



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, January 8, 2026 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, 98101

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair

2. Communications and Public Comment

Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.

3. Report of the Chair

4. Director's Report

5. Consent Agenda - Action Items (9:50)

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held December 11, 2025

- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

6. Discussion Item (9:55)

- a. Legislative Briefing – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*

7. Discussion Item (10:10)

- a. Project Tracking Policies – *Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

8. Discussion Item (10:45)

- a. 2026 Work Program – *PSRC Staff*

9. Information Items

- a. Draft Supplemental FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Plan
- b. Regional Transportation Plan – Public Comment Flyer
- c. Newly Elected Officials Workshop - Flyer

10. Next Meeting: February 12, 2026, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Major Topics for February:

- Regional Transportation Plan Public Comments
- Project Tracking Policies

11. Adjourn (11:30)

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MINUTES

**Transportation Policy Board
December 11, 2025
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair Mayor Dana Ralph. Mayor Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen to the meeting live.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment provided.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Ralph thanked each of the departing members for their time with the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, extended her thanks and gratitude to the outgoing TPB members. She congratulated Sound Transit on the opening of the Link light rail extension to Federal Way on December 6. Alyssa Quinn, PSRC, provided an update on federal and state legislative activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held November 13, 2025

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Schuette/Zarlingo) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN RELEASE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, summarized the key policy priorities and new elements featured in the development of the draft plan. She shared feedback heard during public outreach throughout the year, including seven regional public meetings. Ms. McGourty then reviewed the distinct elements of the plan and the approach for a streamlined plan document with supporting standalone reports and tools. She shared highlights of the draft plan including key performance metrics and action items. Ms. McGourty reviewed the schedule of work from public review and comment beginning in December through plan adoption by the General Assembly in May.

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Toshiko/Pauly) to authorize PSRC staff to release the draft RTP for public review and comment. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PSRC'S PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, shared with the board that PSRC has been evaluating the new policies and rules being released by the current federal administration, in particular as they relate to PSRC's project selection process. Additional time is necessary to ensure alignment between PSRC's process and these new federal priorities. Throughout 2026, staff will work with the boards and advisory committees to review the process and develop recommendations as necessary. The next project selection process will be held in 2027 and will distribute 2029 and 2030 funds. Ms. McGourty assured the board that this schedule will comply with all requirements and no impacts to current projects are expected. To complete the programming of PSRC's 2027 and 2028 funds, the processes for the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program and the Transportation Alternatives Program, which were anticipated to occur in the fall of 2025, will be conducted in early 2026.

DISCUSSION ITEM: YEAR IN REVIEW

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided highlights of key transportation investments and milestones that occurred in the region over the last year. The current Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) contains 636 projects with \$16 billion programmed, representing over \$60 billion of total investment. Over 500 amendments to the TIP have been processed, adding roughly \$3.8 billion to the TIP over the course of the year. The region obligated 65 projects with a total of almost \$125 million in PSRC's FHWA funds, successfully meeting the annual delivery target and securing an additional \$7 million unused from other states. Thirty-five projects were obligated with over \$166 million in PSRC's FTA funds. Forty-five projects with PSRC funds were completed in 2025.

Ms. Barnes then reviewed a variety of 2025 project accomplishments, including project openings, ribbon cuttings and significant milestones. Lastly, she provided a look ahead

to 2026, including a few key anticipated project openings, adoption of the RTP and further delivery of PSRC's federal funds.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2026.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – December 11, 2025.

Transportation Policy Board - December 11, 2025				5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members		✓	Non-voting Members		✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	Associate Members	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle	1		MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck Alt			Vacant Alt
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Public Agency Members	
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1		Vacant
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac			CM Joe Bushnell
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1	Public Health	1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1		Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski			Vacant Alt
		Vacant Alt		PSRC Committees	
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root	1	Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt			Shannon Turner
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1		Julius Moss Alt
		CM Eric Younger Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, Vice-Chair	1		Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		Transit Operators Cmte.	1
					Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.
					Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt
					Peter Heffernan, King County
					Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt		WA Trucking Associations	1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker		exp. 12/31/26	Sheri Call
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt			Jeff DeVere Alt
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce	1
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		exp. 12/31/26	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA
Local Transit	1	CM Doug Fagundes, Fife			Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
				Puget Sound Partnership	1
				exp. 10/31/27	Bebhinn Dechery
					Larry Epstein Alt
				Individual exp. 5/31/28	Kim Becklund
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead		Non-voting	14
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			Non-voting members present
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		7
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1		
		CM Jacob Walker, Monroe, Alt	1		
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens			
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt			
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton			
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt			
Federally Recognized Tribes					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant			
		Robert Barandon Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt			
Statutory Members					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1		
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci			
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		Todd Lamphere Alt			
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
House	2	Vacant			Abbreviations
Transportation Cmte.		REP Jake Fey, D Alt			CHRMN Chairman
		REP Dan Griffey, R			CM Councilmember
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt			CP Council President
Senate	2	SEN Marko Liias, D			COM Commissioner
Transportation Cmte.		Vacant Alt			DEP MYR Deputy Mayor
		SEN Keith Goehner, R			MYR Mayor
		Vacant, R Alt			MYR Pro Tem
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	16		REP Representative
		Total Voting members present	20		SEN Senator



