



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025 from 9:30-10:30 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 November 20, 2025\*
  - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
3. **Discussion Item (9:40)**
  - a. Draft Regional Transportation Plan Release and Public Comment\* – *Ben Bakkenta, PSRC*
4. **Discussion Item (10:10)**
  - a. Around the Room Highlights\* – *RSC members will be asked to highlight any noteworthy events or projects from their jurisdictions in 2025.*
5. **Information Item**
  - a. 2026 Regional Staff Committee Meeting Calendar\*
6. **Next Meeting: February 5, 2026**
  - 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.
7. **Adjourn (10:30)**

\*Supporting materials attached.

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### **Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary**

**Date: November 20, 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 that beginning in February 2026, the RSC will meet on the first Thursdays of the month, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The RSC will not hold a meeting in January 2026. He also drew members attention to the information items included in the packet, including a Virtual Public Meeting on the draft Regional Transportation Plan, and a grant opportunity for local governments to help decarbonize buildings. More information on the draft RTP is available at the [Regional Transportation Plan Engagement Hub](#).

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

### **Discussion: GoodRoots Northwest: Leveraging Distribution Technology to Eliminate Food Deserts**

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

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

For more information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org).

### **Discussion: Regional Economic Strategy Update**

Katie Enders, Associate Planner, provided an update on the development of the Regional Economic Strategy and gathered input from the committee to help inform

future discussions on PSRC's role in economic development and approaches to strategic implementation.

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

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

### **Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Development and Outreach**

Gil Cerise, Program Manager, provided an overview of the draft Regional Transportation 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. The draft plan is anticipated to be released for public review and comment between mid-December and the end of January 2026.

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

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

### **Discussion: Highlights from the 2024 Comprehensive Plans**

Erika Harris, Senior Planner, and Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, provided the committee with a status update on comprehensive plan certification and highlights from the 2024 comprehensive plan updates.

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

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).

### **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  
 Kathryn Joshnson, PSRC  
 Gil Cerise, PSRC  
 Alan Budde, City of Shoreline  
 Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC  
 Erika Harris, PSRC  
 Robin Koskey, PSRC  
 Katie Enders, PSRC  
 Hyungjun Kim, PSRC

Sarah Warsame, PSRC  
Brian Lee, PSRC  
Pauline Mogilevsky, KRCC  
Mohamed Elsayi  
Jeff Aken, Commerce  
Richard Boyechko, PSRC  
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC  
Nancy Ferber, PSRC  
Alyssa Quinn, PSRC  
Tina Lee, Pierce Transit  
Josh Brown, PSRC  
Carol Naito, PSRC  
Stacey Crnich, CEO, Goodroots NW

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. RSC Member Attendance for the November 20, 2025, Meeting

**PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster**

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<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Member</b>		<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Member</b>	
<b>King County</b>	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office		<b>Federal, Regional, State, Tribal &amp; Other Agencies</b>		
	McCaella Daffern, King County	R	FHWA	1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner	R
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt	R		Vacant Alt	
	Valerie Kendall, King County Alt		FTA	1 Danielle Casey	
At-Large	2 Vacant			Vacant Alt	
	Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt		Health	1 Cristina Ciupitu-Plath, Snohomish County	R
	Dan Cardwell, Local Services/Utilities, King Co			Richard Gelb, King County Alt	
	Susan McLain, Local Services/Subarea Planning Alt		Ports	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs	R
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro			Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt	
	Hester Serebrin, King County Metro Alt	R	PSCAA	1 Jennifer Keene, Program Director	
Economic Dev.	1 Amie Danielewicz, King Co Exec Office Alt	R		Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Alt	
	Jesse Reynolds, Local Services/Econ Dev Alt	R	Puget Sound	1 Larry Epstein, Deputy Director	
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, OPCD		Partnership	Bebhinn Dechery Alt	
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R	Sound Transit	1 Alex Krieg, Planning & Innovation	R
	Jim Holmes, OPCD Alt			Vacant Alt	
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt		Tribal Representative	1 Vacant	
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev	R	Representatives	Vacant Alt	
	Lacey Jane Wolfe, Alt		US EPA	1 Susan Sturges	
	Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Alt			Erik Peterson Alt	R
Cities/Towns	3 Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah		US HUD	1 Vacant	
	Eric Perry, City of Renton	R		Vacant Alt	
	Mark Rigos, City of North Bend		WA Dept. of	1 Grace Yoo	
	John Vicente, City of Kenmore, Alt	R	Commerce	Keith Swenson	
	Becky Frey, City of Redmond, Alt	R	WSDOT	1 April Delchamps, WSDOT	R
	Rhonda Ender, City of Carnation, Alt	R		Matthew Kenna, WSDOT Alt	R
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1 Rafe Wysham, Kitsap County		<b>PSRC Committees</b>		
	Scott Diener, Alt		PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning	R
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director	R	RPEC	1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair	
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt			Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair	
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit		<b>R = Remote attendance</b>		
	Vacant Alt				
Economic Dev.	1 Joe Morrison, KEDA				
	Vacant Alt				
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Community Dev, <b>Co-Chair</b>	R			
	Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt				
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Development, Port Orchard	R			
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt				
<b>Pierce County</b>	1 Mike Galizio, Multimodal Transportation Supervisor	R			
	Alon Bassok, PPW Long Range Planning Manager, Alt				
At-Large	2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning				
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Planning, <b>Co-Chair</b>	R			
	Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt				
	Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt				
Transit	1 Andrew Arnes, Pierce Transit	R			
	Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt				
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development				
	Vacant Alt				
Tacoma	1 Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager	R			
	Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner Alt				
Cities/Towns	1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup				
	Chris Larson, Fife, Alt				
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director				
	Darren Groth, Division Mgr, Long Range Planning	R			
At-Large	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				
Transit	1 Melissa Cauley, Community Transit				
	Sabina Araya, Everett Transit Alt				
Economic Dev	1 Mike Fong, Economic Dev				
	Vacant Alt				
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director				
	Alice Ann Wetzel, Long Range Planning Mgr	R			
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director	R			
	Karl Almgren, Lynnwood, Alt				
Total Members	45	Attended	30		



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### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Regional Staff Committee

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

**Subject:** **Draft Regional Transportation Plan Release and Public Comment**

### **IN BRIEF**

Throughout 2025, the Transportation Policy Board has worked on a new Regional Transportation Plan. This included identifying priority policy areas, reviewing plan elements, evaluating plan scenarios, and providing direction on the financial strategy.

At their December 11 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will be asked to direct staff to develop and release a draft of the Regional Transportation Plan for public review and comment. At the December RSC meeting, staff will provide an overview of the draft plan and provide a demonstration of the draft RTP Engagement Hub.

### **BOARD CALENDAR**

After conclusion of the public review period, the TPB and Executive Boards will review any proposed changes at their February, March, and April meetings. The boards are scheduled to act 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, the TPB provided direction regarding the plan's financial strategy, details and supportive materials for which can be found in the TPB's [November agenda packet](#).

Staff reviewed of each of the elements to be included or addressed in the draft plan, as well as the plan's structure. Topics included 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 board also reviewed summaries of key themes heard at the six regional public meetings held this fall.

In November, the TPB was introduced to the [Future Transportation System Report](#), which describes each element of the region's proposed future transportation system, including planned investments, key data and trends, and, where applicable, a high-level summary of identified system gaps. These gaps stem from the disconnect between where people and jobs are in the future compared to the planned future transportation system.

The TPB was also provided with a demonstration of the [Current and Future Transportation System Visualization Tools](#), which contain interactive maps and databases that describe the current system, as well as the mappable regional capacity projects included in the selected plan scenario.

The draft plan is scheduled for release the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>, after which a public comment period running through the month of January.

After conclusion of the public comment period, the TPB and Executive Boards will review any proposed changes at their February, March, and April meetings. The boards are scheduled to act in April to recommend that PSRC's General Assembly adopt the plan at their meeting in May 2026.

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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### INFORMATION ITEM

**To:** Regional Staff Committee  
**From:** Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning  
**Subject:** **2026 Regional Staff Committee Meeting Calendar**

### IN BRIEF

The Regional Staff Committee will meet regularly on the first Thursday of the month, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. There is no meeting scheduled for January or August of 2026. All meetings are remote, unless otherwise specified. Please add the following dates to your calendar:

- February 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

For additional information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org).