

Fact Sheet: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Transportation 2040

1 Proposed Action

The Puget Sound Regional Council is updating the current regional transportation plan, Destination 2030. The new plan, Transportation 2040, is evaluating the best ways for people to travel while making our communities, environment, and economy stronger as the region grows.

Five action alternatives and a baseline alternative reflecting existing funded plans and projects were developed to frame important issues for discussion among regional leaders, community members, business, and environmental groups through 2009.

Transportation 2040 is taking a fresh approach to meeting the mobility needs of a growing region while sustaining the environment and supporting the regional economy. The region has made solid progress towards improving transportation in the last ten years. The new plan will move beyond the past to employ 21st century technology to deliver a strategy to take us into the future.

Each alternative under consideration includes a strategy to identify sufficient funding sources to help keep pace with the region's needs, but each takes a different approach to making transportation investments. The approaches range from making modest improvements with limited funds to shifting regional priorities in a way that would result in a new type of transportation system. In every case, tolling plays a part, both to pay for improvements and to manage congestion.

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4 Licenses and Approvals

The Transportation 2040 plan will be adopted by the General Assembly of the Puget Sound Regional Council.

5 Principal Contributors

Please see List of Preparers, page L-1.

6 Date of Issue of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

May 29, 2009.

7 Comment Period

The Draft EIS comment period will last for 45 days until July 13, 2009.

8 Courtesy Hearing and Presentations

PSRC will host an open house and courtesy hearing in tandem with the Transportation Policy Board meeting on July 9, 2009. The open house will be held from 8 – 10:30 a.m. and offer information on the alternatives and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analysis. The Transportation Policy Board will conduct a brief business meeting from approximately 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. and switch to a courtesy hearing format to receive public testimony on the Transportation 2040 DEIS from 10:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Presentations on the DEIS will be held throughout the central Puget Sound region. Scheduled presentations are listed online at psrc.org or contact Marina King, 206-389-2878, mking@psrc.org with questions or to schedule a presentation.

9 Commenting on the Draft EIS

Comments on this DEIS can be made in writing by sending a letter to Sean Ardussi, the DEIS contact person, at:

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Comments on this Draft EIS can also be submitted by fax at (206) 587-4825, or electronically through the comment form available at the Transportation 2040 website at www.psrc.org

For all parties who are commenting on this Draft EIS, PSRC requests a name and return address for regular mail. All comments are due by 5:00 pm on Monday July 13, 2009.

10 Next Steps

Following the close of the public comment period on the Draft EIS, PSRC will respond to comments and prepare the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for publication in early 2010. After the Final FEIS is published, the General Assembly of the Puget Sound Regional Council will make a final decision on the plan to be adopted. Adoption of the plan is expected in spring 2010.

11 Documents Incorporated by Reference

The following environmental document is hereby incorporated by reference into this Transportation 2040 DEIS. Copies of this document are available for review at PSRC offices--1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104-1035.

VISION 2040 Final Environmental Impact Statement, PSRC, April 2008. Available online:
www.psrc.org.

12 Document Availability

Copies of the DEIS on CD may be obtained by calling the PSRC Information Center at 206-464-7532, and are available for download at the Transportation 2040 website at www.psrc.org.

A full printed copy of the DEIS is also available for review at the offices of PSRC, 1011 Western Ave., Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104-1035. Copies of the Draft EIS are also available at libraries in King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.