

# Regional Transportation Plan 2026-2050

Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee  
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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

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



# 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



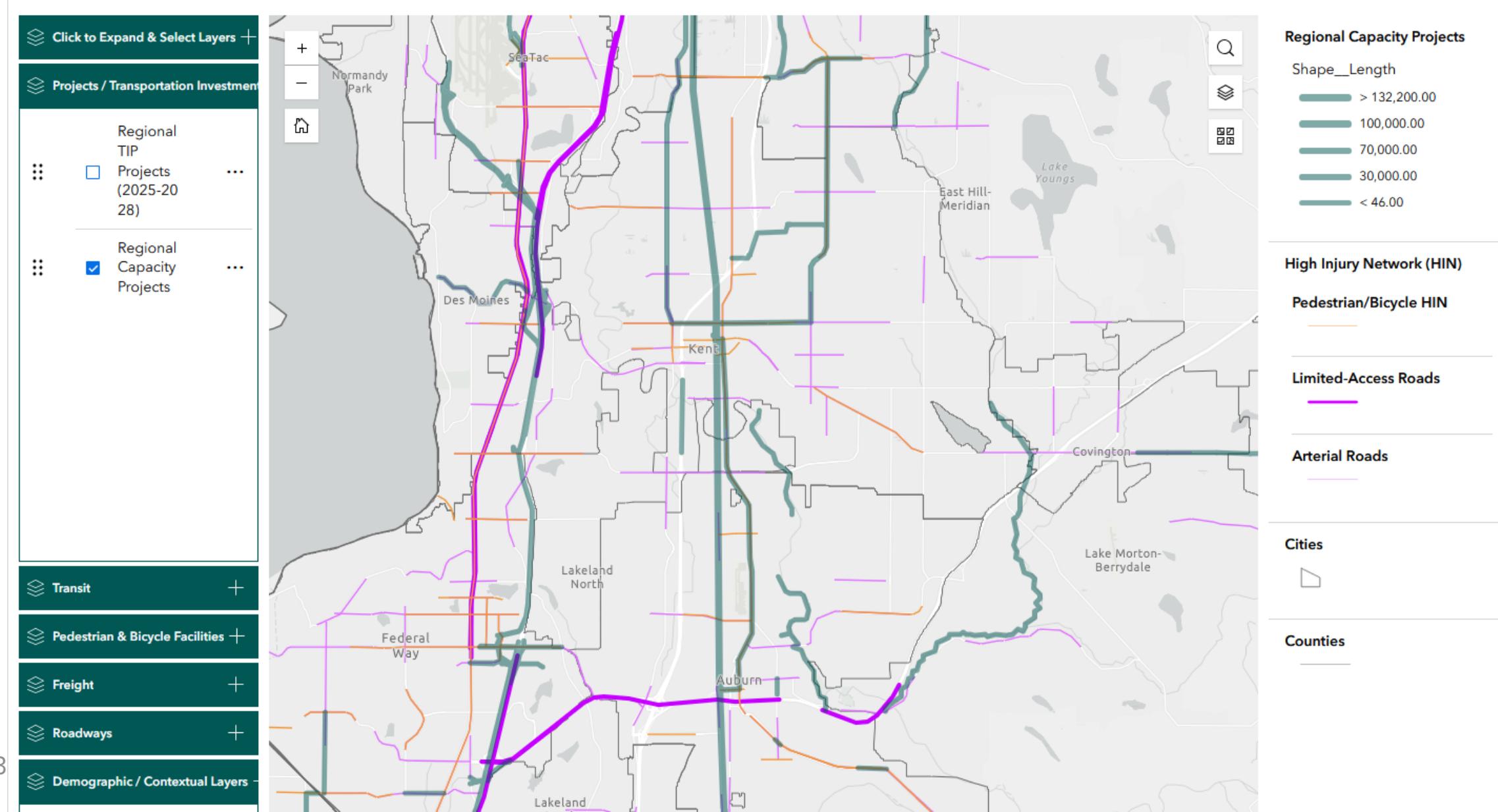
# Elements of Draft RTP Available Prior to December 15

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 includes 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”



# Board Action and Schedule to Plan Adoption

- **December 11 TPB ACTION** – authorized staff to release the draft plan for public comment
- **Public Comment Period** – open from December 15, 2025 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



# Thank You!

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