



Puget Sound Regional Council

Growth Management Policy Board

Thursday, March 6, 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) – Councilmember Ed Prince, 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 (10:15)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board held February 6, 2025

- 6. Action Item (10:20)**
 - a. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Port Orchard, and Wilkeson – *Paul Inghram, PSRC*
- 7. Discussion Item (10:50)**
 - a. Regional Centers System Monitoring – *Liz Underwood-Bultmann and David Dixon, PSRC*
- 8. Discussion Item (11:20)**
 - a. Household Travel Survey Program – Insights on Travel Behaviors and Residential Displacement – *Brian Lee and Mary Richards, PSRC*
- 9. Information Items**
 - a. GMPB Meeting Calendar 2025
 - b. VISION 2050 Awards Call for Nominations 2025 Flyer
 - c. 2025 Annual General Assembly Flyer
- 10. Next Meeting: April 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Major Topics:

 - Plan Certifications
 - Economic Strategy Update
 - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG)
- 11. Adjourn (12:00)**

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman provided in-person public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince welcomed the board members to the meeting and welcomed new members and alternates to the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram welcomed the board, introduced the topics for the meeting and mentioned the VISION 2050 award nominations flyer in the packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held January 16, 2025.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Dunn/M. Stuart) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR 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.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Quitslund/M. Stuart) to recommend the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions in the Cities of Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace and Stanwood 2024 Comprehensive Plans conform to the Growth Management Act and are substantially consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan. The motion passed.

The recommendation will be brought to the Executive Board for action on February 27, 2025.

ACTION ITEM: 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. 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.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Hamilton/Dunn) to approve the 2025-28 Regional TOD Committee membership roster as shown in Attachment A. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: LEGISLATIVE 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. Ms. 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 1,500 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.

DISCUSSION ITEM: 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.

NEXT MEETING

The board will meet on Thursday, March 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Topics include:

- Comprehensive Plan Certifications
- Household Travel Survey
- Centers Monitoring

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – February 6, 2025

GMPB February 6, 2025 Attendance Roster

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Growth Management Policy Board - February 6, 2025						
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members		✓
King County	2	CM Sarah Perry Vacant		Associate Members		
				Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1	COM Paul McIntyre John McClellan Alt
Seattle	2	CM Maritza Rivera Vacant Vacant	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	COM Chris Stearns Marc Daily Alt
Bellevue	1	CM Janice Zahn CM Dave Hamilton, Alt	1	Public Agency Members		
Cities/Towns	3	CM Ed Prince, Renton - Chair CM Melissa Stuart, Redmond CM Pam Stuart, Sammamish	1	Commerce	1	Dave Andersen Mark Barkley Alt
		CP Lindsey Walsh, Alt - Issaquah DM Amy McHenry, Alt - Duvall CP Satwinder Kaur "CORE", Alt - Kent	1	Public Health Agencies	1	Dr. Gib Morrow, Kitsap Public Health District DIR Chantall Harmon Reed, Tac-Pierce Cnty Alt
				PSRC Committees		
				Regional Staff Committee	1	Andrea Spencer
				Equity Advisory Committee	1	Arun Sambataro, Alt Michelle Stewart
Kitsap County	1	COM Christine Rolfes "ROL-fes" COM Oran Root, Alt	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor		Thanh Nguyen, Alt "Tahn When"
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler CM Eric Younger, Alt	1	Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1	Brian Holtzclaw Vacant Alt
Cities/Towns	1	DM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl MYR Ashley Mathews, Alt - Bainbridge Isl	1	Natural and Built Environments (exp.	1	Angela Rozmyn Robert Pantley Alt
Pierce County	1	CM Robyn Denson CM Paul Herrera, Alt	1	Individual	1	Charlotte Murry Vacant Alt
Tacoma	1	CM Sandesh Sadalge (suh-DAHL-gay) CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment		
				Futurewise	1	Alex Brennan
Cities & Towns	1	CM Ben Coronado, Gig Harbor CM Andy Elfers, Alt - Sumner	1	Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1	Kate Brunette Kreuzer, Alt Patience Malaba
Snohomish County	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair CM Sam Low, Alt	1	Emerald Alliance	1	Jesse Simpson Alt Tracy Stanton
Everett	1	CM Scott Bader MYR Cassie Franklin, Alt	1			Vacant Alt
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Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant				
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Robert Barandon Vacant				
Suquamish Tribe	1	Rob Purser Alison O'Sullivan Alt				
Statutory Members						
Ports	1	COM John McCarthy, Tacoma COM Deanna Keller, Alt - Tacoma	1			Abbreviations
WSDOT	1	Jeff Storrar JoAnn Schueler, Alt	1			CM Councilmember COM Commissioner CP Council President
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	16			DM Deputy Mayor



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February 27, 2025

ACTION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Port Orchard, and Wilkeson**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff has reviewed and recommends certification of the 2024 comprehensive plan updates for Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Port Orchard, and Wilkeson.

