



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, March 12, 2026 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, 98101**

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair

### 2. Communications and Public Comment

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

### 3. Report of the Chair

### 4. Director's Report

### 5. Consent Agenda - Action Items (9:50)

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held February 12, 2026
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Puyallup and Renton
- d. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Woodinville's SR 202 Widening and Trestle Replacement Project

**6. Action Item (9:55)**

- a. 2026 Project Tracking and Delivery: Supplemental Funding Action – *Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

**7. Discussion Item (10:25)**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan: Public Comments and Plan Refinements – *Kelly McGourty & Ben Bakkenta, PSRC*

**8. Discussion Item (11:05)**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Performance Dashboard – *Craig Helmann, PSRC*

**9. Information Items**

- a. General Assembly Save the Date – May 28
- b. 2026 Transportation Work Program Tracker
- c. VISION2050 Award Nomination – Flyer
- d. Summer Planning Academy (SPA) 2026 – Flyer
- e. Addressing Underserved Communities 2026 - Flyer

**10. Next Meeting: April 9, 2026, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Major Topics for April:

- Regional Transportation Plan Recommendation
- Project Tracking and Delivery

**11. Adjourn (11:30)**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

**Transportation Policy Board  
February 12, 2026  
1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to <https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Mayor Dana Ralph. Mayor Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would be 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 to the meeting live.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment provided.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mayor Ralph welcomed new members and noted the significant amount of work and outreach efforts conducted to date on development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She also encouraged board members to sign on to a letter in support of funding maintenance, preservation and ferries in the state supplemental budget process.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, highlighted the milestones in the RTP development process and the agenda items to be discussed. She then introduced Robin Koskey, PSRC's Director of Government Relations and Communications, who provided a report on federal and state legislative activities.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 8, 2026
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plan for Des Moines

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Zarlingo/Kwon) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

### **ACTION ITEM: PROJECT TRACKING POLICIES: PROPOSED REVISIONS**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, provided background on PSRC's funding and project tracking policies and processes. She then described specific project tracking policies that are in place to address the annual delivery requirements for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds.

Ms. Barnes then discussed two proposed revisions to the FHWA project tracking policies: (1) the administrative transfer of PSRC funds between phases and (2) the process by which an increase in the federal share of awarded phases may be considered.

Regarding the first policy, the current limit for administrative transfer of PSRC funds between phases is \$50,000. Ms. Barnes reviewed the rationale for the existing policy and the discussion held by the Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC), which included an acknowledgment of overall increased project costs. The RPEC recommendation is to increase the allowable amount to \$100,000.

Regarding the second policy, currently, only the phase cost provided at the time of award is considered when evaluating a project's capacity to receive an increase in their federal share, and cost increases are not considered. Increases in the federal share of projects are awarded during the annual rebalancing process to achieve the region's FHWA delivery target, as needed. Ms. Barnes reviewed the rationale for the existing policy and the discussion held by RPEC regarding a potential revision. The RPEC recommendation is to allow consideration of increased phase cost estimates in the process, up to a limit of 20% of the original cost estimate or \$750,000, whichever is smaller.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Arnold/Root) to recommend approval of the updates to the Project Tracking Policies for PSRC's Federal Funds. The motion passed.**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM: PROJECT TRACKING POLICIES: POTENTIAL BRIDGE FUNDING PILOT PROGRAM**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, described a pilot program concept by which PSRC could support bridge funding needs in the region. Ms. McGourty described the proposal for the potential pilot program, which would be a two-year pilot beginning with the four counties and focused on strategic maintenance and preservation projects that would replace or extend the life of a bridge. If the pilot program were successful, it would be

opened to cities throughout the region. To fund the pilot, the proposal is to incorporate it into PSRC's annual rebalancing process to achieve the FHWA delivery target. Specifically, funding would be part of any necessary supplemental funding action, after other awarded projects have received an increase in their federal shares. In addition, PSRC staff propose a new work program item to dive deeper into bridge condition data and priority needs.

PSRC staff have discussed the concept for the pilot with RPEC and received preliminary feedback. There was preliminary support for the concept and for PSRC to work with RPEC and other partners over the two-year pilot period to develop more specific parameters should the program be continued and expanded into the future.

TPB feedback will be taken to RPEC for further discussion at their February meeting, and a potential action could be requested at the March TPB meeting if the pilot moves forward.

