

# Draft Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment

Executive Board

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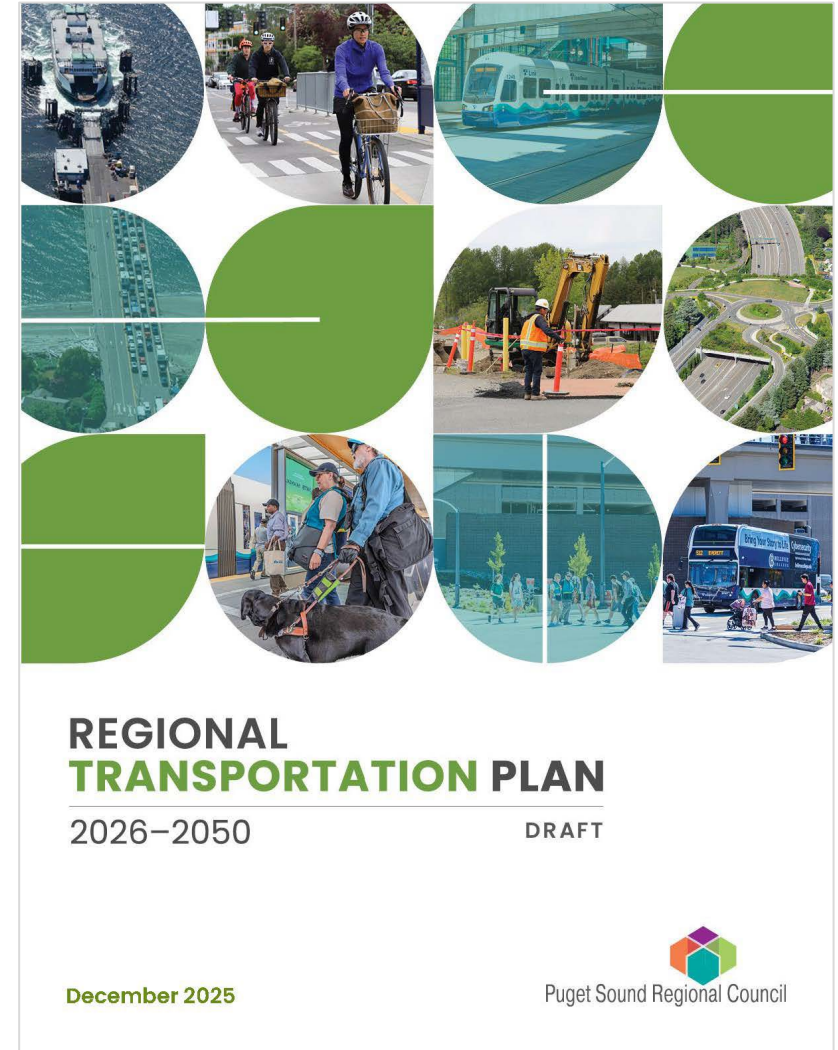


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# Draft Regional Transportation Plan Comments

Today:

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



# Plan Priorities

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

- Maintenance & preservation
- Safety
- Climate
- Equity
- Transit & accessibility
- Financial strategy
- Recognize diverse needs & community context
- Decarbonize the system
- 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 VISION 2050 consistency framework applied to all regional capacity projects
- Evaluated four plan scenarios
- Reassessed 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

## Spring – 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
- Transit ranked highly – more, more frequent, seamless connections
- Better connected and safer sidewalks and bicycle networks
- Concerns about cost – households increasingly tax burdened
- 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



