

# Draft Regional Transportation Plan Regional Transit Access Assessment

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# Today's Presentation

- Background
- Regional Transit Access Framework
- Next Steps



# Regional Transportation Plan calls for PSRC to:



“...Develop and update tools and resources to **help identify where access to transit can be improved**, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians. ”

## Transit access in RTP:

- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- Walk, Bike, and Roll
- Transit Service
- Drop-off/Pick-up Modes
- Parking





# PSRC Transit Access Tools

## **PSRC published transit access tools and resources in 2017.**

Initial Transit Access Assessment  
Identifies three transit access  
characteristics:

- Urban Form
- Transit Service
- Parking



# Transit Access Assessment Findings

## **Context matters:**

- The quality of transit access depends on many different variables.
- There currently is no consistent, comprehensive, and transparent framework for understanding the transit access context in the region.

## **Many actors, unclear roles:**

Multiple actors are involved in the delivery of transit access investments. However, roles are not always clearly defined.

# Transit Access Checklist

- The Checklist provides a framework for conducting a **comprehensive assessment of existing transit access conditions** at any given location.
- It also includes relevant data sources and transit agency and PSRC contacts.



# Transit Access Toolkit

- The Toolkit identifies **various tools for improving transit access and organizes them** across eight strategic areas.
- The Toolkit was designed to help stakeholders understand how each strategic area increases transit access and the roles played by various stakeholders.





# Transit Access Funding Matrix & Key Findings

- The Matrix documents **potential funding opportunities for transit access** strategies identified in the Toolkit.
- The Matrix also describes how transit access improvements are typically funded at various governmental scales.





# 2023 Transit Access Report Recommendations

- Address more clear and comprehensive information on **roles and responsibilities** by agencies.
- **Automation and streamlining of the tools** with readily available data can help local staff assess transit access needs and opportunities more easily.
- **Integrate new themes**, including equity, safety, and new technologies, as identified as emerging characteristics influencing transit access, into transit access tools.
- Develop guidance on **equitable engagement and outreach** for transit access.



# Development of a Methodology

- In 2025 PSRC hired consultant to develop a methodology
  - Assesses transit access needs across region
  - Identify areas to emphasize in addressing those needs
- Consultant worked closely with PSRC Data team on **current system** and **2050**.





# Regional Transit Access Framework

- **Transit service–land use** density connection
- Assess transit service connect people to opportunities
- Ensure we account for **equity focus areas** in assessment:
  - Who is being served and what are their needs?
- How should transit access be improved?
  - Typology for how to improve transit access



# Transit service-land use density connection

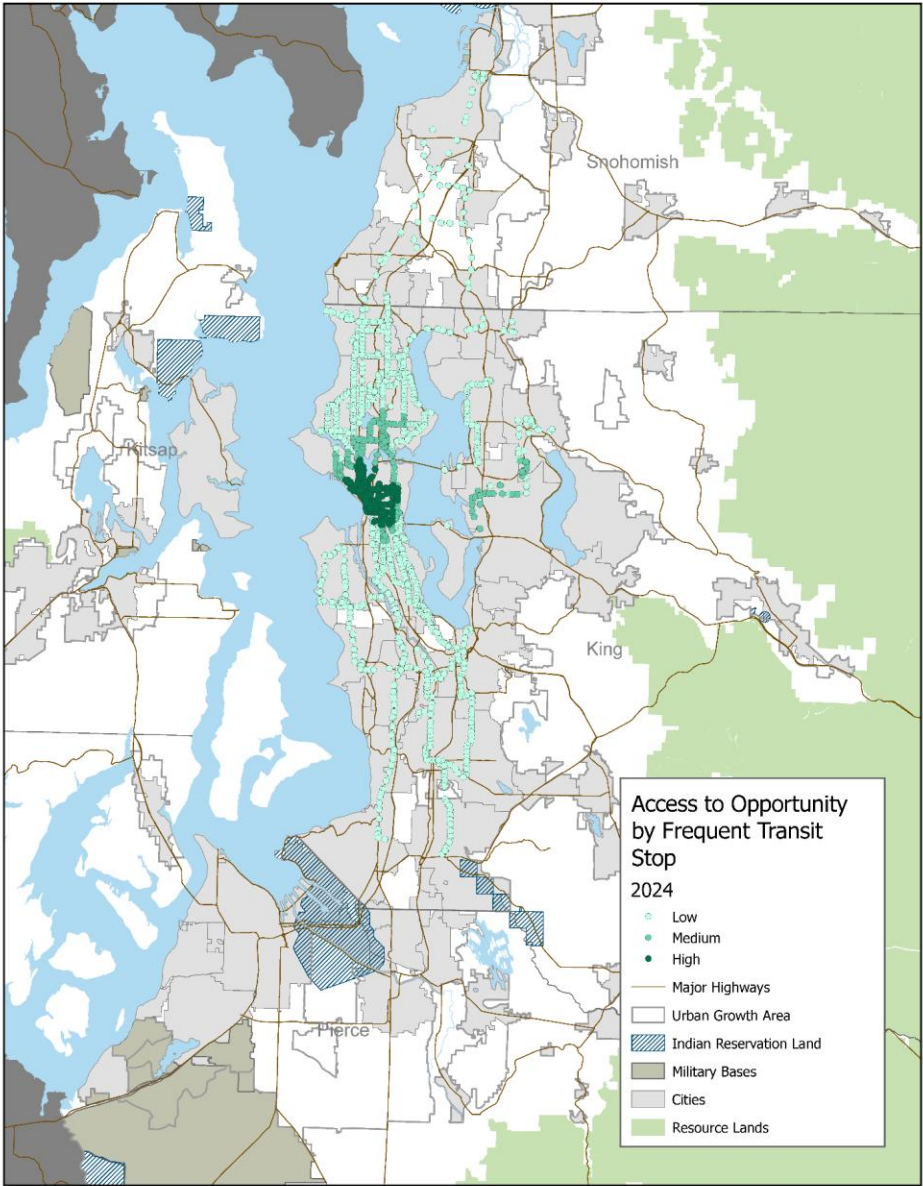
Transit Service Type	Current System Gap	2050 System Gap
Local Transit Service	33%	15%
All-Day Transit Service	36%	25%
Frequent Transit Service	11%	6%
High-Capacity Transit	16%	11%

