



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only**

**Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025 from 9:30-11:30 am**

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**1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30) – Jason Sullivan, City of Bonney Lake**

**2. Reports (9:35)**

- a. Meeting Summary for October 16, 2025\*
- b. PSRC Announcements and Updates

**3. Discussion Item (9:40)**

- a. GoodRoots Northwest: Leveraging Distribution Technology to Eliminate Food Deserts\* – *Stacey Crnich, CEO, Goodroots NW & Jason Sullivan, City of Bonney Lake*

**4. Discussion Item (10:10)**

- a. Regional Economic Strategy Update\* – *Katie Enders, PSRC*

**5. Discussion Item (10:40)**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Development and Outreach\* – *Kelly McGourty & Gil Cerise, PSRC*

**6. Discussion Item (11:10)**

- a. Highlights from the 2024 Comprehensive Plans\* – *Liz Underwood-Bultmann & Erika Harris, PSRC*

**7. Information Item**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan: [Virtual Public Meeting](#) on Thursday, November 20, from 5:30 – 6:45 pm\*
- b. Building Decarbonization Grant For Local Governments Flyer\*

**8. Next Meeting: December 18, 2025**

- a. Note: The Regional Staff Committee will not hold a meeting in January 2026. From February 2026 on, the RSC will meet on the first Thursday of the month, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

**9. Adjourn (11:30)**

\*Supporting materials attached.

### **Zoom Remote Connection Details**

- To join via a smart device or web browser, go to <https://psrc-org.zoom.us/j/82976609817?pwd=XJ9TCtxoMpXfHEJjNnlLa7rbrXLzTK.1> and enter Meeting ID: 829 7660 9817 and Passcode: 864433.
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### **Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary**

**Date: October 16, 2025**

**Location: Remote Only**

**Presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website:**

<https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>.

Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

### **Introductions and Announcements**

Jason Sullivan, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants were asked to view the meeting attendance on the “chat” feature on Zoom, and phone-in participants were asked to identify themselves verbally.

### **Reports**

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, welcomed members and shared an update about the Regional Public Meetings hosted by PSRC for the public to share comments and feedback on the Regional Transportation Plan. More information is available at the [Regional Transportation Plan Engagement Hub](#). He also noted that the Great Shake Out was scheduled during the meeting and recognized that members may be participating.

Ben then introduced Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, and Alyssa Quinn, Senior Government Relations Specialist, to update the committee on federal and state government updates.

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

### **Discussion: Regional Centers Monitoring Update**

Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, and Nancy Ferber, Senior Planner, provided an update on the process to monitor and redesignate regional centers as called for by the Regional Centers Framework and gathered input from the committee to help inform future board discussions on redesignation.

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

For more information, please contact Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, [lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org), or Nancy Ferber, Senior Planner, [nferber@psrc.org](mailto:nferber@psrc.org).

### **Discussion: 2025 Housing Monitoring Update: The Year of Policy Change**

Eric Clute, Associate Planner, briefed members on the 2025 Regional Housing Strategy monitoring update, including new data and analysis on the production of emergency housing and permanent supportive housing. He then asked for feedback on how housing monitoring data can help jurisdictions meet new state housing requirements and implement recently adopted comprehensive plans.

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

For more information, contact Eric Clute, Associate Planner, at [eclute@psrc.org](mailto:eclute@psrc.org).

### **Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Financial Strategy**

Craig Helmann, Director of Data, and Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, reviewed Scenario 2B and the evolving Regional Transportation Plan financial strategy with the RSC, following the October Transportation Policy Board directive to staff to advance Scenario 2B into development of the draft plan to be released for public comment in December.

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

For more information, contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at [chelmann@psrc.org](mailto:chelmann@psrc.org), or Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org).

Adjusting for time, the Regional Economic Strategy Update discussion was postponed to a future meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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### **Members and Alternates Represented at the Table**

See attached attendance roster.

