



Puget Sound Regional Council

Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Optional: Post-Meeting Q&A from 7:30-8:00 pm

1. Welcome (5:30) – *Debbie Lacy & Maria Fergus, Co-Chairs*

2. Reports

- a. Meeting Summary for February 6, 2025*
- b. EAC Member Announcements & Check In
- c. Staff Announcements
- d. GMPB Meeting Summary

3. Discussion Item (5:45)

- a. Regional Economic Strategy Update* – *Jason Thibedeau, PSRC*

4. Break (6:30)

5. Discussion Item (6:40)

- a. Regional Economic Strategy Update Cont.* – *Jason Thibedeau, PSRC*

6. Information Item

- a. VISION 2050 Awards: Call for Nominations Flyer*

7. Zoom Poll (7:25)

8. Next meeting: April 3, 2025

9. Adjourn (7:30)

Optional Post-Meeting Q&A (7:30) – *Charles Patton, PSRC*

*Supporting materials attached.

Members can access the attendance sheet [here](#) to complete and submit to finance@psrc.org for compensation.

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Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: February 6, 2025

Location: Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the [Equity Advisory Committee webpage](#). Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Welcome

Debbie Lacy, from King County, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The co-chair welcomed everyone and asked Mikayla to begin roll call for attendance.

Then, Debbie opened space for members to share ideas and resources on community projects local to each jurisdiction.

Staff Announcements

Josh Brown, Executive Director, briefed the EAC on the current PSRC work program and policies as outlined in VISION 2050. Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, then outlined the upcoming community building activity members would be involved in at the March meeting.

Charles and EAC representatives briefed the committee on the work of the Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board. The at-work summaries are available on pages 6-9 of the EAC agenda.

Discussion Item: Co-chair Selection Process

Charles presented to EAC members on the roles and responsibilities of EAC committee co-chairs and about how they will select co-chairs. After a poll in the meeting, the co-chairs for the 2025-2026 were determined to be Julia Jannon-Shields and Shannon Turner.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

Questions? Contact Charles Patton, Program Manager, at cpatton@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Regional Safety Action Draft Plan

PSRC has completed a draft of the Regional Safety Action Plan, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The Equity Advisory Committee has received multiple briefings throughout the previous year regarding the various components of the plan. At the February 6 meeting, the Equity Advisory Committee received a briefing on the draft plan and ongoing public comment period.

The draft plan has been posted to PSRC's online [Engagement Hub](#) and comprehensive outreach to the public and interested stakeholders is ongoing.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

Questions? Contact Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, at gsimonson@psrc.org, or Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Regional Transportation Plan & Coordinated Mobility Plan

PSRC staff worked with the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) to develop a Racial Equity Impact Assessment tool as part of the Regional Equity Strategy. At the February meeting, staff briefed the committee on how PSRC plans to apply the tool to the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the associated Coordinated Mobility Plan.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

Questions? Contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org, or Jean Kim, Senior Planner, at jkim@psrc.org.

Adjourn

At the close of the meeting, members participated in a poll to evaluate the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Members Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Charles Patton, PSRC
Mikayla Svob, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Gary Simonson, PSRC
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Jean Kim, PSRC
Erin Hogan, PSRC
Meg Kausch

ATTACHMENT:

A. EAC Member Attendance for the February 6, 2025, Meeting



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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 pingham@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.

A video of the meeting is available on the [Watch Board Meetings page](#). Meeting materials, including agendas and presentations, can be found on the [Growth Management Policy Board: Meeting Materials page](#).



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March 6, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee
From: Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager
Subject: **Regional Economic Strategy Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC is working to develop an economic analysis in 2025 that will be used to inform the development of the Regional Economic Strategy update in 2026. Staff will lead a discussion with the Equity Advisory Committee on the timeline and process to develop the analysis.

DISCUSSION

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (EDD) is responsible for updating the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) every five years. A CEDS is designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of a region, building off other regional planning efforts. Implementation of the CEDS is accomplished by a broad set of regional stakeholders, highlighting important ongoing economic development programs and initiatives as well as identifying new opportunities for implementation. Adoption of a regional CEDS enables local jurisdictions and eligible organizations to qualify for funding under U.S. Economic Development Administration programs.

The CEDS is required to include an economic analysis including a summary background of the economic conditions and a SWOT analysis for the region. In addition, it also must identify strategies and implementation efforts to address the identified challenges and opportunities.

The EDD Board adopted the current CEDS, referred to locally as the Regional Economic Strategy, at its December 2021 meeting. The strategy covers the period from

2022-2026. The EDD is required to adopt an updated 5-year CEDS by the end of 2026. Staff are taking a two-phased approach to the development of the updated Regional Economic Strategy. The first phase will take place in 2025 and focus on development of a summary background of the region's economic conditions and a SWOT analysis to examine strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the region's economy. This analysis will serve as a foundational resource for the development of an implementation plan and evaluation framework in 2026.

The EDD Board is responsible for the development and adoption of a CEDS for the central Puget Sound region. Staff will leverage a broad stakeholder engagement process to gather input on the challenges and opportunities that the region's economy is facing, and work with the EDD Board's Executive Committee to develop a recommended analysis to the EDD Board for review. This work will also be informed by other regional data and analysis.

At the March Equity Advisory Committee meeting, staff will lead a discussion on the work in 2025 to update the Regional Economic Strategy, requesting input on:

- What current economic conditions should be assessed to include in the analysis?
- What approach could be used to provide equitable opportunities for engagement?
- What other regional work could be used as inputs to the analysis?

NEXT STEPS

Staff will perform outreach and analysis during the spring and summer of 2025 to develop a regional economic analysis.

For more information contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org or 206-389-2879.



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

