



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Transit Operators Committee Agenda

**Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**Online Meeting Only: Use Zoom Connection Information Provided Below**

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- 1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00) – Peter Heffernan, King County Metro**
- 2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary – December 3, 2025\* (10:05)**
- 3. Action: Community Transit Redistribution Request\* (10:10) – Doug Cox, PSRC**
- 4. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (10:20) – Gil Cerise, PSRC**

The 'At Work' reports for the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meetings are available on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

- 5. Discussion: Draft Regional Transportation Plan\* (10:30) – Gil Cerise, PSRC**

PSRC staff will provide an overview of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and schedule and next steps for adoption.

- 6. Discussion: PSRC Training for Annual Transit Development Plan Review (11:00) – Gil Cerise & Erin Hogan, PSRC**

PSRC staff will share preparations for the agency's annual transit development plan review training, tentatively scheduled for mid-February. Additionally, staff will share planned improvements to the data collection for regional transit performance targets and actuals.

- 7. Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable (11:15)**

As time permits, transit agency staff will provide updates on their work to share with regional partners.

- 8. Information: 2026 TOC meeting topics\***

- 9. Next Meeting: February 25, 2026**

Calendar Link: <https://www.psrc.org/calendar>

- 10. Adjourn (11:30)**

\*Supporting materials attached

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### Transit Operators Committee Meeting Summary

**Date: December 3, 2025**

**Location: Online Meeting Only: Zoom Remote Meeting**

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#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Peter Heffernan, King County Metro, welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. Gil Cerise, PSRC took roll call and confirmed the members and alternates present.

#### **Approval of Meeting Summary**

The summary for the October 22, 2025, meeting was approved.

#### **Action: Everett Transit Scope Change Request**

Doug Cox, PSRC, provided a brief presentation explaining Everett Transit's scope change request. Details of the request are found in the December 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda packet. The committee unanimously recommended Everett Transit's scope change request for the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) action.

*For more information, contact Doug Cox at [DCox@psrc.org](mailto:DCox@psrc.org).*

#### **Discussion: Update on Project Selection Process and Schedule**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an update on the PSRC project selection process and schedule for FHWA and FTA funds. Given ongoing changes to guidance at the federal level, PSRC will work with PSRC advisory committees and boards to do a more thorough review and vetting of the criteria and process in advance of a call for project, anticipated in 2027. PSRC will conduct project selection processes for Rural Town Center and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in 2026.

*For more information, contact Kelly McGourty [KMcGourty@psrc.org](mailto:KMcGourty@psrc.org).*

#### **Discussion: Transportation Policy Board Debrief and RTP Development**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an overview of the November Transportation Policy Board (TPB) and continuing work developing a Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff are working toward board direction to develop and release the Draft RTP in mid-December.

[View the presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty [KMCGourty@psrc.org](mailto:KMCGourty@psrc.org) or Craig Helmann at [CHelmann@psrc.org](mailto:CHelmann@psrc.org).

### **Discussion: Overview on Regional Transit Access Assessment and Next Steps**

Gil Cerise, PSRC, provided background and a brief update on development of a regional transit access assessment. Gil highlighted some of the key data included to help assess quality of access, both in current system and the future system. PSRC will be back in front of committees in early 2026 to obtain feedback on an interactive online transit access tool.

[View the presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Gil Cerise [GCerise@psrc.org](mailto:GCerise@psrc.org).

### **Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable**

- Sabina Araya, Everett Transit
- Edward Covellio, Kitsap Transit
- Alex Krieg, Sound Transit
- Cordy Crockett, WSDOT
- Peter Heffernan, King County Metro

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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#### **\*Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

#### **\*PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present**

Barb Hunter, King Conty Metro; Lauren Squires, King County Metro

#### **PSRC**

Gil Cerise, Craig Helmann, Nick Johnson, Erin Hogan, Gary Simonson, Alexa Leach, Kelly McGourty, June Quick, Doug Cox, Jean Kim

*\*Attendees were present via remote participation*

# TOC Attendance Roster

Item 2 - Att. A

(Members and Alternates represented)

Date: December 3, 2025 10:00am - 11:30am

**Online/Remote Meeting Only**

Agency/Jurisdiction	Name
<b>Transit Agencies</b>	
Community Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sophie Luthin
	<i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>
Everett Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sabina Araya
	<i>Amanda Koerber (Alt.)</i>
King County Metro (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Heffernan, <b>Chair</b>
	<i>Jacob Brett (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap Transit (1)	Steffani Lilllie
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Edward Coviello (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County Ferries (1)	VACANT
	<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>
Pierce Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Arnes
	<i>Tina Lee (Alt.)</i>
City of Seattle (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Malley-Crawford
	<i>Chris Eilerman (Alt.)</i>
Sound Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Krieg, <b>Co-Chair</b>
	<i>Lisa Wolterink (Alt.)</i>
<b>State</b>	
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Rogers
	<i>Siri Olson (Alt.)</i>
WSDOT (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cordy Crockett
	<i>Jill Nordstrom (Alt.)</i>
<b>Non-Voting Participants</b>	
Intercity Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Stackpole
	<i>Jessica Gould (Alt.)</i>
Skagit Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebekah Tuno
	<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>

## Community Transit Redistribution and Scope Change Requests

Item 3

**Request:** Community Transit (CT) requests to redistribute FTA funds between the projects identified below.

**Explanation:**

CT is submitting several requests to redistribute funds between the following projects: CT-80, Transit Revenue Vehicles 2023-2026; CT-74, Swift BRT Gold Line; and CT-77, Facilities Rehabilitation, Renovation and Maintenance.