### **PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present**

Mikayla Svob, PSRC  
 Nancy Ferber, PSRC  
 Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC  
 Katie Enders, PSRC  
 David Dixon, PSRC  
 Sarah Warsame, PSRC  
 Grant Gibson, PSRC  
 Alyssa Quinn, PSRC  
 Peter Best  
 Robin Koskey, PSRC  
 Carol Naito, PSRC  
 Doug Cox, PSRC  
 Kate Nesse, City of Bellevue  
 Pauline Mogilevsky, KRCC

David Paine, City of Kent  
Marc Daily, PSRC  
Heather Culver, PSRC  
Kelly McGourty, PSRC  
Josh Brown, PSRC  
Jeff Aken, Commerce  
Paul Inghram, PSRC  
Brian Lee, PSRC

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. RSC Member Attendance for the October 16, 2025, Meeting

# PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

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Member	Jurisdiction	Member	
2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office	R	<b>Federal, Regional, State, Tribal &amp; Other Agencies</b>	
McCaella Daffern, King County	R	FHWA	1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner
Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt			Vacant Alt
Valerie Kendall, King County Alt	FTA	1	Danielle Casey
2 Vacant			Vacant Alt
Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt	Health	1	Cristina Ciupitu-Plath, Snohomish County
Dan Cardwell, Local Services/Utilities, King Co			Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1
Susan McLain, Local Services/Subarea Planning Alt			Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 2
1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro	Ports	1	Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
Hester Serebrin, King County Metro Alt	R		Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt
1 Amie Danielewicz, King Co Exec Office Alt	R	PSCAA	1 Jennifer Keene, Program Director
Jesse Reynolds, Local Services/Econ Dev Alt	R		Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Alt
2 Michael Hubner, OPCD		Puget Sound	1 Larry Epstein, Deputy Director
Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R	Partnership	Bebhinn Dechery Alt
Jim Holmes, OPCD Alt		Sound Transit	1 Alex Krieg, Planning & Innovation
Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt			Vacant Alt
1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev	Tribal	1	Vacant
Lacey Jane Wolfe, Alt	Representatives		Vacant Alt
Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Alt	US EPA	1	Susan Sturges
3 Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah	R		Erik Peterson Alt
Eric Perry, City of Renton	US HUD	1	Vacant
Mark Rigos, City of North Bend			Vacant Alt
John Vicente, City of Kenmore, Alt	WA Dept. of	1	Grace Yoo
Becky Frey, City of Redmond, Alt	R	Commerce	Keith Swenson
Rhonda Ender, City of Carnation, Alt	R	WSDOT	1 April Delchamps, WSDOT
1 Rafe Wysham, Kitsap County	R		Matthew Kenna, WSDOT Alt
Scott Diener, Alt		<b>PSRC Committees</b>	
1 Heather Wright, Planning Director		PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt		RPEC	1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair
1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit	R		Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair
Vacant Alt		<b>R = Remote attendance</b>	
1 Joe Morrison, KEDA			
Vacant Alt			
1 Andrea Spencer, Community Dev, <b>Co-Chair</b>	R		
Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt			
1 Nick Bond, Comm Development, Port Orchard			
Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt			
1 Mike Galizio, Multimodal Transportation Supervisor	R		
Alon Bassok, PPW Long Range Planning Manager, Alt			
2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning			
Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Planning, <b>Co-Chair</b>	R		
Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt			
Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt			
1 Andrew Arnes, Pierce Transit	R		
Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt			
1 Rob Allen, Economic Development			
Vacant Alt			
1 Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager	R		
Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner Alt			
1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup			
Chris Larson, Fife, Alt	R		
1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director			
Darren Groth, Division Mgr, Long Range Planning	R		
2 Kelly Snyder, Director, <b>Co-Chair</b>	R		
Ken Klein, Executive Director			
Jay Larson, Public Works Supervisor, Alt			
Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt			
1 Melissa Cauley, Community Transit			
Sabina Araya, Everett Transit Alt			
1 Mike Fong, Economic Dev			
Vacant Alt			
1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director	R		
Alice Ann Wetzel, Long Range Planning Mgr	R		
1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director	R		
Karl Almgren, Lynnwood, Alt			
45	Attended 28		



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### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Regional Staff Committee

**From:** Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning

**Subject:** **GoodRoots Northwest: Leveraging Distribution Technology to Eliminate Food Deserts**

### IN BRIEF

Regional Staff Committee Co-Chair Jason Sullivan and Stacy Crnich, CEO of GoodRoots Northwest, will present a project implemented in Pierce County to provide enhanced access to healthy food and an approach to eliminating food deserts.

### BOARD CALENDAR

This is a best planning practice discussion item for committee members and is not currently scheduled for a PSRC board agenda.

### DISCUSSION

[GoodRoots Northwest](#) is an organization that addresses food insecurity in rural and underserved areas. It connects communities with fresh, locally sourced food through an innovative climate-controlled locker network, providing access with dignity and convenience. By leveraging technology, multi-sector collaboration, and sustainable practices, GoodRoots Northwest create systems that are not only effective but also adaptable for the future.