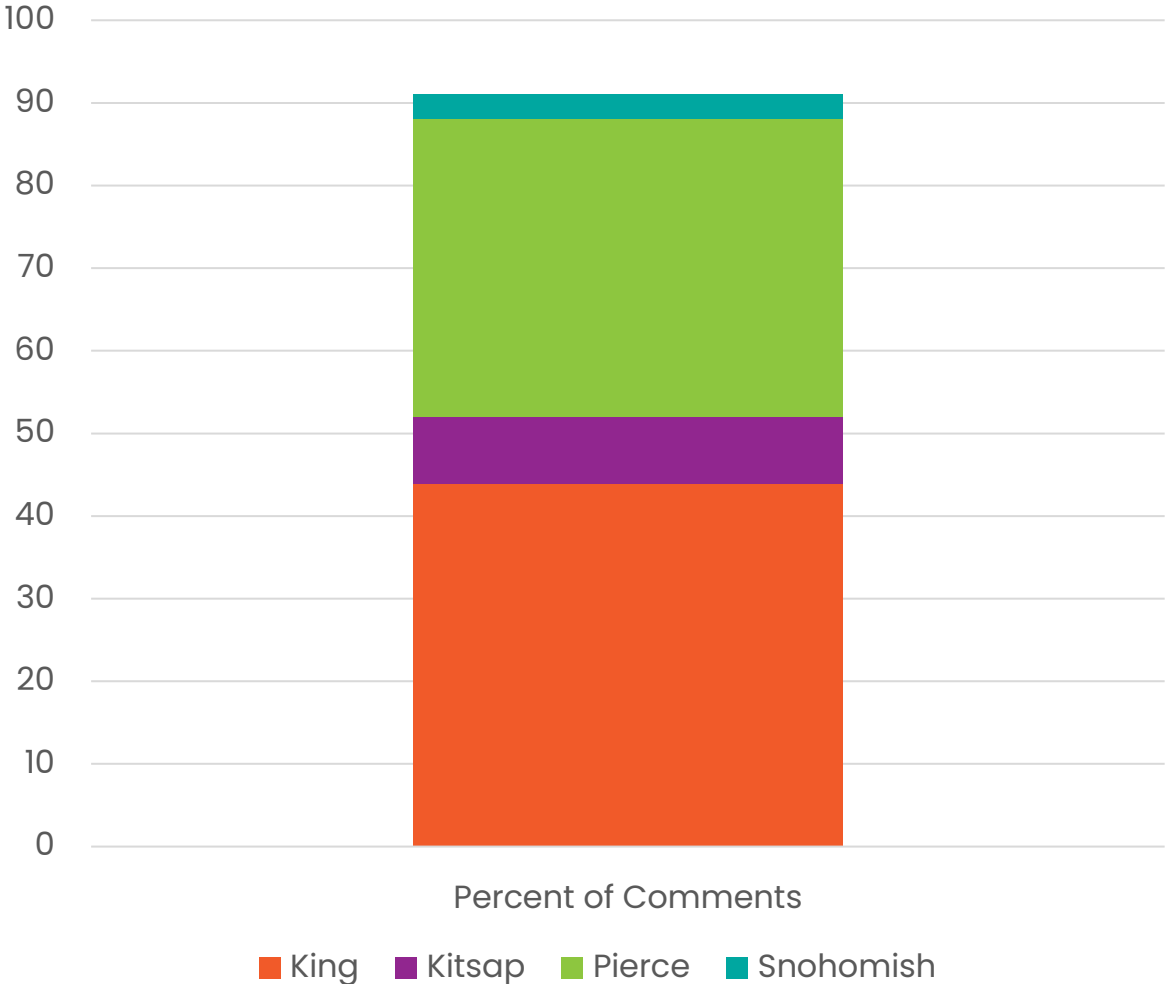
# Official Letters

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



# Engagement Hub Comments

**44%** King County  
**8%** Kitsap County  
**36%** Pierce County  
**6%** Snohomish County

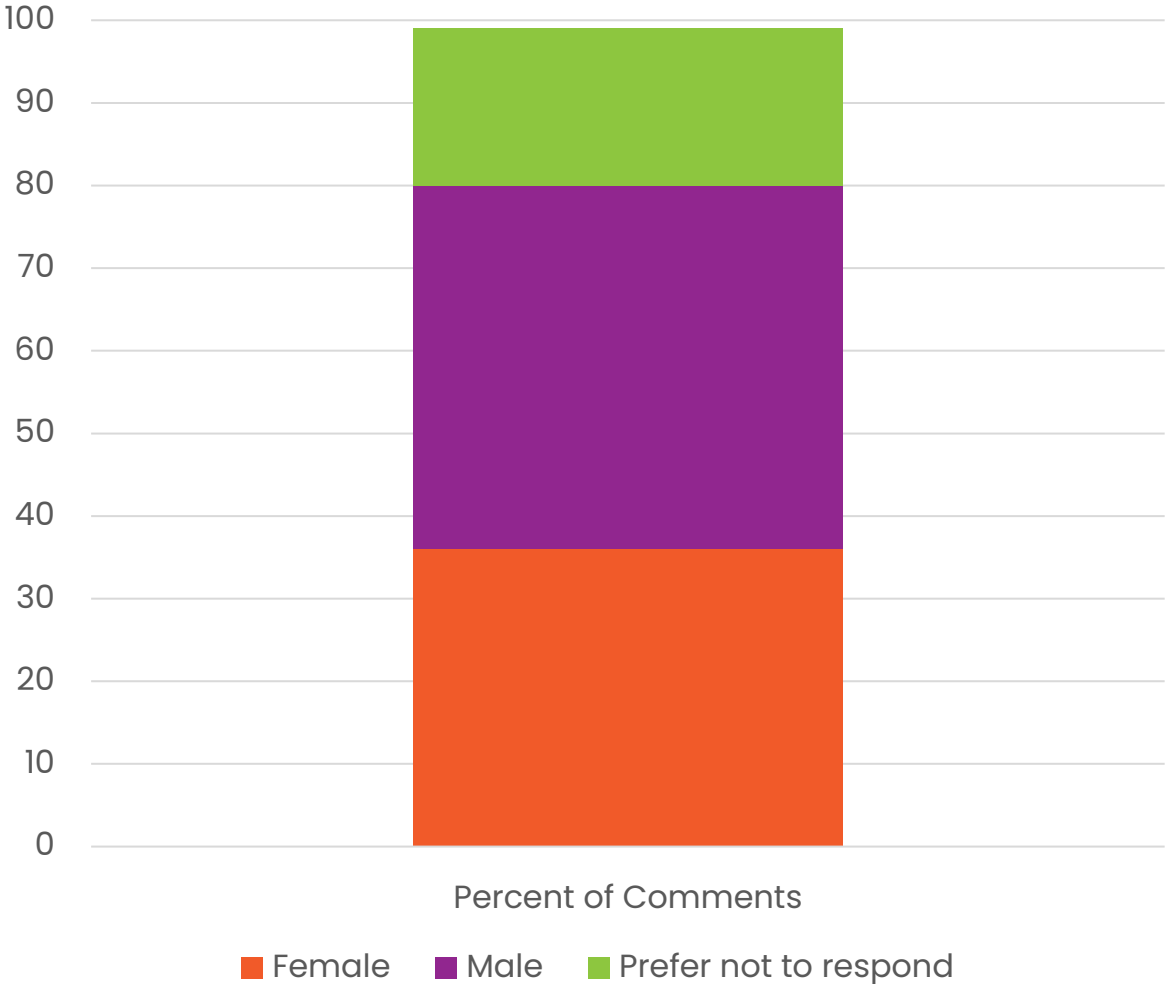