- **Current system:** ~17,000 people live in areas with density to support transit but do not have any transit service.
- **By 2050:** ~235,000 people are projected to live in areas dense enough to support transit, but where there is no planned transit.



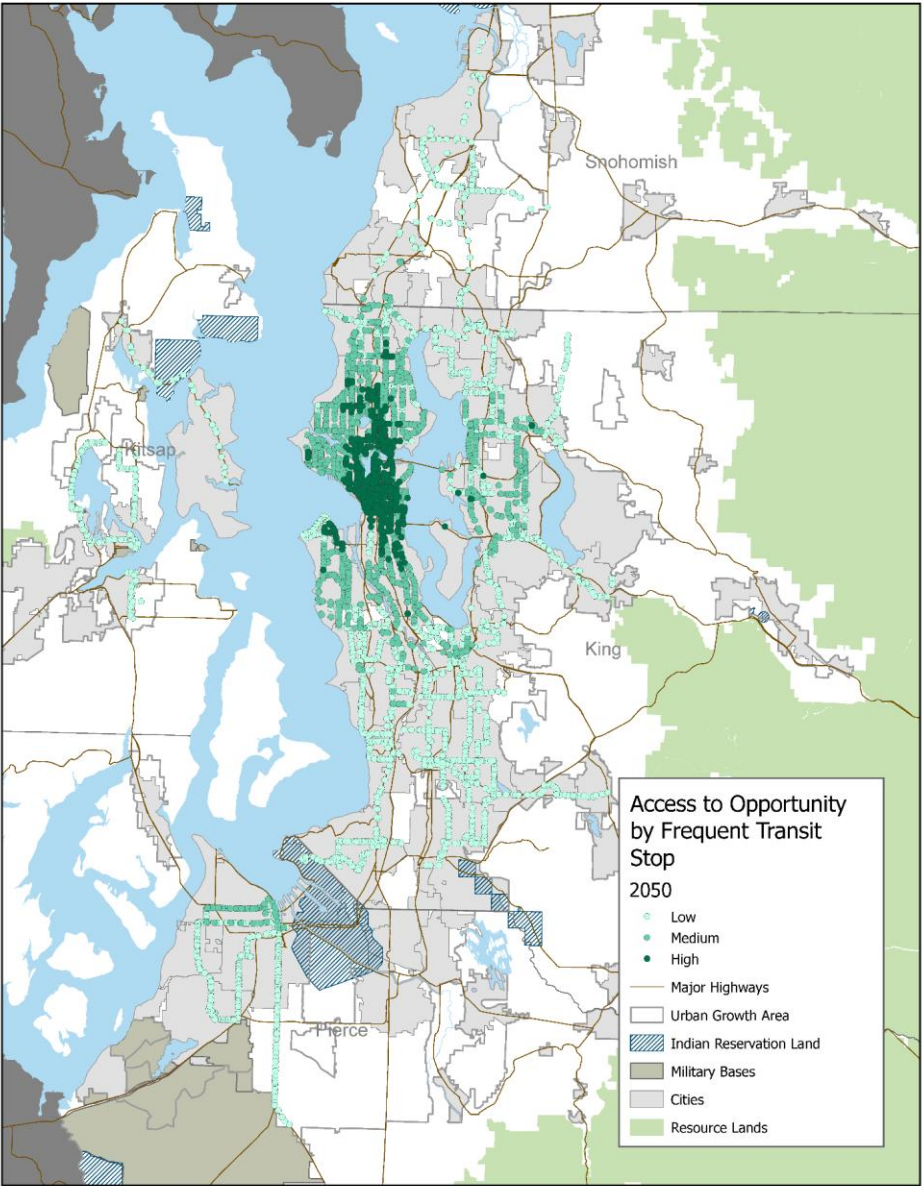


# Transit Service Quality: Access to Opportunities



2024

Frequent  
Transit  
2024 vs.  
2050

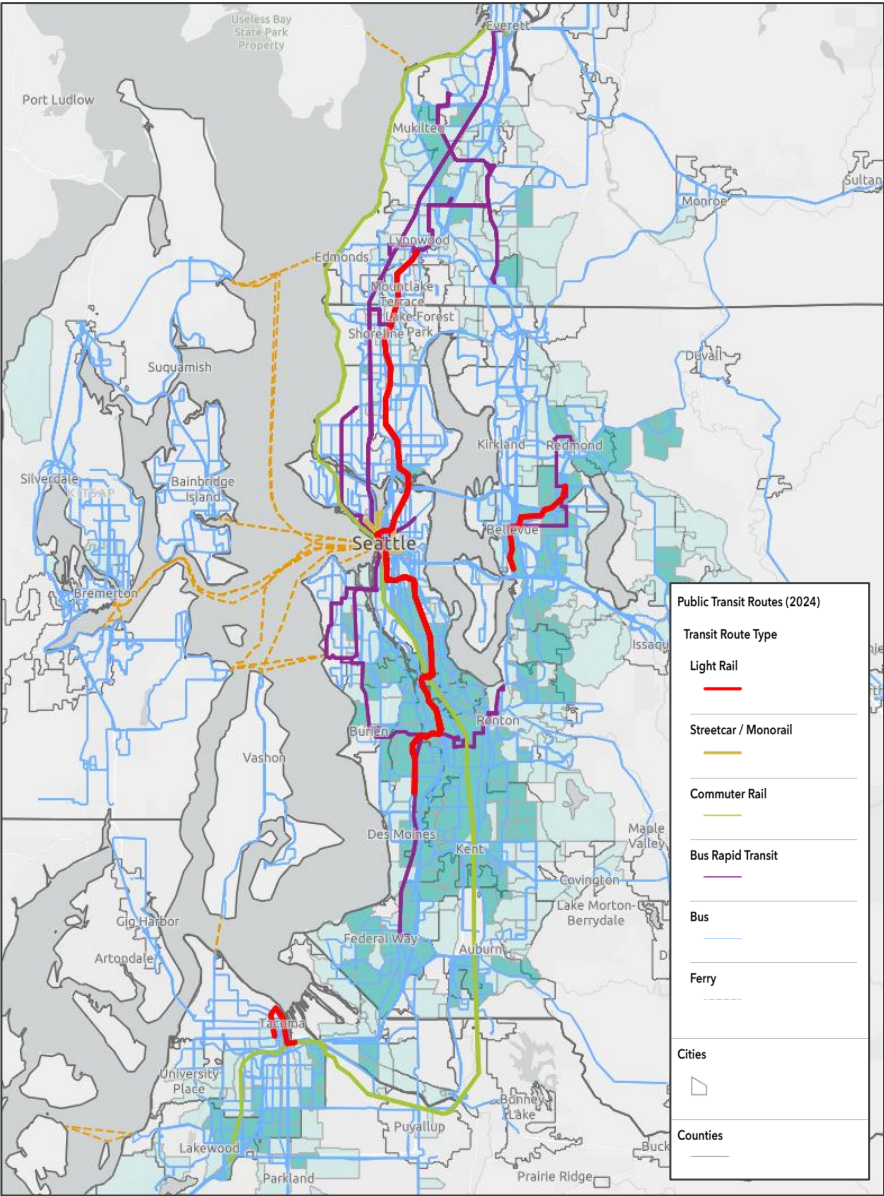


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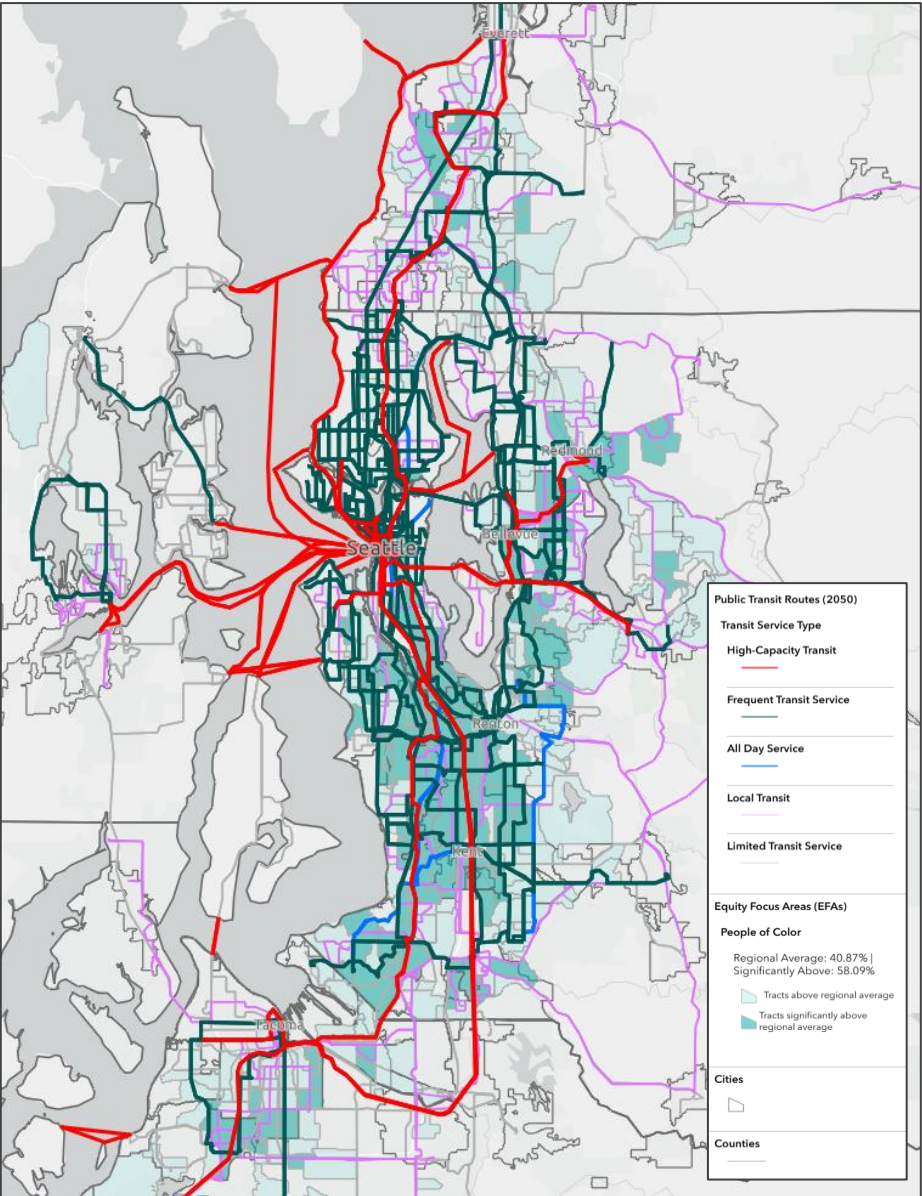


# Incorporating Equity Assessment



2024

Transit  
Equity  
2024 vs.  
2050



2050





# Transit Access Typology

- **Safety:** presence of pedestrian/bicycle High Injury Network (HIN)
- **Pedestrian Network** Completion
- Average **Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress** (LTS)
- **Route Directness** Index (RDI) to Transit
- Manage **Transit Parking** Supply and Demand



# Transit Access: “How?” Typology

- Addresses **“How” transit access should be improved** outside of land use and transit service context
- Regional assessment highlights the **top transit access needs** across the region
  - Highlighting highest need masks other issues
- This will be basis for **online/interactive tool**





# Next Steps: Development of Interactive Tool

January – May 2026: Develop of an online tool illustrating transit access needs that connect to strategies.

TOC and other PSRC committees will have roles to play.

June 2026 and beyond: Share completed tool and encourage use among members.







# Thank You!

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