

Draft Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment

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Puget Sound Regional Council

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Today:

- Background on development process
- Summary of public outreach to date
- Highlights of comments received
- Schedule and next steps



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2026–2050

DRAFT

December 2025



Plan Priorities

With member agencies & public, TPB identified key plan priorities:

- Safety
- Climate
- Equity
- Transit & accessibility
- Recognize diverse needs & community context
- Maintenance & preservation
- Decarbonize the system
- Financial strategy
- Ferry system service & reliability



2026-2050 Plan Development: What's New

- Investments based on new comprehensive plans, current transit plans, new State Highway System Plan
- Updated plan consistency framework applied to all regional capacity projects
- Evaluation of four plan scenarios
- Reassessment of financial strategy
- Regional Safety Action Plan
- Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
- Project selection to follow plan adoption



Continuous Public Outreach - 2025

Spring-Summer

- Community Tabling

Fall

- Online Survey Open
- Fall 7 Regional Public Meetings
- >600 total participants

Winter

- Draft 12/15-2/2 comment period



Early Public Feedback – Summary

- Different needs – some communities more reliant on cars, fewer transit and walk/bike options
- Less interest in more roads, but more interest in *better* roads
 - functioning roads are underpinning of all other modes
- Transit investment ranked highly – need more of it, more frequent and seamless connections
- Better connected and safer sidewalks and bicycle networks
- Accountability for investment – let's see results



Overall Comments Received



PSRC received comments through our online engagement hub and direct emails.

- 18 official letters
- 36 Engagement Hub submissions
- 7 direct emails from members of the public
- 332 unique comments



Official Letters

All Aboard Washington	Port of Seattle
City of Bellevue	Port of Tacoma
City of Tukwila	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Seattle & Regional Counties Public Health Departments
Climate Rail Alliance	Seattle Department of Transportation Smarter Transit
Joint Transportation Initiative	Snohomish County
King County	Transportation Choices Coalition
Lid I-5	Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
Move Redmond	WSDOT
Northwest Seaport Alliance	
Pierce Transit	



