



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee

Friday, February 27, 2026, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Online Meeting Only

Attend Zoom Connection

- [Join the meeting at zoom.com](https://zoom.us/j/84781268394)
 - Listen by phone 1-888-475-4499, Meeting ID: 847 8126 8394 Passcode: 167856
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1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)

2. Approve Meeting Summary for January 23, 2026*

3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Information from the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, is [available on the PSRC website](#).

4. Discussion Item: Project Delivery Update (9:45)

PSRC staff will provide an update on the region's 2026 delivery of FHWA funds, including current status and upcoming steps in the rebalancing process that is underway.

5. Discussion Item: Potential Bridge Funding Pilot Program (10:15)

PSRC staff will provide a briefing and share board feedback on the potential pilot bridge funding program under consideration to be included in PSRC's annual rebalancing process for FHWA funds.

6. Discussion Item: Regional Transportation Plan Update (10:45)

PSRC staff will provide overview of the public comments received on the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and discuss subsequent steps leading to final plan adoption later this spring.

7. Other Business (10:55)

8. Information Items:

- a. Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students*
- b. VISION 2050 Awards Call for Nominations Flyer*

9. Next Meeting: March 27, 2026, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn (11:00)

*Supporting materials attached

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at JBarnes@psrc.org.

Sign language, and communication material in alternative formats, can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling 206-464-7090, TTY Relay 711

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Puget Sound Regional Council

MEETING SUMMARY

Regional Project Evaluation Committee
January 23, 2026
Hybrid meeting held at PSRC Boardroom

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug McCormick, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He then took roll call to confirm the members and alternates present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The December 5, 2025, RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD DEBRIEF

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting held on Thursday, January 8, 2026. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meetings are available on the [PSRC website](#).

ACTION ITEM: PROJECT TRACKING POLICY REVIEW

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, facilitated discussion of potential update to PSRC's project tracking policies that would allow pre-bid cost estimate increases to receive increased federal shares as part of PSRC's annual TIP rebalancing process for FHWA funds. This was continuation of discussion started at the December meeting, at which time the committee had indicated support for allowing cost estimate increases to be considered, but up to a limit yet to be determined.

She shared feedback from TPB members from their briefing on RPEC's discussion to date, which aligned with the committee's preliminary recommendations that cost estimate increases be included, but with a limit. The TPB also indicated support of RPEC's preliminary recommendation for the other policy topic under review – that the limit of administrative transfer of PSRC funds between phases be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Committee discussion for the remainder of the meeting focused on establishing the appropriate limit to place on cost estimate increases, in considering them for increased

federal share. After deliberation on various options, the committee unanimously recommended that increased cost estimates be eligible for consideration of increased federal shares with the following limits: any additional funds awarded, over and above the standard procedures for increased federal shares, will be capped up to a limit of 20% over the cost estimate at the time of award, or \$750,000, whichever is smaller. The committee determined that this would accommodate unanticipated project cost increases within a reasonable limit consistent within typical cost estimate contingency assumptions. The committee also recommended that this limit be reviewed after two years of implementation to determine if additional adjustments are warranted. The recommendation also included parameters determined at the December meeting, including (1) cost estimate increase submittals would need to include documentation of the updated cost and explanation of the reason for the increase, (2) cost estimate increases would only be considered as applied to the originally funded scope, and (3) a cost estimate increase submittal must include financial documentation showing sufficient local funds to cover the full amount of the cost increase (per standard TIP programming rules).

RPEC's recommendations for update of the two project tracking policies will be brought to the TPB and Executive Board for review and approval at their February meetings. Concurrently, PSRC staff will facilitate submittal of any cost estimate increases that project sponsors would like to be considered in the FY2026 rebalancing process.

[View the Presentation on PSRC's Website.](#)

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at JBarnes@psrc.org.

DISCUSSION ITEM: POTENTIAL BRIDGE FUNDING PILOT

There was insufficient time for this discussion item. Kelly McGourty will reach out to RPEC members to provide briefing on this topic and collect preliminary feedback prior to the next scheduled TPB meeting. This topic will be further discussed at the February RPEC meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT *

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC STAFF, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS PRESENT *

Alan Budde, City of Shoreline; Charlie Green, Snohomish County; Clint Lambert, Community Transit; David Paine, City of Kent; Dax Tate, SCA; Evan Bovard; Heather R, Sound Transit; Maddy Borowski, City of Kent; Micah Ross, City of Redmond; Rachael M

PSRC: Jennifer Barnes, Kelly McGourty, Kalon Thomas, Miles Stepleton, Alexa Leach, Doug Cox, Gil Cerise

***All attendees were present via in-person or remote participation**

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attendance January 23, 2026

RPEC Attendance Roster (Designated Members & Alternates)

Date: January 23, 2026 - 9:30-11:00 am

Item 2 - Att. A

Remote/Online Only

NOTE: Members are invited vote. Alternates may vote when the member is absent. Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting. All other Alternates and Guests are invited join the meeting. This roster is for attendance purposes only and should be marked by all members and alternates present at the table, regardless of voting status.