# Engagement Hub Comments

**36%** Female

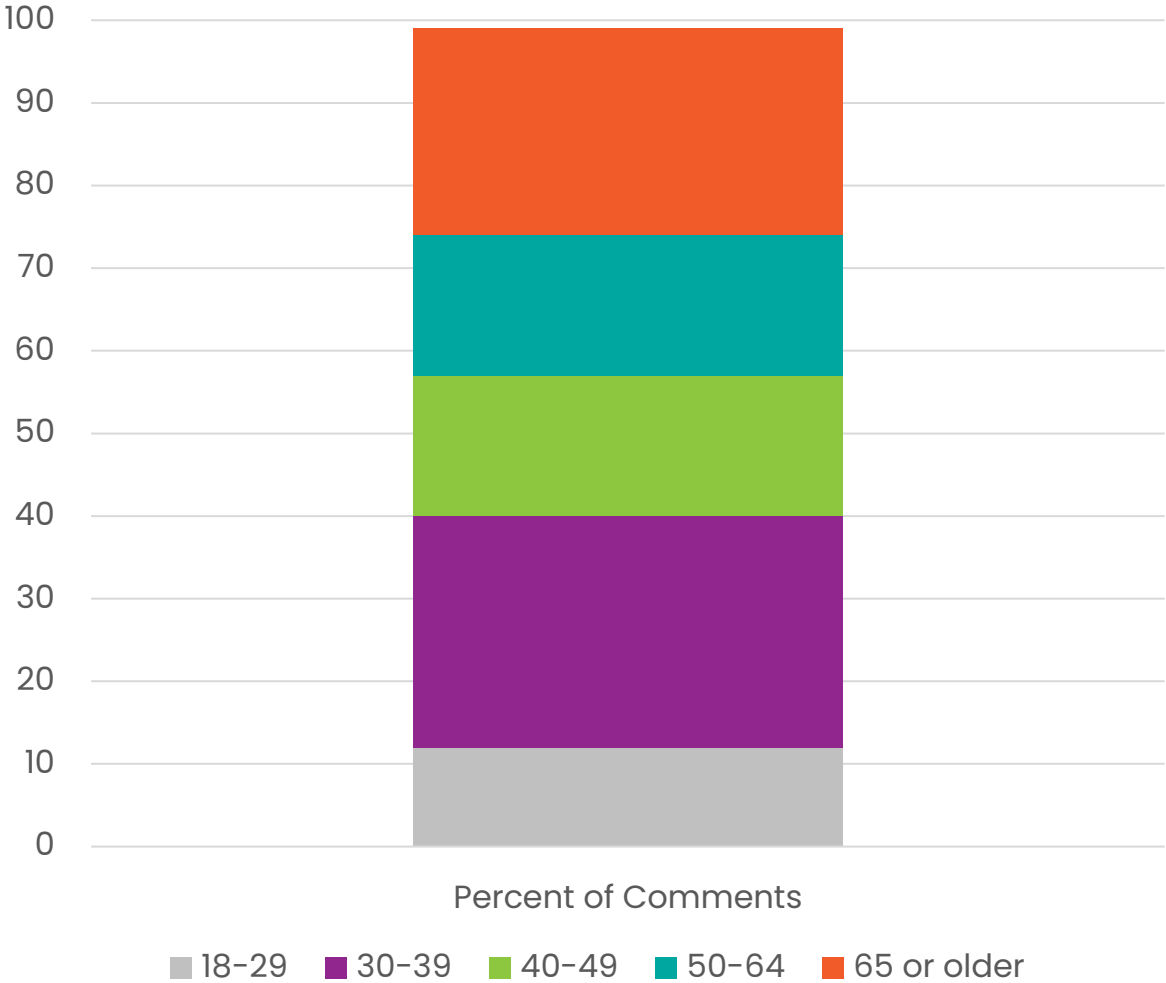
**44%** Male

**16%** Prefer not to respond



# Engagement Hub Comments

**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.





# Thank You!

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