

Regional Transportation Plan 2026–2050

Transportation Policy Board
December 11, 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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Today's Presentation and Action

- Review of Regional Transportation Plan development process
- Summary of public outreach to date
- Highlights of Draft Regional Transportation Plan
- Schedule

➤ *ACTION: AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RELEASE THE DRAFT RTP FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT*



2026–2050 Plan Development / What's New

- Scope of work reflecting current policy priorities
- Investments based on new comprehensive plans, current transit plans, new State Highway System Plan
- Updated plan consistency framework applied to all regional capacity projects
- Reassessment of financial strategy
- Evaluation of four plan scenarios
- Regional Safety Action Plan
- Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan



Plan Priorities

Working with PSRC's member agencies and the public, key priorities identified for the next plan include:

- Safety
- Climate
- Equity
- Transit & Accessibility
- Recognize Diverse Needs and Community Context
- Maintenance & Preservation
- Decarbonize the System
- Financial Strategy
- Ferry System Service & Reliability



Public Outreach

- ✓ Spring-Summer Community Tabling Events
- ✓ September–November **Seven** Regional Public Meetings
- ✓ Online Survey Open May – October



Public Feedback to Date – Regional Public Meetings

Seven RTP public meetings

- 300+ attendees
- Overall scenario preferences =
 - 23% Scenario 1, Current Funding
 - 18% Scenario 2A, More Than Today
 - 43% Scenario 2B, Focus on Maintenance & Transit
 - 16% Scenario 3, Maximum Investment



Public Feedback to Date – Regional Public Meetings

Summary themes from attendees:

- Different needs around the region – some communities more reliant on cars, fewer transit and walk/bike options
- Less interest in more roads, but more interest in *better* roads
 - maintenance is critical, functioning roads are the underpinning of all other modes



Public Feedback to Date – Regional Public Meetings

Summary themes from attendees:

- Transit investment ranked highly for majority of attendees – need more of it, more frequent and seamless connections
- Also calls for better connected and safer sidewalks and bicycle networks
- Accountability for investment – let's see results



Public Feedback to Date – Additional Outreach

- Online and community tabling surveys
 - ✓ ~300 responses
 - ✓ Similar comments regarding needs, concerns around:
 - Reliable transit with good connections
 - Traffic and road safety
 - Maintenance and preservation
 - Safer pedestrian and bicycle networks



Public Feedback to Date – Additional Outreach

Equity Advisory Committee key priorities = accessibility and affordability

Discussion themes:

- Need additional infrastructure but concerned about the additional costs to households
- The transportation system needs to meet the needs of people with low income, seniors and people of color, but these communities also experience the highest financial burdens



Draft Plan – Elements and Approach



- Streamlined plan document
 - Summary of plan results and key findings
 - Actions and future work
- Links and standalone documents for key plan elements



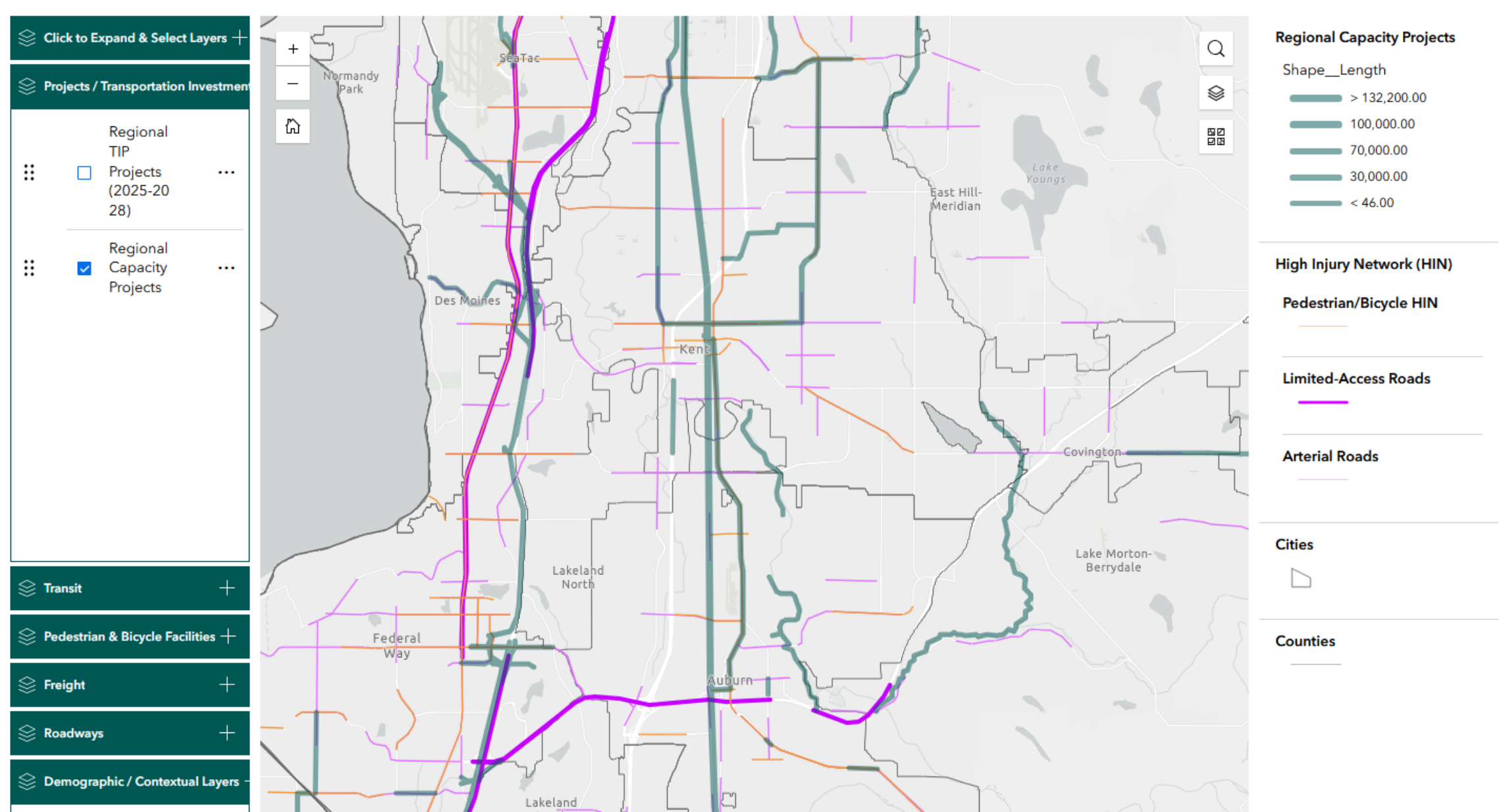
Draft Plan – Currently Available Documents