At the November meeting, RSC Co-Chair Jason Sullivan and GoodRoots Northwest CEO Stacy Crnich will present information about GoodRoots' innovative distribution technology and its implementation with community-based infrastructure. They will share how a refrigerated locker network, now expanding to 13 sites across 382 square miles, functions as a new model for food access by placing Washington-grown food in trusted community locations such as libraries, fire stations, college campuses, and city centers.

This approach removes transportation and time barriers that often define food deserts while creating new, reliable markets for local farms.

They will also highlight how new investments, including a state-of-the-art Grocery POD capable of fulfilling 200 orders daily, and critical cold storage upgrades at their new logistics hub will allow them to scale the system across the region. Together, these are helping to create a resilient and technology-enabled supply chain that makes fresh, local food available where people live, work, and learn.

The GoodRoots Northwest Market Fresh Food Lockers program won a PSRC VISION 2050 Award in 2024, recognition of an innovative project that helps ensure a sustainable future as the central Puget Sound region grows.

For more information, contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org) or 206-971-3286.





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### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

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

### **IN BRIEF**

Staff will provide an update on the development of the Regional Economic Strategy and gather input from the committee to help inform future discussions on PSRC's role in economic development and approaches to strategic implementation.

### **BOARD CALENDAR**

Feedback from the Regional Staff Committee and other stakeholder input will be discussed with the Economic Development District Board at its December 3, 2025 meeting.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (EDD) is responsible for updating the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) every five years. The CEDS is designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of a region, building off other regional planning efforts. The CEDS is required to include a summary background of the region's economic conditions, a SWOT analysis, and a set of strategies to address the identified challenges and opportunities.

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 EDD Board adopted the current CEDS, referred to locally as the Regional Economic Strategy (RES), at its December 2021 meeting. The EDD is required to adopt an updated 5-year CEDS by the end of 2026.

To inform the development of the strategy, staff coordinated the development of a regional profile and SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats) analysis assessing high-level challenges and opportunities that the region's economy is facing. The SWOT analysis is organized around four goal areas: Economic Opportunity, Quality of Life, Global Competitiveness, and Business Climate.

The SWOT analysis was informed by other state and regional economic strategies and analysis, as well as changes to state and federal policy and funding. Staff sought input from PSRC boards and committees, regional economic stakeholders, and the public. At the June RSC meeting, staff provided an overview of the draft SWOT analysis, analysis of local employment and economic development goals, and led a discussion to gather feedback from committee members to help inform the Regional Economic Strategy.

To enable a broad set of input, staff developed an [RES Engagement Hub](#), which provides an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to review a draft SWOT analysis, provide input on the challenges and opportunities that the region faces, and what strategies are needed address them.

At the November RSC meeting, staff will provide an update on the Regional Economic Strategy update process as well as provide an overview of a set of draft 5-year strategies designed to address the findings in the SWOT analysis.

## **NEXT STEPS**

At the December Economic Development District Board meeting, staff will lead a discussion on PSRC's role in regional economic development and an approach to implementation in the Regional Economic Strategy.

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at [jthibedeau@psrc.org](mailto:jthibedeau@psrc.org) or 206-389-2879.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

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### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Regional Staff Committee

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning and Gil Cerise, Program Manager

**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan Development and Outreach**

### **IN BRIEF**

Work to develop the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has been underway since early 2024. In recent meetings, the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) has been comprehensively discussing needed investments and the finances necessary to fund those investments, as well as performance metrics of four draft plan scenarios. The TPB has also been briefed on key topics to be included in the plan, such as climate, safety and the needs of residents with mobility challenges. Public outreach and engagement have also been underway and will continue as work progresses.

The draft plan is anticipated to be released for public review and comment between mid-December and the end of January 2026. At the November meeting, staff will provide an overview of the plan's proposed financial strategy, as well as the many elements that will be included in the draft, a summary of public outreach to date, and the approach of the RTP Engagement Hub.

### **BOARD CALENDAR**

The Transportation Policy Board will be asked to direct staff to release a draft Regional Transportation Plan in mid-December for a public comment period. After review of comments and potential plan edits and changes in the first quarter of 2026, PSRC's TPB and Executive Board are scheduled to take action in April to recommend that PSRC's General Assembly adopt the plan at their meeting in May 2026.

## DISCUSSION

Over the last 20 months, steady progress has been made towards the development of the next RTP. This has included identification of key policy priorities and adoption of the plan's scope of work; publication of a [Current Transportation System Report](#); discussion of future proposed investments and the plan's financial strategy; a summary of ongoing outreach and engagement; and briefings on key plan topics.

