary Julie Meredith, recently appointed by Governor Bob Ferguson, will join the Executive Board meeting for an introduction. A reception will be held at the end of the board meeting to welcome Secretary Meredith.

Introduction to Julie Meredith

Julie Meredith joined the Washington State Department of Transportation in 1989 and has spent her entire professional career at the agency. She began as a temporary Transportation Technician 2, working on several projects and programs in progressively responsible leadership roles through the years, directing transformative investments to enhance mobility and safety. She was named Deputy Assistant Secretary of Mega Programs in 2018 and Assistant Secretary of Urban Mobility & Access in December 2020. She was appointed Secretary of Transportation by Governor Bob Ferguson in 2025. She oversees an agency that is a steward of a complex, multimodal transportation system responsible for ensuring people and goods move safely and efficiently.

Meredith is a licensed Professional Engineer and a leader known for her proactive approach to solving complex problems, building lasting partnerships and a commitment to diverse and inclusive leadership in the transportation industry.

In the last two decades, Meredith has been instrumental in delivering the Puget Sound region's most complex, high-profile transportation projects. She has been involved in improving the State Route 520 corridor across Lake Washington (including the world's

longest floating bridge), replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct and improvements along the Interstate 405, SR 167 and SR 509 corridors. She's also managed regional mobility planning and operations, WSDOT's partnership with Sound Transit to deliver historic system expansion, and tolling operations— including toll operations for the new interstate bridge connecting Washington and Oregon. In addition to serving on the WSDOT Executive Leadership Team, Meredith also was the steward of agency-wide strategic planning for resilience.

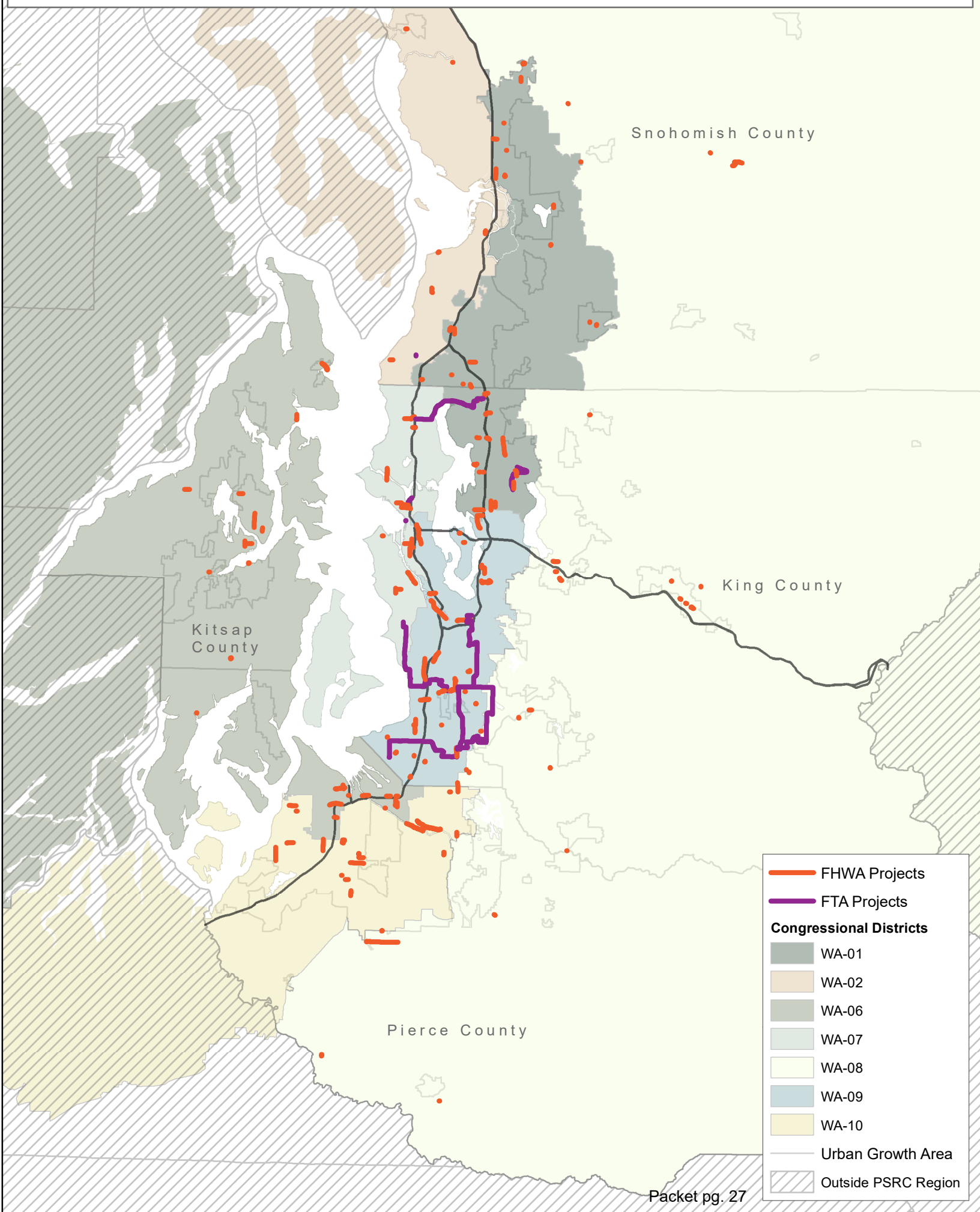
In 2017, Meredith was awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award from the Design Build Institute of America for the SR 520 Program and received the Public Service Recognition Week Leadership Award. Meredith was the WTS Puget Sound Chapter Woman of the Year (2015-2016).