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December 31, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Eight agencies submitted nine projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various funding processes, such as Move Ahead Washington funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2025-2028 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337) and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to

the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

Everett Transit (ET) requests to change the scope and title of its *2025 Paratransit Electric Vehicles* project to reflect the purchase of four new gasoline or hybrid paratransit vehicles instead of two new electric paratransit vehicles. This project is funded with \$511,795 in PSRC's 2025 FTA Equity Formula funds. No changes to the programmed funds are proposed, but with the cost of gasoline or hybrid vehicles being lower than what had been budgeted for the electric vehicles, ET expects that more vehicles may be purchased for the same budget. ET is requesting this scope change because market conditions have changed since the funds were awarded and the agency has been unable to identify suitable electric paratransit vehicles.

The Equity Formula funds were awarded to the project based on providing reliable paratransit service to older adults and people with disabilities, not due to the technology of the vehicles. The requested scope change will allow ET to replace a higher number of vehicles to serve these populations. Staff reviewed the request for consistency with adopted policies for PSRC's FTA Equity Formula funds, and the Transportation

Operations Committee recommended approval of this request at their December 3 meeting.

Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

5339(C)	FTA Low or No-Emission Vehicle Program
BR	Federal Bridge program
MAW	State Move Ahead Washington account
MVA	State Motor Vehicle Account
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program
RAISE	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at jbarnes@psrc.org or 206-389-2876.

ATTACHMENT

- A. Exhibit A - Projects Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP

Month: January

Year: 2026

Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. Auburn	15th Street NW Bridge Deck Preservation New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases for bridge preservation on two 15th Street NW bridges over railroad and Interurban Trail facilities.	\$3,694,541 Federal BR \$391,886 Local \$4,086,427 Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Bothell	Beardslee Blvd Widening (Campus to I-405) Existing project programming right-of-way and construction phases for widening of Beardslee Boulevard from 110th Avenue NE to I-405 to include an additional eastbound lane. Work also includes signal modification, shared use path relocation, curb and gutter improvements, retaining walls, and wetland mitigation.	\$12,166,000 Local \$12,166,000 Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Everett Transit	2025 Paratransit Vehicles Existing project updating scope to replace four paratransit vehicles past their useful life with new vehicles.	Scope change only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Everett Transit	FY2025 Hybrid Bus Replacement New project programming an other phase for 9 hybrid replacement buses.	\$10,071,054 Federal 5339(c) \$1,777,242 Local \$11,848,296 Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Kenmore	61st Avenue NE Sidewalk Replacement New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases for sidewalk replacement and relocation on 61st Avenue NE between NE 181st Street and NE 190th Street.	\$3,500,000 MAW \$3,500,000 Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Seattle	East Marginal Way S Preservation Existing project programming a right-of-way phase and updating preliminary engineering and construction phases for overlay and repair of E Marginal Way S between 1st Avenue S and 16th Avenue S	\$11,304,210 Local \$11,304,210 Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
7. Sound Transit	Graham Street Infill Light Rail Station Existing project programming a right-of-way phase and updating preliminary engineering and other phases for an infill light-rail station in the vicinity of Martin Luther King Jr Way S and S Graham Street.	\$25,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$15,707,237				
		\$40,707,237				
		Federal RAISE Local Total				
8. Tukwila	E Marginal Way S Overlay New project programming preliminary engineering and construction for overlay and repair of E Marginal Way S roadway and sidewalk between Interurban Avenue S and S Norfolk Street.	\$5,743,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$5,743,000				
		Federal NHPP Total				
9. WSDOT Olympic Region	I-5 Ft Lewis Truck Parking NB -Truck Parking Improvements New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases for over 50 stalls of truck parking and related improvements at the I-5 Fort Lewis Weigh Station, including conduit for electric charging infrastructure.	\$8,140,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$526,495				
		\$715,243				
		\$9,381,738				
		Federal NHPP MVA State Total				



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: **Legislative Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC continues to closely track the work of the Washington State Legislature as well as ongoing federal developments related to regional priorities. Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, will provide an update on current activities.

