



Puget Sound Regional Council

****Revised**
Meeting Agenda**

Executive Board

Thursday, January 22, 2026 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

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1. Call to Order (10:00) – Executive Dave Somers, President

2. Communications and Public Comment

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

3. President's Remarks

4. Executive Director's Report

5. State Legislative Briefing (10:20) – Robin Koskey, PSRC

6. Committee Report

a. Operations Committee – Executive Ryan Mello, Vice President

- 7. Consent Agenda - Action Items (10:35)**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Meeting Held December 4, 2025
 - b. Approve Vouchers Dated November 10, 2025, Through January 6, 2026, in the Amount of \$2,481,766.76
 - c. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2025-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
**** (Added)****
- 8. Discussion Item (10:40)**
 - a. Federal Legislative Update – *Leslie Pollner and Lisa Barkovic, Manatt*
- 9. Discussion Item (11:00)**
 - a. 2025 Housing Monitor Update: The Year of Policy Change – *Eric Clute, PSRC*
- 10. Discussion Item (11:30)**
 - a. Housing Incentives and Tools Survey Results – *David Dixon, PSRC*
- 11. Information Items**
 - a. Draft Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program (FY2026-2027)
 - b. New Employee Status Report
 - c. Newly Elected Officials Workshop Flyer
 - d. 2026 Meeting Schedule
- 12. Other Business**
- 13. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
- 14. Adjourn (12:00)**

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MINUTES

Executive Board

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:00 AM by Executive Dave Somers, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and is 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 live. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments received.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Somers recognized the following outgoing board members and alternates and expressed appreciation for their dedicated service:

- King County Executive Shannon Braddock
- Des Moines Mayor Traci Buxton
- Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson
- Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell
- Seattle Councilmember Sara Nelson
- Issaquah Mayor Mary Lou Pauly
- Seattle Councilmember Mark Solomon
- Kent Councilmember Toni Troutner
- Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards
- Bremerton Councilmember Eric Younger

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Josh Brown Updates and Announcements:

- Congratulated the region on the opening of the Federal Way Link Light Rail Extension, recognizing it as a major milestone for regional transit.

- Thanked Senator Patty Murray for joining a discussion with regional elected officials regarding concerns about disruptions to programs that rely on funding from Continuum of Care.
- Reported that the U.S. Conference of Mayors released a sign-on letter urging Congress to take immediate legislative action to stop destabilizing policy changes to Continuum of Care funding to address homelessness.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, provided the board with an update on key federal and state policy updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President and Operations Committee Chair Executive Ryan Mello reported that the Operations Committee recommended Executive Board approval of vouchers dated October 13, 2025, through November 4, 2025, in the amount of \$1,174,863.81.

He also noted that the committee has completed its work developing the draft supplemental budget, which is now posted on PSRC's website. Beginning in the new year, the policy boards will have the opportunity to review the draft and provide feedback to staff.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Simpson/Wahl) to:

- Approve Minutes of Meeting Held October 23, 2025**
- Approve Vouchers Dated October 13, 2025, Through November 04, 2025, in the Amount of \$1,174,863.81**
- Approve Equity Advisory Committee: Proposed New Members for the 2026 Cohort**

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 2026 STATE LEGISLATURE

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, and Alyssa Quinn, Senior Government Relations Specialist, presented the proposed 2026 State Legislative recommendations. While the core priorities from the 2025 recommendations— transportation, housing choices and affordability, climate change, and economic development— remained unchanged, the 2026 recommendations included updated language based on board feedback. Updates streamlined the document for clarity, acknowledged regional economic uncertainty, emphasized the importance of consultation with local elected officials and highlighted the need to implement recently adopted housing policies.

Staff noted that the recommendations were developed through consultation with the Executive Board, Economic Development District Board, Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and the Equity Advisory Committee during September through November.

MAIN MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Mello/Wahl) to adopt the proposed recommendations to the 2026 State Legislature.

AMENDMENT: It was moved and seconded (Mathews/Simpson) to add language addressing ferry electrification to the bullet list under “Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”

The amendment passed unanimously.

The main motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Kelly McGourty provided an update on the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which had been underway since early 2024. Staff reviewed key topics to be addressed in the draft plan, including active transportation, climate, safety, health, transit access, maintenance and preservation, the Coordinated Mobility Plan for people with mobility challenges, and a comprehensive system performance report. An overview of public outreach and engagement activities was also provided, including a summary of six regional public meetings, the most recent held on October 30, and upcoming engagement opportunities.