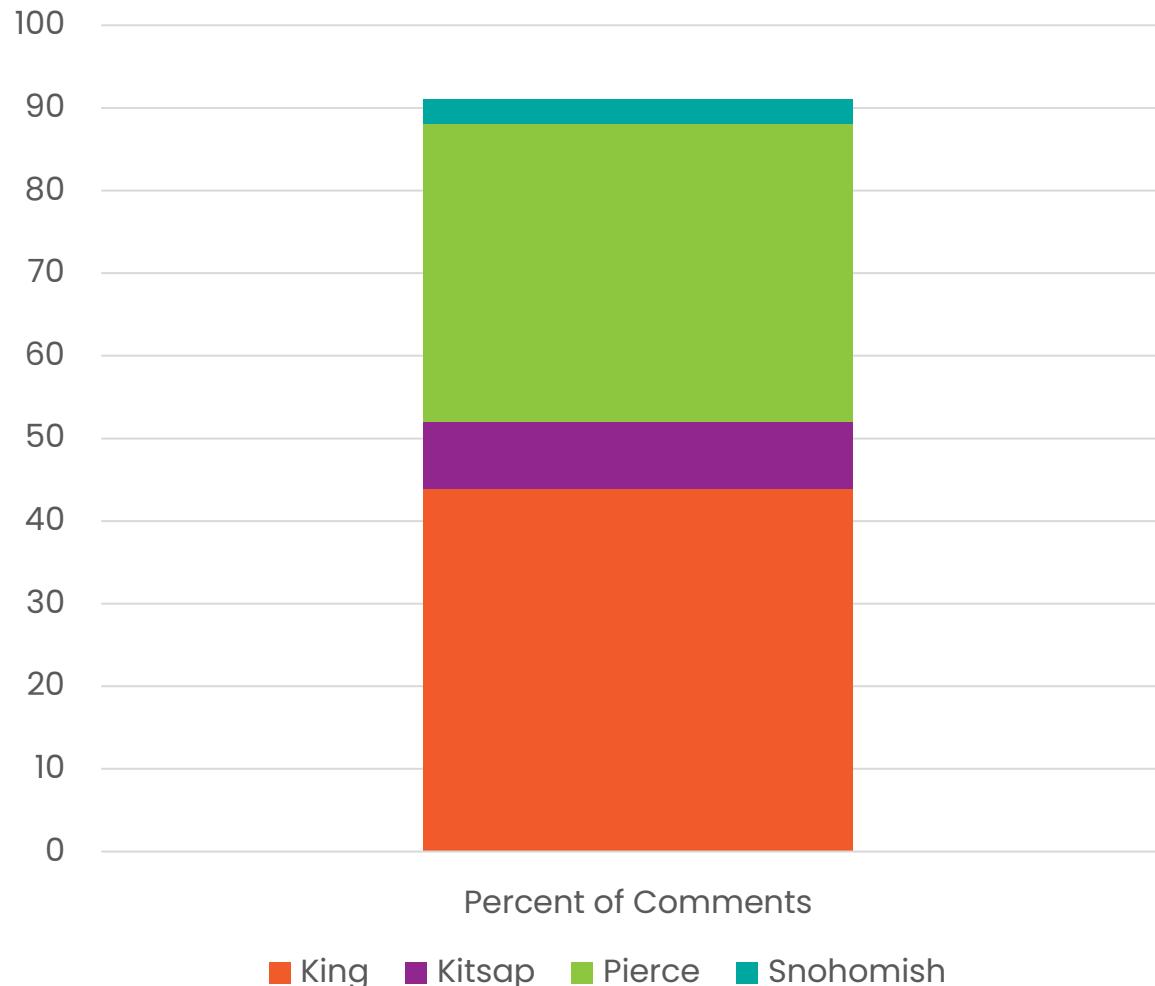
Engagement Hub Comments

44% King County

8% Kitsap County

36% Pierce County

6% Snohomish County

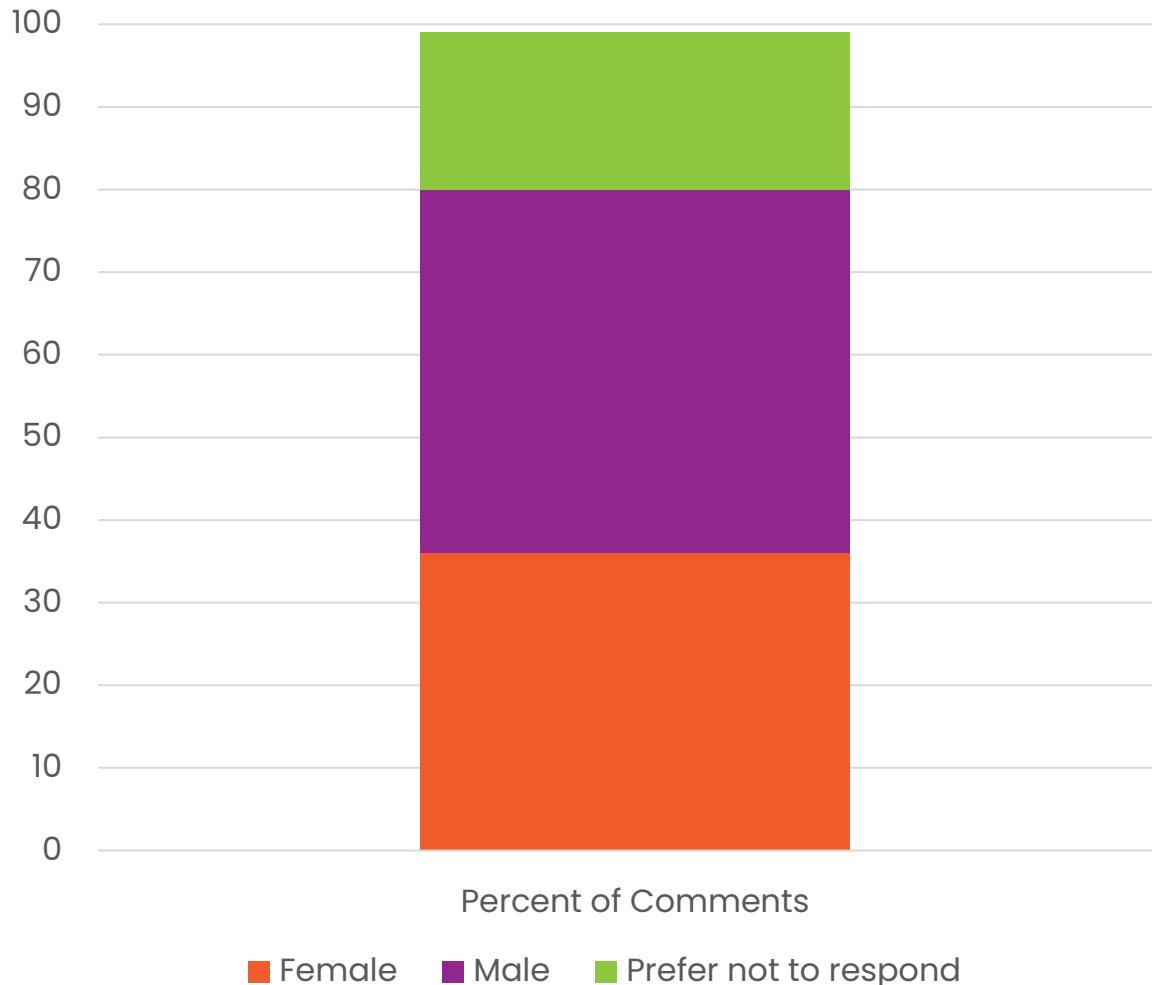


Engagement Hub Comments

36% Female

44% Male

16% Prefer not to respond



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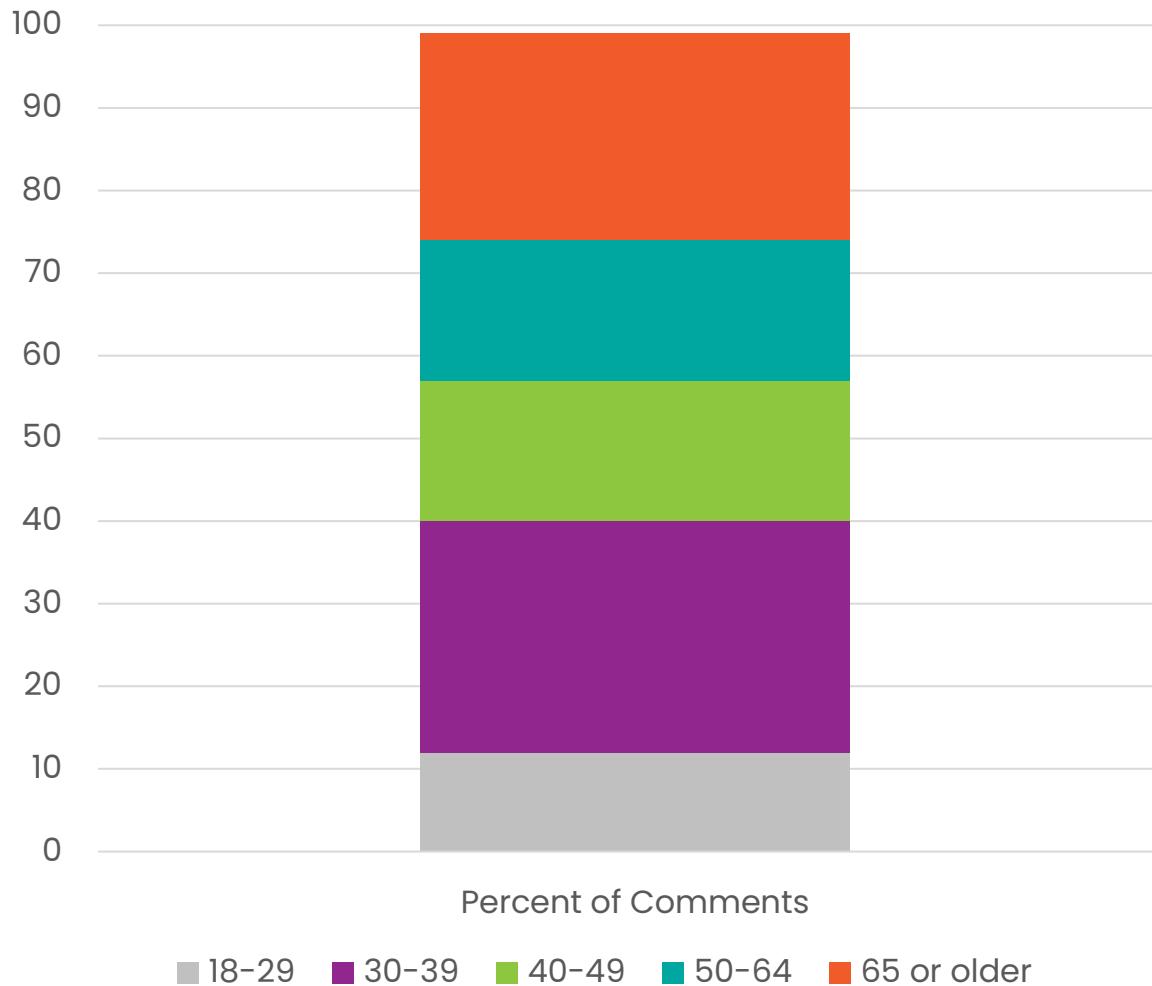
12% 18-29

28% 30-39

17% 40-49

17% 50-64

25% 65 or older



Public Comments

- *“Please consider adding the following Goal:*
 - *Coordinate with jurisdictions (Counties and Cities) and appropriate agencies to expand Sound Transit Link Light Rail onto Kitsap Peninsula.”*
- *“This is a very thorough and thoughtfully crafted plan. I especially appreciate the inclusion of ferries as a vital mode of transportation in our region of peninsulas and islands.”*



Public Comments

- *“I support increased planning and funding for sustainable transportation options in the Puget Sound region. We need more option that reduce drive alone trips and traffic congestion.”*
- *“Equity should acknowledge not just universal mobility, but also address historic injustice and the disproportionate burden of traffic violence, air pollution, and law enforcement on racialized and marginalized communities.”*
- *“Hooray for passenger only ferry expansion! Those ferries need to also include bike racks, including space for cargo bikes, to help address the first/last mile issue.”*



Next Steps

- All comments are currently being reviewed and classified as:
 - No Action Taken
 - Technical Correction
 - Requires Board Input
- Processed comments will be brought to TPB in full highlighting which require Board input.
- Final Revisions will be made prior to adoption at General Assembly in May 2026.



The background image is an aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Bremerton, Washington. It shows a large industrial area with several large ships in a marina and dry docks, a bridge spanning a deep blue waterway, and a dense residential and commercial area on the shore. In the distance, snow-capped mountains are visible under a clear blue sky.

Thank You!

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