On the [RTP Engagement Hub](#):

- Adopted scope of work and background materials
- Plan scenarios and board presentations
- Outreach opportunities
- Current Transportation System Report and Visualization Tool
- Future Transportation System Report and Visualization Tool



Transportation System Visualization Tool



Draft Plan – Elements and Approach

- PSRC Board discussion items to date:
 - ✓ Investments and revenues
 - ✓ Major plan scenario results and key findings
 - *Including performance metrics and system gaps*
 - ✓ Financial strategy
 - ✓ Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
 - ✓ Regional Safety Action Plan
 - ✓ Outreach and Engagement
 - ✓ Coordinated Mobility Plan



Draft Plan – Elements and Approach



- ❖ Draft plan in December will include more detailed:
 - Outreach and Engagement report
 - System Performance Report – *plus standalone information on climate, air, health, freight*
 - Maintenance and Preservation background
 - Financial Strategy background
 - Active Transportation Plan
 - Coordinated Mobility Plan



Draft Plan Highlights

- \$335 billion total cost – includes a wide mix of needed investments with a focus on maintenance and transit
 - Fully funding backlog, maintaining state of good repair into the future
 - *60% of plan costs*
 - Significant expansion of regional and local transit networks and service
 - *116 miles of light rail, doubling of bus rapid transit routes, 90% increase in transit service hours*



Draft Plan Highlights

- Significant progress on regional priorities
 - *33% growth in people and jobs by 2050*
 - *20% growth in total VMT, 12% reduction in VMT per capita*
 - *An almost tripling of transit trips by 2050*
 - *Walking and biking trips grow 83% and 58%, respectively*
 - *83% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions*



Draft Plan Highlights

- 83% of plan costs can be funded with current law revenues
- Proposes a flexible, practical approach for future new revenue sources
 - *Regional focus on road usage charge, transit sales tax, vehicle/license fees, county road levy*
- Recognizes unique local conditions and needs
- Acknowledges policy and implementation issues
- Calls for future work and collaboration



Draft Plan Action Items

- Transportation Finance – ongoing work program to advance transportation funding options, particularly to address local needs
- Maintenance and Preservation – continued work to improve estimation methodologies and data collection
- Climate – advance implementation of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan; advance work to address climate impacts and vulnerabilities of the transportation system



Draft Plan Action Items

- Future system gaps – explore opportunities to address gaps in the future system, e.g. addressing transit gaps in alignment with the 2030 VISION and RTP update
- Safety – advance implementation of the Regional Safety Action Plan
- ❖ Plan also identifies future planning work “On the Horizon”



Schedule to Plan Adoption

- **December 11 TPB ACTION** – authorize staff to release the draft plan for public comment
 - Public comment period open from mid-December to *February 2, 2026*
 - Additional outreach to focus groups, key stakeholders
- **February through April 2026** – board reviews public comments, finalizes plan document
- **May 2026** – General Assembly plan adoption



ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board authorizes staff to release the draft RTP for public review and comment between mid-December and February 2, 2026.