Staff noted that several early materials had been made available through the RTP Engagement Hub, including the adopted scope of work, system reports, visualization tools and scenario analyses. A Future Transportation System Report and related project lists and visualization tools had also been released. The draft RTP was anticipated to be released for public review and comment between mid-December and the end of January 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:10 a.m. President Dave Somers announced that the board would adjourn to an Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss the Executive Director’s annual performance evaluation. At 11:30 a.m. President Somers announced in main session that the board would extend the executive session by 15 minutes. President Somers reconvened the board meet at 11:45 a.m.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Birney/Strakeljahn) to approve a four percent (4%) merit increase reflecting an “Exceeds Expectations” performance rating; and an increase of \$500 in the employer match for the Executive Director’s 401(k) from \$10,000 to \$10,500.

The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Included in the agenda packet:

- New Employee Status Report
- 2026 Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Adopted this 22nd day of January 2026.

Executive Dave Somers, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT:

A. Executive Board Attendance, December 4, 2025

Executive Board - December 4, 2025		7.a - Att. A
Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:		Present
King County	Vacant	
	CM Sarah Perry	1
	Vacant Alt	
	Vacant Alt	
Seattle	Vacant	
	CM Robert Kettle	
	Vacant	
	CM Rob Saka	1
	Vacant	
	CM Dan Strauss Alt	
Bellevue	CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck Alt	
	MYR Lynne Robinson	1
Federal Way	CM Vishal Bhargava Alt	
	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
	Vacant Alt	
Kent	MYR Dana Ralph	
	Vacant	
Kirkland	MYR Kelli Curtis	1
	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	1
Renton	MYR Armondo Pavone	1
	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	
Redmond	MYR Angela Birney	1
	CM Vanessa Kritzer Alt	
Auburn	MYR Nancy Backus	1
	DR MYR Cheryl Rakes Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in King County	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington	1
	MYR Thomas McLeod, Tukwila	1
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
	CM Chris Roberts, Shoreline Alt	
Kitsap County	COMM Katie Walters	
	COMM Christine Rolfes Alt	
Bremerton	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
	Vacant Alt	
Port Orchard	MYR Rob Putaansuu	
	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Kitsap County	Vacant	
	MYR Ashley Mathews, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
Pierce County	EXEC Ryan Mello VICE PRESIDENT	1
	CM Robyn Denson	1
	CM Dave Morell Alt	
Tacoma	CM Kristina Walker	1
	Vacant Alt	
Lakewood	CM Ryan Pearson	
	MYR Jason Whalen Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Pierce County	CM Stan Flemming, University Place	
	CM Jeff Sproul, Orting Alt	
Snohomish County	EXC Dave Somers PRESIDENT	1
	CM Sam Low	1
	CM Jared Mead Alt	
Everett	MYR Cassie Franklin	1
	CM Mary Fosse Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Snohomish County	MYR Jon Nehring, Marysville	
	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
	CM Susan Paine, Edmonds Alt	1
	MYR George Hurst, Lynnwood Alt	
Port of Bremerton	COMM Axel Strakeljahn	1
	COMM Gary Anderson Alt	
Port of Everett	COMM David Simpson	1
	COMM Glen Bachman Alt	1
Port of Seattle	COMM Hamdi Mohamed	
	COMM Toshiko Hasegawa Alt	1
Port of Tacoma	COMM John McCarthy	1
	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
Washington State Department of Transportation	Secretary Julie Meredith	
	Assistant Secretary John White Alt	1
Washington State Transportation Commission	COMM Nicole Grant	1
	COMM Jim Restucci Alt	



Puget Sound Regional Council

January 15, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Ryan Mello, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Vouchers Dated November 10, 2025, Through January 6, 2026, in the Amount of \$2,481,766.76**

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080 the Executive Board approves the vouchers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

REQUESTED

<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
11/10/25 - 01/06/26	AP Vouchers	\$ 1,305,570.90
11/14/25 - 12/15/25	Payroll	\$ 1,176,195.86
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		\$ 2,481,766.76

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, at awerfelmann@psrc.org or 206-971-3292.

****Added****

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January 15, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Adopt 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. At its meeting on January 8, the Transportation Policy Board recommended adoption of the amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt 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				
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				



Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

January 15, 2026

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: **Federal Legislative Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC's federal consultants, Leslie Pollner, Managing Director, and Lisa Barkovic, Senior Policy Advisor, from Manatt will provide a timely update on recent federal budget and policy developments and implications for local governments.

