

# **PSRC 2026 Recommendations to the Washington State Legislature**

## **Equity Advisory Committee**

November 6, 2025



Puget Sound Regional Council



*We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.*

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# Federal Shutdown

- Government shutdown **day 37**
- Longest in history
- Bi-partisan negotiations
- Impacts:
  - SNAP funding
  - Air traffic control



# Continuum of Care Reductions



[Letter to Senator Murray](#)

[Trump admin looks at deep cuts to homeless housing program](#) (Politico)



# State Budget

- Revenues down \$900m for 4-yr outlook

## Additional Budget Pressures:

- Tort Claims
- Lawsuits on tax increases
- Caseload growth
- Impacts of HR 1, Medicaid and SNAP reductions
- Revenue?
- Transportation budget revenue changes keep accounts positive



# Discussion Questions



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- What emerging issues are you or your networks working on in advance of the 2026 state legislative session?





# Process 2026 Recommendations to Legislature

**July 2025**

EAC Background

**September 2025**

Review Recommendations with Economic Development District & Executive Board

**October 2025**

Review Recommendations with Growth Management Policy Board & Transportation Policy Board

**November 2025**

Equity Advisory Committee Review  
Recommendation by Executive Committee

**December 2025**

Proposed Executive Board Adoption



# Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature

- Keep the Region Moving
- Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
- Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Sustain a Strong Economy





# Keep the Region Moving



- Prioritize Safety
- Transportation investments
  - Stable revenue
  - Build projects of regional significance
  - Adequately fund maintenance and preservation
- Road Usage Charge
- Ferry funding





# Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

- Supply
- Stability
- Subsidy
- Housing Futures Center





# Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions



- Reduce Emissions
- Prepare for Climate Impacts





# Sustain a Strong Economy

- Workforce development
- Critical infrastructure
- Clean energy industry technology





# Example – Changes & Refinements



## Sustain a Strong Economy

Workforce development programs to meet the needs of employers, **workers** and a growing economy, including electrification of the transportation system.





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# Thank You!

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