Board members shared their support of the pilot program. Comments included the value of peer-to-peer sharing of information, identifying bridges that are most vulnerable, and interest in seeing the bridges brought forward and corresponding data from the pilot.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRELIMINARY PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, provided a reminder on the work conducted to date to develop the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the board-identified key priorities. Mr. Bakkenta described the public outreach conducted prior to the formal public comment period and provided a summary of early public feedback. Noah Boggess, PSRC, provided a summary of the comments received during the public comment period that was held between December 15 and February 2. The number of respondents, demographic information of the respondents, and a sampling of comments were reviewed. Mr. Boggess described next steps, which include processing all comments and identifying any technical corrections and comments to be elevated for board review. Detailed information will be shared with the board at the March meeting. Final revisions to the plan will be completed prior to adoption at the General Assembly in May.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2026.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – February 12, 2026

Transportation Policy Board - February 12, 2026				5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Teresa Mosqueda		<b>Associate Members</b>	
		CM Steffanie Fain	1	Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck	1		1
		CM Dionne Foster Alt		<b>Public Agency Members</b>	
Bellevue	1	CM Jared Nieuwenhuis		Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		DEP MYR Dave Hamilton Alt	1		1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		CM Jay Arnold, Kirkland	1		
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1		1
		CP Ruth Pérez, Renton Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
		DEP CP Barb de Michele, Issaquah Alt	1		1
Local Transit	1	CM Claudia Balducci	1	<b>PSRC Committees</b>	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root	1		1
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1		1
		Vacant Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, <b>Vice-Chair</b>			1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton, Alt		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>	
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Rosie Ayala	1	WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt			1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt			1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Shannon Reynolds, Fircrest		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>	
		CM Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership exp. 10/31/27	1
Local Transit	1	CM Olgy Diaz, Tacoma			1
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma, Alt		Individual exp. 5/31/28	1
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead		Non-voting	14
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			10
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek	1		
		CM Yvonne Gallardo, Arlington, Alt	1		
Local Transit	1	CM Susan Paine, Edmonds	1		
		CM David Parshall, Lynnwood, Alt			
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1		
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant			
		Robert Barandon Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt			
<b>Statutory Members</b>					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle			
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Gael Tarleton	1		
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		JoAnn Schueler Alt			
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant		Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		CP Council President	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Liias, D		COM Commissioner	
		Vacant Alt		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		SEN Keith Goehner, R		MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	20	REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	24	SEN Senator	



## Puget Sound Regional Council

March 5, 2026

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **IN BRIEF**

Four agencies submitted five 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.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of 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 summarizes the actions 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**

Kitsap Transit is requesting a redistribution of \$4,106,044 of PSRC's FTA funds from the *Bus and OTR Coach Purchase (23-24)* project to the *SR 16 Park & Ride* project. The redistribution is needed to offset increased construction costs for the park & ride project that has resulted from market changes. This project is starting construction in 2026 including wetland mitigation needed to meet regulatory requirements. The redistribution will also correct an administrative error in FTA's Transit Award Management System. The scope of the *Bus and OTR Coach Purchase (23-24)* project will remain the same; local funds will be used to offset the redistribution so that the total number of buses purchased does not change.

This redistribution was found to be consistent with PSRC's project tracking policies and was reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Operations Committee at their meeting on February 25, 2026.

**Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions**

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

5307 (Urban)	FTA Urbanized Area Formula Grants
5339	FTA Bus and Bus Facilities program
MAW	State Move Ahead Washington account
MVA	State Motor Vehicle Account
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at [jbarnes@psrc.org](mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org) or 206-389-2876.

**ATTACHMENT**

- A. Exhibit A - Projects Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP

Month: March

## Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP

Year: 2026

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. Kitsap Transit	<b>SR 16 Park and Ride</b>  Existing project receiving redistributed funds for a park-and-ride lot on SR 16 with bus loading and at least 150 vehicle parking stalls. Work also includes shelters, bicycle storage, pedestrian features, and lighting. Project is funded with federal funds using state toll credits as local match.	\$3,809,494	Federal 5307(Urban)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$296,550	Federal 5339				
		\$4,106,044	Total				
2. Maple Valley	<b>SR 169 Pedestrian Bridge at SE 258th Street</b>  Existing project adding funds to a preliminary engineering phase and programming a new construction phase for a pedestrian bridge over SR 169 at SE 258th Street, connecting at-grade sidewalks with ADA ramps on both sides.	\$14,372,000	State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,060,000	Local				
		\$15,432,000	Total				
3. Seattle	<b>Central Area Neighborhood Greenways</b>  New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases for neighborhood greenway improvements in Seattle Central Area. Improvements will include high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian activated flashing beacons, stop-signs, ADA curb ramps, and bicycle wayfinding signs and markings.	\$5,151,000	State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$2,607,023	Local				
		\$7,758,023	Total				
4. WSDOT Northwest Region	<b>SR 99/238th St SW to 148th St SW Vic - Paving &amp; ADA Compliance</b>  New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases for grind and inlay of SR 99 and ADA ramp improvements. This is a multi-year project and the programming represents the funds available in the span of the current TIP.	\$11,452,445	MAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$11,452,445	Total				
5. WSDOT Northwest Region	<b>SR 532/Stillaguamish River to 72nd Ave NW Vic-Paving &amp; ADA</b>  New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases for mill and fill of SR 532 and ADA ramp improvements.	\$11,501,967	Federal STBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$400,291	MVA				
		\$11,902,258	Total				



## Puget Sound Regional Council

March 5, 2026

### CONSENT AGENDA

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Puyallup and Renton**

### IN BRIEF

PSRC staff has reviewed and recommends certification of the 2024-2025 comprehensive plan updates for Puyallup and Renton.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

**The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board should recommend that the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions in the following conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan:**

- [City of Puyallup 2024 Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [City of Renton 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments](#)

The draft certification reports are available at the links provided for the board's review.