DISCUSSION

PSRC began working with a federal consultant in December 2022. In October of 2025, Leslie Pollner transitioned to a new Washington, D.C. law firm, Manatt. Given that Ms. Pollner was the primary PSRC consultant and represented the agency well, we moved to her new firm. Lisa Barkovic also made the transition to Manatt and began working with PSRC in the fall of 2025.

Manatt is a bi-partisan firm and provides PSRC with advice, expert information and relationship building support on federal affairs, legislation and programs. The law firm has expertise and capacity to provide in-depth analysis of federal legislation and provide updates on federal programs and funding, adding capacity for PSRC staff. Manatt also facilitates deepened relationship building with federal agency staff and members of PSRC's federal congressional delegation and staff. PSRC staff meet with Manatt weekly and contemporaneous updates are provided on breaking developments to remain current on what is happening in Washington, DC.

Ms. Pollner will be presenting in person, and Ms. Barkovic will be presenting virtually.

Biographies

[Leslie Pollner, Managing Director](#)

Leslie Pollner is a managing director in Manatt's Government Advocacy & Contracting practice in Washington, D.C., leveraging her federal, state and local government experience to help public and private-sector clients develop innovative solutions and advocacy strategies to reach their goals. Her practice spans transportation and infrastructure, water, energy and environment, housing, community and economic development, public safety and homeland security, technology and innovation, workforce development, public health and human services, education, and tax and local finance.

Previously, Leslie served as senior policy advisor and co-leader of the Local Government Advocacy team at a global law firm. She was also deputy mayor for federal affairs in Los Angeles under Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, where she led the city's Washington, D.C. office, directed federal advocacy initiatives and oversaw lobbying efforts for the Los Angeles port, airport and public utilities commissions. During Mayor Villaraigosa's presidency of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Leslie acted as the city's principal liaison, collaborating with mayors nationwide on priority issues. Earlier in her career, Leslie was chief of staff to U.S. Representatives Suzanne Kosmas and Tim Mahoney. In addition, she has held senior roles in public affairs consulting and crisis communications, advising Fortune 500 companies and shaping communications strategies for national organizations.

Lisa Barkovic, Senior Legislative Advisor

Lisa Barkovic is a senior legislative advisor in Manatt's Government and Regulatory practice. Leveraging her unique experience in federal appropriations, transportation, housing, economic development, environment, and public safety, Lisa helps clients across all levels of government develop innovative and tailored advocacy strategies to advance their goals in Washington.

Her practice centers on guiding local governments, public safety agencies and private organizations through evolving state and federal regulations on disaster response, drawing on her extensive background with FEMA-related legislation and local law enforcement coordination. Lisa also advises clients on public transportation policy, with a focus on both formula and discretionary grant programs, surface transportation reauthorization and emerging tech issues, such as shared autonomous mobility. Before joining Manatt, Lisa spent more than 20 years as a senior policy and public affairs advisor at a global law firm, where she counseled clients on public policy, regulatory compliance, transportation and infrastructure initiatives, and federal budget and appropriations. She also served in the office of former Congressman Mark Foley, where she contributed to drafting legislation and appropriations requests, developed legislative strategies and acted as the primary liaison to the Congressional Travel & Tourism Caucus.

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



Puget Sound Regional Council

January 15, 2026

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: **2025 Housing Monitoring Update: The Year of Policy Change**

IN BRIEF

The board will review the 2025 Regional Housing Strategy monitoring update, including new data and analysis on the production of emergency housing and permanent supportive housing. The board will be asked for feedback on how housing monitoring data can help jurisdictions meet new state housing requirements and implement recently adopted comprehensive plans.

DISCUSSION

The [Regional Housing Strategy](#) is a playbook of regional and local actions to preserve, improve and expand housing stock in the region. The aim is to make a range of affordable, accessible, healthy and safe housing choices available to every resident and to promote fair and equal access to housing for all people.

The strategy calls for PSRC to track performance and outcomes over time and identify challenges or barriers in consultation with jurisdictions and other stakeholders. Performance measures support the housing goal in VISION 2050 to meet the region's housing and affordability needs.

Affordability in both the renter and ownership markets continue to be constrained, driven by high rents and home prices as well as elevated interest rates. Large majorities of low-income and even moderate-income households are cost burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on rent.

More of the region's residents are experiencing homelessness than ever before. As of 2024, more than 21,000 people in the region did not have a place to live, with nearly

50% of these residents living without proper shelter. The region's stock of emergency shelter and permanent supporting housing have grown 16% and 28% respectively, though the need has risen even faster.