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 Bellevue 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Bothell 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Burien 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Port Orchard 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **Town of Wilkeson 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:

- **Bellevue** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on October 22, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in July 2024.
- **Bothell** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in May 2024.
- **Burien** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on October 28, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in February and August 2024.
- **Port Orchard** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in October 2024.
- **Wilkeson** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on November 27, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in September 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.

Housing Requirements

Recent legislative changes require significant housing work for cities and counties. Meeting the state's new housing requirements is perhaps the biggest challenge cities have been facing, which requires jurisdictions to not just look at overall housing targets but also to consider the need for very low-income, permanent supportive, and emergency housing and to address racially disparate impacts in housing. Washington State House Bill 1220 and other changes to state law significantly changed how local jurisdictions need to plan for housing and these requirements have not previously been considered in certification review.

Counties and cities have done significant work to address these new requirements and many fully comply. However, some plans are likely to raise questions of whether the plans fully satisfy the state requirement to plan for all housing needs and whether any deficiencies are certification issues.

Based on board discussion at the January board meeting, the Regional Staff Committee continued discussion on standards for review for housing requirements at their February meeting. PSRC staff will provide an update to the board on a potential approach and feedback from the committee.

NEXT STEPS

The Executive Board will consider GMPB's recommendations later this month. Additional local plans will be brought forward to recommend for certification at the board's April 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.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management
Subject: **Regional Centers System Monitoring**

IN BRIEF

At its March meeting, the Growth Management Policy Board will hear an update on early findings from the forthcoming report on Regional Centers System Monitoring, which will highlight recent data and outcomes from the region's system of regional growth centers and manufacturing/industrial centers.

DISCUSSION

A key part of PSRC's Regional Growth Strategy is concentrating growth in centers, areas of local planning and investment to support housing and employment growth. Regional centers are formally designated by PSRC according to the [Regional Centers Framework](#), adopted in 2018.

The Growth Management Policy Board adopted a [scope of work](#) in 2024 to guide work over the next two years to redesignate existing centers, consider designation of new centers and review overall progress to meet regional outcomes.

PSRC has compiled data on regional center outcomes regarding growth, mobility, housing, employment, demographic, health and environmental measures in a forthcoming report. The report on Regional Centers System Monitoring will provide information on the performance of the overall system of regional centers. PSRC also maintains the [Regional Centers Dashboard](#), which provides a variety of data measures on individual centers.

At the March meeting, staff will provide the board with an overview of the report's early findings, and the board will have an opportunity to provide feedback.

NEXT STEPS

Staff expect to release the draft report in early spring. The board will continue discussing monitoring and redesignation of regional centers later in 2025.

For additional information, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org or 206-464-6174 or David Dixon, Associate Planner, at DDixon@psrc.org or 206-464-6172.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Household Travel Survey Program – Insights on Travel Behaviors and Residential Displacement**

IN BRIEF

This item provides the most recent insights on selected travel behaviors and residential displacement using data from the Household Travel Survey Program.

DISCUSSION

PSRC administers a [Household Travel Survey \(HTS\) Program](#) to collect activity and travel data from the region's residents every two years. This data resource supports agency planning work, including the development of PSRC's regional land use and travel forecast models, and the monitoring of behavioral trends.

In this presentation, staff will show highlights of findings from analyses of the 2023 HTS data, examine trends from before the pandemic and explore behaviors relevant to the Regional Growth Strategy. Staff will also share insights from on-going research concerning residential displacement by using this unique dataset.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to analyze the 2023 HTS data and use it to support various PSRC work programs. Data collection for the 2025 HTS started in February and will continue until the start of June. The 2025 HTS dataset will be available in spring 2026, with analyses to follow.

For additional information, please contact Brian Lee, Program Manager – Data Solutions and Research, at blee@psrc.org.

2025 PSRC Growth Management Policy Board Meetings

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No meeting in December

Meetings are held 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. As needed, the Transportation Policy Board and the Growth Management Policy Board meet in joint session to coordinate activities and make decisions/recommendations.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. If a meeting is changed or cancelled, GMPB members and alternates will be notified. Updated meeting dates are listed at <https://www.psrc.org>.

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 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.



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