DISCUSSION

The 2026 regular session of the Washington State Legislature begins on January 12. This is a short session with an expected end date of March 12.

PSRC has been regularly monitoring state budgets and activities related to key regional priorities including transportation and housing. Monitoring of federal activities is also ongoing, including efforts related to reauthorization of the federal transportation act.

Staff will brief the Transportation Policy Board on current state and federal activities at their meeting on January 8.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at Rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-798-4462.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Project Tracking Policies**

IN BRIEF

PSRC's [Project Tracking Policies](#) are designed to ensure the timely use of PSRC's federal funds and to increase the delivery of transportation investments that support the region's long-range plans. Among other things, the policies address the required annual delivery target of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. Each year a rebalancing process is conducted to address any gaps in delivery, following a specific set of procedures identified in the project tracking policies.

Two potential updates to the project tracking policies are being reviewed by PSRC's Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC). Staff will brief the board in January on these proposals for requested action in February.

DISCUSSION

PSRC's project tracking program was first implemented in 2000 to monitor delivery of projects awarded PSRC's federal funds and has evolved over time to reflect new and emerging circumstances. The project tracking policies have been revised over the years to ensure the successful delivery of projects by addressing issues caused by project delays and the potential risk of losing unused funding.

RPEC has been discussing two revisions to the adopted project tracking policies since September and has made preliminary recommendations. Additional details are still being discussed and a final recommendation on the proposed revisions will be presented to the Transportation Policy Board in February. The two revisions are summarized below.

Administrative Transfer of PSRC Funds Between Phases

While PSRC's FHWA funding awards are granted competitively to specific phases of projects, current policies include a provision that allows the administrative transfer of up to \$50,000 between phases within a project to accommodate evolving needs. For the transfer of funds between phases above the \$50,000 threshold, a policy exception is required and must be approved by PSRC's Executive Board. The \$50,000 limit was adopted by the board in 2015.

Through extensive previous deliberations by both RPEC and PSRC's boards, the following parameters guide this policy:

- PSRC funds are awarded by project phase, not to the entire project.
- If a project is unable to utilize awarded funds for the requested purpose, unspent funds should go to the next eligible project on the adopted contingency list.
- The policy also acknowledges the benefit of some limited flexibility to accommodate minor changes in project conditions.
- The limit for administrative transfer is based on an amount determined reasonable for a potential new funding award.
- Administrative transfer up to the established limit is allowed, providing all phases remain fully funded.

RPEC's preliminary recommendation is that the limit for administrative transfer between phases of a project be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The basis for this recommendation was acknowledgement that project costs have increased substantially since the limit was previously set in 2015. Additionally, data shows that funding requests below \$100,000 do occur but they are less common; as such, \$100,000 is determined to be a reasonable amount for a potential new funding award.

Allowable Cost Estimate Increases for Increased Federal Shares

As noted earlier, the adopted project tracking policies include a rebalancing process to address any gaps to meeting the region's annual delivery target for FHWA funds. One key component of these procedures is to increase the amount of the federal award to projects awarded PSRC's FHWA funds in the current year. This strategy is referred to as increasing the project's "federal share," which has a ceiling of 86.5% of the total phase cost.

Once a delivery gap amount is determined, an equal amount of funds will be applied to all eligible projects up to this overall amount needed to fill the gap. Once a project phase reaches its maximum allowable federal share, any remaining funds still required to fill the gap will be uniformly distributed to other projects that still have capacity to accept additional federal funds. The additional federal funds are exchanged with existing local and/or state funds in the project phase.

Under current policies, only the phase cost provided at the time of award is considered when evaluating a project's capacity to receive an increase to their federal share. If the cost estimate at the time of delivery is higher than initially submitted, that is not currently factored in a project's capacity to receive additional funds.

The following parameters guide this policy:

- Over many previous deliberations, PSRC's boards and RPEC have to date been firm that cost overruns are the responsibility of the sponsor.
- PSRC staff does not have the time or expertise to review or vet project cost estimates that are provided with funding applications. However, it is expected that cost estimates are based upon best available information and technical understanding of the project scope elements and site characteristics and include an appropriate contingency factor to cover potential risks and uncertainties.

Feedback from RPEC acknowledged that initial planning-level cost estimates should be carefully developed by project sponsors, but that unanticipated cost increases can still occur. This may sometimes be due to inflation that has exceeded historical trends, or new / changed scope elements that emerge as a project's design progresses. There was suggestion that concerns could be balanced by placing a limit on the amount of a phase cost increase that could potentially be covered by increased federal shares. Additionally, while requiring a stamped, signed engineer's cost estimate may not always be feasible at the time of initial funding request, it is something that can reasonably be expected as a sponsor is preparing to obligate a project's federal funds.

