Principal Planner — Transportation

Closes: The position is open until filled with applications reviewed on an ongoing basis.
Status: Regular Full-time, 40 hours per week; Exempt FLSA status.
Salary: The starting salary range is $77,455 - $95,000 annually, DOE, with full benefits.
Location: Puget Sound Regional Council; Downtown – Seattle, Washington

About PSRC
The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), established in 1991, is a regional planning agency with a mission to enhance the quality of life in the central Puget Sound region. PSRC is an association of cities, towns, counties, ports, and state agencies that serves as a forum for developing policies and making decisions about regional growth, economic, and transportation issues in the four-county, central Puget Sound region. It is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization under Washington State law. For more information, visit www.psrc.org. PSRC is an equal opportunity employer.

The Position
PSRC is seeking a Principal Planner to be the project lead for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan – Transportation 2040 including scenario design, plan analysis, financial planning, and performance-based planning.

The Candidate
The ideal candidate will have:

- Transportation planning experience in the development and oversight of a metropolitan transportation plan, including work in the analysis of state of good repair, safety, operational strategies, freight, non-motorized, health, and other transportation planning topics.
- Knowledge of federal and state metropolitan transportation planning requirements.
- Understanding of the recent and evolving federal MAP-21 requirements related to performance-based transportation planning.
- Familiarity with public policy and trend analysis related to factors impacting future transportation system performance including but not limited to, evolving technologies, demographic changes and revenue shortfalls.
- The ability to design adaptive scenarios and interpret summary output from transportation demand models and databases, document results, and make recommendations.
- Ability to take initiative and develop creative and innovative solutions.
- Strong interest and/or experience in transportation revenue forecasting and financial analysis.
- Strong quantitative skills with knowledge of relational databases applications. Technical proficiency with a range of computer applications, including Microsoft Work, Excel, and Access.
• Demonstrated ability to take the lead in preparing technical reports from diverse data and information sources, as well as materials for agency boards and committees, and to make clear presentations to technical and policy groups.
• Strong attention to detail, follow-through and organization. Highly developed verbal, listening, communication, and interpersonal skills. Excellent writing and communication skills.
• The ability to work effectively as part of a team or lead a team or committee to implement transportation programs.
• The ability to work with the general public, planning professionals, and agency staff, including supervised staff, to develop positive, successful working relationships.

Experience and Education

• Bachelor’s degree in planning or related field; Master’s degree preferred.
• Six years increasingly responsible experience in transportation planning, regional planning, or planning information systems.
• Two years of lead or supervisory direction to other staff.
• Or, any combination of education and experience that would provide the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge, and ability required to perform the job.

To Apply

• To be considered, applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and completed, signed PSRC application.
• The voluntary, confidential Equal Employment Opportunity form is appreciated for applicant tracking purposes.
• For application materials, visit http://www.psrc.org/about/careers.
• Completed materials can be emailed to hrdept@psrc.org, faxed to 206-587-4825, or mailed to: Puget Sound Regional Council, attn: HR 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, Washington 98104

Spectacular natural surroundings, world-class education systems, thriving urban centers, vibrant neighborhoods and a lively arts and culture scene are just some of what makes the Puget Sound region a great place to live and work. Ringed by snow-capped mountain peaks, crisscrossed by waterways, home to urban centers, small cities and vibrant neighborhoods, the Puget Sound region is a commercial center and a major hub for Trans-Pacific and European trade. Some of the world’s most successful and innovative companies are based here, including Boeing, Microsoft, Starbucks, Amazon, Costco, Paccar, Weyerhaeuser, Nordstrom and many more. Outdoor activities are especially plentiful given the region’s natural beauty and mild climate. Hiking in the Olympic or Cascade Mountains, kayaking in Lake Union, or cycling on one of the many rails-to-trails paths are just a few of the options available. Washington is viewed as a progressive and innovative state where people are outgoing and friendly.

Benefits

PSRC provides a compensation package that includes a salary and benefits that represent approximately 30% of an employee’s total compensation package. Benefits-eligible employees at PSRC are provided a wide range of benefits including:
• Medical
• Dental
• Vision
• Life Insurance
• Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance
• Short-Term Disability (STD)
• Long-Term Disability (LTD)
• Washington State Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERS)
• Employer-match 457 Deferred Compensation
• Personal Time Bank (PTB)/Vacation Pay
• Holiday Pay
• Family Medical Leave
• Bereavement Leave
• Jury Duty Leave
• Military Leave
• Transportation Incentive Plan (TIP)
• Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)
• Life Assistance Program (LAP)
• Long-Term Care (LTC)
• Flexible Work Schedules