CT requests to redistribute FY2025 and FY2026 STE UZA 5307 Equity funds from CT-80 to CT-74 and FY2025 Marysville UZA 5339 funds from CT-80 to CT-77. CT also requests to redistribute FY2023 STE UZA 5307 Earned Share funds from CT-74 to CT-77.

The scope for CT-80 will remain the same; local funds will be used to offset the redistributions to CT-74 and CT-77 so that the total number of buses purchased does not change.

The scope for CT-74 will remain the same; \$8,053,615 of FY2023 STE UZA 5307 Earned Share funds will be removed to offset \$2,405,571 of 2025-2029 State Regional Mobility funds that will be added along with the \$5,648,044 of FY2025 STE UZA 5307 Equity funds from CT-80 to keep the total project cost the same. The redistribution is needed due to the bus purchases for the Gold Line project being delayed which will prevent the Equity funds from meeting the obligation deadline. The redistribution will allow the funds to instead be used for PE work on the Gold Line project. PSRC staff determined the redistribution meets all requirements related to Equity Formula funding.

Funds redistributed to CT-77 will be directed to projects at facilities with the highest need, with the scope updated to include the Smokey Point Transit Center, Kasch Park Operations and Maintenance Campus, and bus stop repairs in the Marysville UZA. The projects at the Merrill Creek and Cascade base buildings will remain in the scope, however, the Merrill Creek base has been renamed to the Hardeson Operations and Maintenance base. CT now has firmer plans for the facility rehab locations and has determined that the total estimated project cost will remain the same; local funds will be removed from CT-77 to offset the redistributions from CT-74 and CT-80.

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2026	CT-80	Transit Revenue Vehicles 2023-2026	STE UZA 5307 Equity	\$6,004,625	-\$6,004,625	\$0
2026	CT-74	Swift BRT Gold Line	STE UZA 5307 Equity	\$0	\$6,004,625	\$6,004,625
2025	CT-80	Transit Revenue Vehicles 2023-2026	STE UZA 5307 Equity	\$5,648,044	-\$5,648,044	\$0
2025	CT-74	Swift BRT Gold Line	STE UZA 5307 Equity	\$0	\$5,648,044	\$5,648,044
2025	CT-80	Transit Revenue Vehicles 2023-2026	Marysville UZA 5339	\$318,315	-\$318,315	\$0
2025	CT-77	Facilities Rehabilitation, Renovation and Maintenance	Marysville UZA 5339	\$0	\$318,315	\$318,315
2023	CT-74	Swift BRT Gold Line	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$8,053,615	-\$8,053,615	\$0
2023	CT-77	Facilities Rehabilitation, Renovation and Maintenance	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$0	\$8,053,615	\$8,053,615

### **Related Informational Item – Extension and Scope Change Request for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Funds**

**Request:** CT will be requesting obligation deadline extension and scope change for FHWA funds in CT-74 (Swift BRT Gold Line).

**Explanation:**

For CT-74, CT will be requesting a 1-year obligation extension to FY2027 for \$8,000,000 in FY2026 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and also a scope change from zero emission buses to hybrid buses.

Last year CT was granted a 1-year extension for FY2025 CMAQ and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds in CT-80 and CT-84 (*Zero Emissions Transit Revenue Vehicles 2027-2028*), awarded for the purchase of zero emission buses. CT is on track to complete purchase of 10 zero emission buses with these funds in FY2026. However, this purchase is being completed under existing contracts and manufacturers have expressed uncertainty regarding future zero emission bus production availability and timelines—particularly for the 60-foot articulated buses required for Gold Line's 15-mile route.

The new zero emission buses funded in CT-80 and CT-84 will be used on local routes and charged at base using infrastructure now under development. They will provide CT with zero emission bus operations experience as it continues advancing toward a full zero-emission fleet when market and funding conditions stabilize. However, the timeline for market stabilization is uncertain, and CT is requesting the extension and scope change to hybrid bus purchase in CT-74 to allow the Gold Line development to continue to proceed on a schedule that does not rely on it.

Both the extension and scope change request will be reviewed under PSRC's annual FHWA extension process in spring 2026. PSRC staff will review the request in consultation with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC) and the four countywide forums. Staff recommendation will be brought to the Transportation Policy Board for review and recommendation, and to the Executive Board for approval.



# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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## 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.



# 2026 TOC

## Planned Meeting Dates & Topics

### **Agenda topics not specially allocated to a particular meeting at this time**

- Action: FTA Annual Adjustments
- 2025 Regional Household Travel Survey transit-related results

### **Quarter 1 (January – March)**

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#### **February 25:**

- Discussion: Interactive Transit Access Assessment Tool Development
- Discussion: PSRC RTP Dashboard update transit-related measures
- Discussion: FTA Project Tracking

#### **March 25:**

- Discussion/Info: Draft RTP (if needed)
- Discussion: Interactive Transit Access Assessment Tool Development

### **Quarter 2 (April – June)**

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#### **April 22:**

- Discussion/Info: Draft RTP (if needed)

#### **May 27:**

- Discussion: Interactive Transit Access Assessment Tool Development
- Discussion: RTP Transit-related implementation

#### **June 24:**

- Discussion: RTP Transit-related implementation

### **Quarter 3 (July – September)**

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#### **July 22:**

- Discussion/Information: Completion of Regional Transit Access Assessment Tool
- Discussion: 2025 Regional Household Travel Survey Preliminary Results

#### **No August Meeting**

**September 23:**

- Discussion: Overview of regional FTA performance target and actuals findings

**Additional Meeting Dates to Hold in 2026**

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**October 28**

**December 2 (special meeting date for November-December)**

See [PSRC meeting calendar](#) for the latest on PSRC meetings.