Meredith graduated from the University of Washington in 1989 with a degree in forest resources before launching her engineering career.

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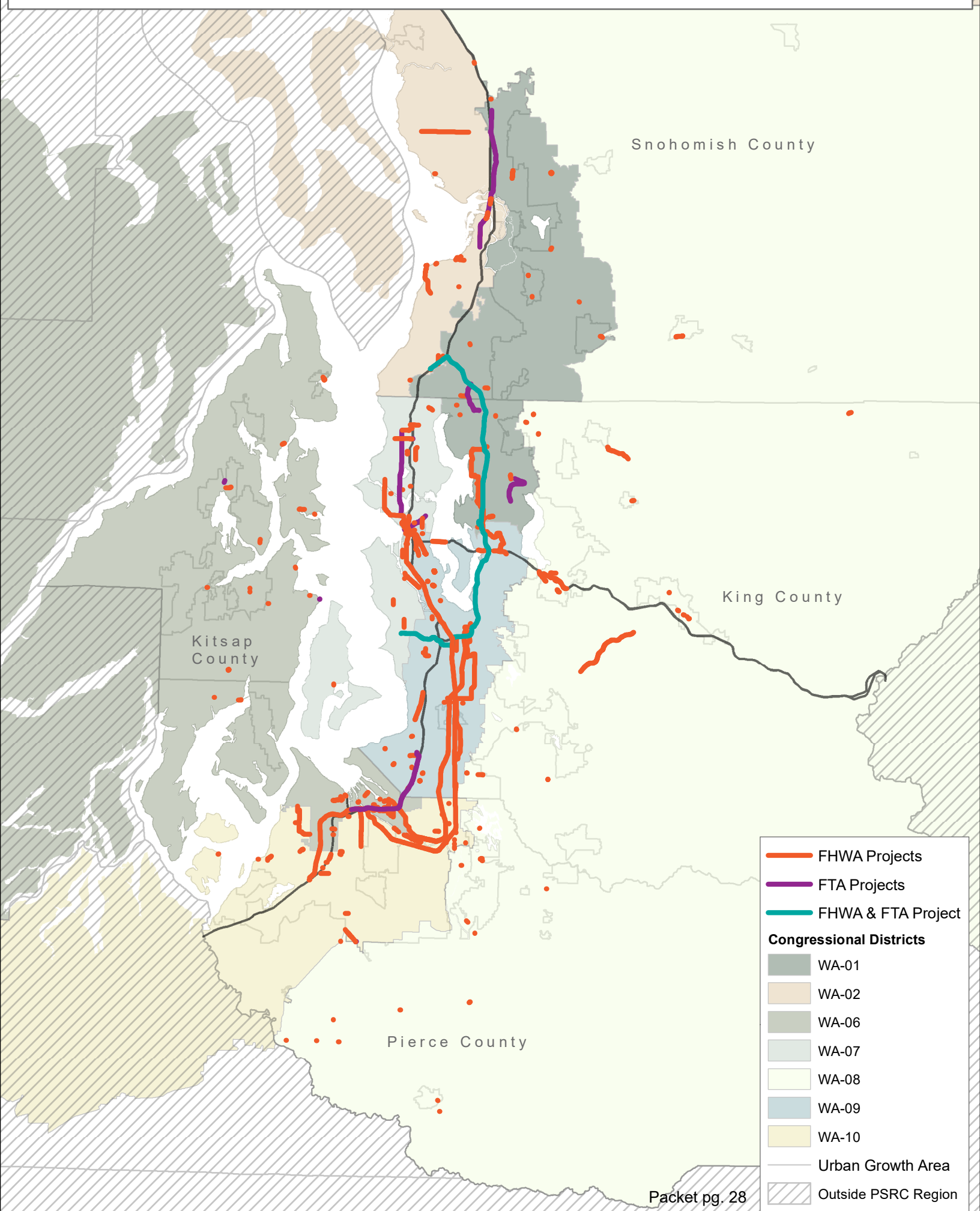
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FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED TO PROJECTS IN THE PSRC REGION IN 2024



- FHWA Projects
- FTA Projects
- Congressional Districts**
- WA-01
- WA-02
- WA-06
- WA-07
- WA-08
- WA-09
- WA-10
- Urban Growth Area
- Outside PSRC Region

FEDERAL FUNDS TO PROJECTS IN THE PSRC REGION SCHEDULED FOR OBLIGATION IN 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

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.

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

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





SAVE THE DATE

Puget Sound Regional Council

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

 **Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

 **Location in Seattle TBD**

PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 22, 2025**, to vote on major decisions, establish the budget, and elect new officers. Please save the date!

All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes have votes at the Assembly and are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open in **early April**.

For questions, please contact **Sheila Rogers** at **(206) 354-6560** or email srogers@psrc.org.