Even with these headwinds, the housing landscape has been evolving at all levels of government. Local governments are implementing their comprehensive plans and the Legislature has passed several bills intended to ease the region's affordability woes. The effects coming from the federal level have yet to be seen, though PSRC will continue to monitor as the landscape evolves.

PSRC staff will present findings of the 2025 housing monitoring report and welcome feedback from the board.

NEXT STEPS

As stated in the Regional Housing Strategy, PSRC will provide an annual update on housing data monitoring efforts to the board. Looking ahead, some data measures may be updated more or less frequently based on data availability.

For additional information, please contact Eric Clute, Associate Planner, at eclute@psrc.org.



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January 15, 2026

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: **Housing Incentives and Tools Survey Results**

IN BRIEF

Throughout 2025, the Growth Management Policy Board reviewed and advised on the certification of local comprehensive plans, which included recommendations to monitor local housing conditions and use appropriate tools and strategies to support affordable housing. The board will hear a summary of the results from a survey of local planning staff that documents the progress that local governments have made in recent years through updating their comprehensive plans and meeting new legislative requirements. This work continues PSRC's emphasis on housing, highlighting strategies for supporting growth and equitable outcomes across all member jurisdictions.

DISCUSSION

The [Regional Housing Strategy](#), adopted in February 2022, outlines goals and actions for regional, countywide and local levels necessary to implement VISION 2050. Through guidance documents, webinars, data resources and the plan review process, PSRC staff work with local jurisdictions to update their comprehensive plans, development regulations and other local programs to meet housing needs in their communities.

The Housing Incentives and Tools Survey (HITS) documents progress by the region's cities and counties in several areas identified in the Regional Housing Strategy, prioritizing racial equity and addressing housing supply, stability and subsidy. PSRC last surveyed local housing tools in 2022. This iteration of HITS reflects the tremendous work from jurisdictions' updates to their comprehensive plans and development regulations through the periodic update process, which most jurisdictions completed in 2024 or 2025. The recent updates implemented policies to allow a wider

range of housing types, document and plan for the housing needs of all income levels and begin to address racial disparities in housing. Significant findings include:

Expanding housing opportunity

Through updates to local comprehensive plans and development regulations, respondent jurisdictions report expanding housing capacity by over 800,000 units, focused in areas zoned for moderate density construction (such as duplexes, small apartments and mid-rise multifamily units).

Calibrating tools for affordable housing

Multifamily tax exemption (MFTE) and mandatory inclusionary zoning programs are more common than in the past. Jurisdictions with these programs in place indicate that they are the most effective tools for creation of new, income-restricted units.

Local funding, regional collaboration

36 jurisdictions contribute a portion of sales and use taxes to generate funding for affordable housing, and many report working in multijurisdictional coalitions to amplify their impact. 54 jurisdictions are members of ARCH, AHA, SKHHP or SSHAP.

PSRC staff will share additional findings from the survey and welcome feedback from the board. A full report of survey results will be available in February.

NEXT STEPS

PSRC will continue to share updates and best practices of local implementation of housing tools.

For additional information, please contact David Dixon, Associate Planner, at ddixon@psrc.org or 206-464-6172



Puget Sound Regional Council

INFORMATION ITEM

January 15, 2026

To: Executive Board

From: Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager

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

IN BRIEF

PSRC is in the process of developing the agency's FY 2026-2027 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program. The PSRC budget outlines transportation, economic and growth planning activities for the fiscal years 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND

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 expenditure 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 26th meeting of the Operations Committee. 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 additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann at (206) 971-3292, or awerfelmann@psrc.org.



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January 15, 2026

INFORMATION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **New Employee Status Report**

PSRC has three new employees:

James Kolberg – Principal Modeler, Data

June Quick – Assistant Planner, Transportation Planning

Richard Boyechko – Communications Intern, Govt. Relations and Communications

For more information, please contact Thu Le, HR Manager, at tle@psrc.org or 206-464-6175.

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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INFORMATION ITEM

November 24, 2025

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: 2026 Executive Board and Operations Committee Meeting Schedule

The Executive Board and Operations Committee meet on the **fourth Thursday of every month**. Unless noted, the Operations Committee meetings are held from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. and the Executive Board from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Members will be notified if a meeting is changed or canceled.

January 22

February 26

March 26

April 23

May 28 – Annual General Assembly, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Seattle Convention Center

June 25

July 23

August – No meeting

September 24

October 22

November – No meeting

December 3 – Early meeting date

Questions can be directed to Sheila Rogers at (206) 464-5815 or srogers@psrc.org. For additional board information, visit PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/calendar>.