Jurisdiction		Name	Jurisdiction		Name	
King County (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Bourguignon	WSDOT-NW Region (1)		Cameron Kukes	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Heffernan			Mehrdad Moini (Alt.)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Vander Sluis	WSDOT-Oly Region (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JoAnn Schueler	
		Andrew Kim (Alt.)			John Ho (Alt.)	
		Sarah Green (Alt.)	WSDOT-MoM (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Kenna	
		Ivan Miller (Alt.)			April Delchamps (Alt.)	
Seattle (3)		Sarah Strand	WSDOT-WS Ferries (1)		Vacant	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Storment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Krishan Aggarwal (Alt.)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joanna Valencia			Todd Lamphere (Alt.)	
		Bill LaBorde (Alt.)	Kitsap Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steffani Lillie	
		Emily Reardon (Alt.)			Jeff Davidson (Alt.)	
		Katie Lyle-Beshai (Alt.)		Pierce Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tina Lee
Bellevue (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Erin Hoiland (Alt.)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mia Waters (Alt.)			VACANT	
Other Cities/Towns (5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chad Bieren, Kent	Community Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Mortenson, Issaquah		King County Metro (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chester Knapp
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kimberly Scrivner, Kirkland				Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ingrid Gaub, Auburn			Lisa Shafer (Alt.)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan Marcinko, North Bend	Sound Transit (1)			Lisa Wolterink
		Vangie Garcia, Redmond (Alt.)			Tyler Benson (Alt.)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rod Stietzer, Burien (Alt.)			Kirste Johnson (Alt.)	
		Ellen Talbo, Renton (Alt.)	Port of Seattle (1)		Monica Overby (Alt.)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tricia Juhnke, Shoreline (Alt.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geri Poor	
		Vacant (Alt.)			Robert Giacometti (Alt.)	
Kitsap County (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Forte	Port of Tacoma (1)		Deirdre Wilson	
		Joe Rutan (Alt.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Medlen (Alt.)	
Bremerton (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shane Weber, Vice Chair	Port of Everett (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Whitaker	
		Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1)			Laura Gurley (Alt.)	
		Vicki Grover (Alt. 2)	Port of Bremerton (1)		Arne Bakker	
Other Cities/Towns (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diane Lenius, Poulsbo			Cole Barnes (Alt.)	
		Vacant (Alt.)	PSCAA (1)		Kathy Strange	
Pierce County (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bekah Osterhaus			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Keene (Alt.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Lewis-Miller	Suquamish Tribe (1)		VACANT	
		Letticia Neal (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)	
		Clint Ritter (Alt.)	Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)		VACANT	
Tacoma (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Kammerzell			VACANT (Alt.)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan Kidd	Puyallup Tribe (1)		VACANT	
		Jack Niehuser (Alt.)			VACANT (Alt.)	
		Vacant (Alt.)	NON-VOTING		VACANT - BPAC Member	
Other Cities/Towns (1)		Mark Burlingame, Steilacoom			VACANT - BPAC (Alt)	
		Hans Hunger, Puyallup (Alt.)				
Snohomish County (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doug McCormick, Chair				
		Kelly Snyder				
		Janice Fahning (Alt.)				
		Glynda Steiner (Alt.)				
		Matt Ojala (Alt.)				
Everett (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Hood				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Angelique Thompson (Alt.)				
Other Cities/Towns (2)		Steve Morikawa, Bothell				
		Gael Fisk, Arlington				
		Jim Kelly, Arlington (Alt.)				
		Vacant (Alt.)				

Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students

Are you curious about how cities grow, change, and develop? Have you ever wondered how governments decide where train lines should go? Do you have ideas about how to make our communities better places for everyone? If so, you should apply for the Summer Planning Academy (SPA)!



Puget Sound Regional Council

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is looking for high school students from King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties who want to learn about urban planning in our region and share ideas about how to make the central Puget Sound region a better place to live, work, and play.

SPA is a leadership development opportunity offered free of charge to students interested in planning a better future for our region. The program encourages students to think creatively about how better planning can help people lead better lives.

Upon successful completion of SPA, students are eligible to receive a **\$500** scholarship. SPA sessions will take place in Downtown Seattle on July 29, 31, August 5, and 7.

Applications are due **May 18**.

To learn more about PSRC, SPA, and to apply, go to www.psrc.org/our-work/summer-planning-academy or scan the QR code.

Questions? Email us at spa@psrc.org.





VISION 2050 AWARDS

Call for Nominations 2026

The Puget Sound Regional Council is seeking nominations for the VISION 2050 Awards Program through **March 27, 2026**.

The VISION 2050 Awards celebrate progress to enhance the region's communities and natural environment while advancing equity and opportunity for all. The awards recognize innovative work to create a better future for central Puget Sound.

Eligibility

PSRC will only be accepting nominations directly from its [membership](#). Others seeking to nominate projects can do so through the member jurisdiction in which the project is located. PSRC will help connect potential nominees with local governments to help with the nomination process. Please contact [Michele Leslie](#) with questions.

Nominations must be for projects, programs, plans or partnerships within the four-county region of King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties that help achieve VISION 2050. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at psrc.org/vision.

All nominated projects must be completed and open, plans must be adopted by their jurisdictions, programs must be in operation and partnerships must be formally working together.

Submit a Nomination!

Nominations must be submitted online through the [VISION 2050 Awards Nomination Form](#)

Learn more at: www.psrc.org

Scan the code for
the nomination form



The region's VISION for 2050

is to provide exceptional quality of life, opportunity for all, connected communities, a spectacular natural environment, and an innovative, thriving economy. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at www.psrc.org