For policy consistency and fairness to all jurisdictions, the following parameters were identified as necessary for a cost estimate increase to be considered for award of increased federal shares:

- Only projects with delivery in the current fiscal year would be considered for increased federal share.
- Any updated cost estimate submitted for consideration would need to be stamped and signed by a licensed engineer, and reasons provided for the cost estimate increase.
- The updated cost would need to be submitted to PSRC no later than February 15, in order to be included in the annual rebalancing process.
- As it is tied to each year's potential delivery gap and the annual rebalancing process, there is no guarantee of the availability or amount of additional funding award. As such, the submittal must include financial documentation showing sufficient local funds to cover the full amount of the cost increase are either secured or can be reasonably expected (per standard programming rules).

RPEC's preliminary recommendation is that increased phase cost estimates be eligible for consideration of increased federal shares, within the parameters outlined above and within a limit to be determined. At its January 23 meeting, RPEC will review additional

data and continue discussions of an appropriate limit, for a final recommendation to the board in February.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Barnes at jbarnes@psrc.org or (206) 389-2876.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **2026 Work Program**

IN BRIEF

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has been released for public review and comment through February 2 and is scheduled for adoption by the General Assembly in May. At its meeting on January 8, the Transportation Policy Board will discuss the 2026 transportation work program, including remaining work through adoption of the RTP, post-adoption implementation items, and other programs and activities.

DISCUSSION

In December, the Transportation Policy Board was provided a briefing on key transportation accomplishments throughout 2025 as well as a look ahead to 2026. This included anticipated project completions as well as items of note for PSRC's work program.

At the January 8 meeting, the board will take a deeper dive into PSRC's 2026 transportation work program. The first part of the year will be focused on the review of RTP public comments and finalizing the plan in anticipation of adoption by the General Assembly in May. Additional topics after May will include RTP implementation items and PSRC's federal funding processes.

Board members will be asked for feedback on topics of interest for additional briefings or work items in 2026. These could include briefings on the status of major transportation projects, safety, climate, finance, federal issues or other topics. This feedback will lead to a refreshed Transportation Work Program Tracker to be included in future agenda packets.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601.



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INFORMATION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Draft Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program (FY2026-2027)**

PSRC's Biennial Budget and Work Program was adopted in May 2025 and covers July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

The proposed supplemental budget reflects revenues and expenditures of \$45,618,000, including approximately \$3.5 million in increased carryover grants from the previous biennium that have been added since adoption in May 2025. As a reminder, grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis and are earned only after completion of the work. A full draft budget is available online at <https://www.psrc.org/about/budget>.

Throughout the month of January, the draft supplemental budget information will be provided to the Executive Board, Economic Development Board, Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board and the Regional Staff Committee. PSRC staff will bring any comments received to the February 26 Operations Committee meeting. In March, the Operations Committee will be asked to recommend approval of the budget by the Executive Board and in April, the Executive Board will recommend the budget for adoption by the General Assembly to be held May 28, 2026.

For more information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann at awerfelmann@psrc.org or (206) 971-3292.



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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2026–2050

Help shape the region's transportation system. Comment on the draft Regional Transportation Plan through **February 2.**

The plan strives to ensure the transportation system accommodates continued growth in the Puget Sound region now and into the future. It is focused on six foundations:

- ▶ **Maintain and preserve the existing transportation system**
- ▶ **Create a multimodal system that works for everyone, no matter how they get around**
- ▶ **Promote a safe and healthy transportation system**
- ▶ **Address regional climate goals**
- ▶ **Evaluate progress toward plan goals**
- ▶ **Develop a practical financial strategy to identify revenue sources and cover costs**



[Visit our engagement hub to review the draft Regional Transportation Plan and comment.](#)



Please also help us get the word out about the plan and public comment period.

We have prepared an [outreach toolkit](#), which provides links to a summary handout, news release, and social media to share with your networks.

Newly Elected Officials Workshop



Working Together: Regional Connections for Local Leaders will set the context for local and regional planning activities and help you discover resources for your new role.

The Workshop will include:

- Exploration of local trends and opportunities for regional collaboration
- Small group discussions on issues facing the region
- Networking lunch with new and veteran peer local elected officials

Date: **Friday, February 27**
 Time: **9am-1:30pm**
 Location: **PSRC Office**
1201 3rd Ave, Suite 500,
Seattle, WA 98101

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