At the November meeting, staff will provide an overview of the TPB discussions and direction regarding the plan's financial strategy, details and supportive materials for which can be found in the TPB's [November agenda packet](#).

Staff will also provide a review of each of the elements to be included or addressed in the draft plan, as well as the plan's structure. Example topics include active transportation; climate; safety; health; transit access; maintenance and preservation; the financial strategy; the Coordinated Mobility Plan, which addresses the needs for people with mobility challenges; and a comprehensive system performance report.

The committee will also be provided with a summary of the six regional public meetings, the last of which was held on October 30<sup>th</sup>, as well as an overview of upcoming engagement opportunities in addition to the public comment period.

Ahead of the draft plan release in mid-December, several early documents are, or will be made, available on the [RTP Engagement Hub](#). Materials already posted include the adopted RTP scope of work, the Current Transportation System Report, the Current Transportation System Visualization Tool, and details of the four plan scenarios analyzed over the summer and discussed in the fall. A Future Transportation System Report describing the investments and key performance results from the final scenario moving forward into the draft plan will be published shortly, as well as a list of the regional capacity projects included and a Future Transportation System Visualization Tool.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org) or 206-971-3601 or Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org) or 206-9-3053.



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### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Regional Staff Committee

**From:** Erika Harris, Senior Planner  
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner

**Subject:** **Highlights from the 2024 Comprehensive Plans**

### IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will provide the committee with a status update on comprehensive plan certification and highlights from the 2024 comprehensive plan updates.

### BOARD CALENDAR

The Growth Management Policy Board is scheduled to hear about comprehensive plan highlights in early 2026.

### DISCUSSION

Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and PSRC worked together to develop an [overall process](#) for reviewing local, countywide, regional and transit agency policies and plans for consistency with the Growth Management Act, VISION 2050, and the Regional Transportation Plan. State law requires PSRC to review and certify local comprehensive plans. Jurisdictions with plans that are certified or conditionally certified are eligible to apply for PSRC funding or program projects with any funding source into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Each of the region's 82 cities and towns and four counties worked to update their comprehensive plan by December 31, 2024. PSRC boards have been working throughout 2025 to certify adopted comprehensive plans. The committee will hear a status report about plan certifications at their November meeting.

The Growth Management Policy Board spent most of 2025 reviewing comprehensive plans for certification action. Board members have requested a summary of highlights from the 2024 comprehensive plan updates. The committee will hear an overview of comprehensive plan highlights, and staff welcome any feedback from the committee on any additional areas to highlight.

PSRC plans to survey local governments to capture successes and challenges from 2024 comprehensive plan updates, feedback on PSRC certification process, and any additional research or planning resources needed in the future. Staff welcome any feedback from the committee on how to best capture feedback from local governments.

For more information, contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at [LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org) or Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at [EHarris@psrc.org](mailto:EHarris@psrc.org).

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2026–2050

## PUBLIC MEETINGS VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday  
November 20, 2025  
5:30 PM – 6:45 PM  
Via Zoom: [RSVP](#)

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# BUILDING DECARBONIZATION GRANT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

**Are you a local government in King, Kitsap, Pierce, or Snohomish County that owns an older building in need of energy-saving improvements or air conditioning?**

- King County is administering a grant program for local governments to weatherize and install high efficiency electric heat pump heating and cooling systems in one or more of their buildings that serve as community gathering spaces or provide community services.
- Such improvements can lower energy costs and reduce climate pollution from buildings, while improving indoor air quality and climate resilience.

**Letter of Interest form is now open!**

**Deadline - January 12, 2026.**

To learn more: [bit.ly/BldgDecarbGrant](https://bit.ly/BldgDecarbGrant) or scan the QR code.



## ELIGIBILITY

- Local governments located in **King, Kitsap, Pierce, or Snohomish County**.
- Buildings must be owned by the applying government entity (they may have tenants).
- Buildings must serve as community gathering spaces or offer in-person, onsite community services directly from the buildings (for example: libraries, community centers, etc.).
- This funding opportunity is limited to any combination of the following **upgrades to existing buildings**: weatherization (air sealing, insulation, ventilation, etc.), installation of electric heat pumps, and minor electrical upgrades needed to support the project.

## FUNDING & COST SHARE

- Grants cover 30-50% of budgeted project costs, with a maximum grant award of \$300,000-\$500,000 depending on whether buildings are located in and/or serve frontline communities (those disproportionately impacted by climate change).
- Grant selectees are responsible for securing funds to cover the remainder of project costs.
- Local governments may apply to the grant program **BEFORE** securing cost share funds