### DISCUSSION

A major emphasis of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) is the need to coordinate local, regional and state planning efforts. Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) have worked together to develop an overall process for reviewing local, countywide, regional and transit agency policies and plans for compatibility and consistency.

Consistent with [PSRC's plan review process](#), PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan and now recommends certification of the following adopted comprehensive plan:

- **Puyallup** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on July 22, 2025. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in February 2025.
- **Renton** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on November 26, 2024. PSRC conditionally certified the plan in June 2025, pending additional amendments to the transportation element. The city provided draft amendments for review and adopted amendments on December 1, 2025.

The comprehensive plan was reviewed in accordance with the adopted plan review process using PSRC's [Plan Review Manual](#) and [VISION 2050 consistency tool](#). The plan was found to be substantially consistent with VISION 2050 (the multicounty planning policies) and the Regional Transportation Plan and to conform to transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. PSRC staff coordinated with jurisdictional staff in the review of the plan and the development of the certification report.

The adopted plan review process calls for the Executive Board to take certification action on comprehensive plans on recommendation from the Growth Management and Transportation Policy Boards. Options for Executive Board action are to:

- Certify that the plan is consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan and conforms to Growth Management Act requirements for transportation planning, or
- Conditionally certify that the plan addresses most provisions of regional plans and policies and the Growth Management Act, with a requirement that a limited set of outstanding issues be addressed prior to full certification, or
- Do not certify.

Based on previous board direction, jurisdictions with plans that are certified or conditionally certified are then eligible to apply for PSRC funding or proceed with any project submitted into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

### **Renton 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

PSRC conditionally certified the City of Renton's 2024 periodic update of the city's comprehensive plan on June 26, 2025. The 2024 adopted transportation element included updated goals and policies but did not include complete, up-to-date information on the transportation system.

The city amended its comprehensive plan in December 2025 to include all remaining required components of the transportation element, including mapped inventories, a travel forecast, a long-range project list and a financing plan.

PSRC staff reviewed the draft and adopted transportation plan element and found the amended element to be consistent with certification requirements. Certification of the 2025 comprehensive plan amendments would resolve all requirements identified in the conditions.

## **NEXT STEPS**

The Growth Management Policy Board reviewed the plans and recommended certification at its February meeting. The Executive Board will consider the boards' recommendation at its March meeting. Additional certifications will be brought forward for consideration at future board meetings.

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at [pinghram@psrc.org](mailto:pinghram@psrc.org) or Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, at [lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org).



## Puget Sound Regional Council

March 5, 2026

### CONSENT AGENDA

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for City of Woodinville’s SR 202 Widening and Trestle Replacement Project**

### IN BRIEF

The City of Woodinville has submitted a request to change the status of the *SR 202 Widening and Trestle Replacement* project from “Candidate” to “Approved” in the Regional Transportation Plan. Per PSRC’s adopted procedures, requests to change project status require board action.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board authorization of a change to the Regional Transportation Plan project status for the City of Woodinville’s *SR 202 Widening and Trestle Replacement* project from “Candidate” to “Approved.”

### DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan contains policies requiring PSRC’s Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan are designated as Candidate, Approved or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan and/or other planning requirements. A project’s status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval

criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final signatures on its environmental documentation but has completed all other requirements, the Executive Board may grant Conditional Approval. Once the final details have been completed, staff has the authority to grant a project full Approval status administratively, thereby saving the project sponsor several weeks of delay.

This project will widen SR 202 (131<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE) between NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 177<sup>th</sup> Place from five lanes to eight, replace an existing railroad bridge with a pedestrian bridge, improve existing pedestrian facilities along SR 202, and construct a new multi-use trail from the Sammamish River Trail to the extension of 133rd Avenue NE.

Table 1 provides additional details on the project, including the criteria used to review the project for the requested status change.

<b>Review Criteria</b>	<b>SR 202 Widening and Trestle Replacement</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$22,426,089
<b>Consistency with Regional Policies</b>	This project has been determined to be consistent with regional policies.
<b>Benefit-Cost Analysis</b>	A cost-benefit analysis is not required because the total project cost is below \$100,000,000.
<b>Environmental Documentation</b>	NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) was issued November 2025.
<b>Other Planning Requirements</b>	<p>King County Parks Special Use Permit for connecting the multiuse trail to the Sammamish River Trail is anticipated to be approved March 2026.</p> <p>Interlocal Agreement with King County Metro to include bus stop improvements within the project area anticipated to be initiated in March 2026.</p> <p>Interlocal Agreement with Woodinville Water District to install sewer replacement along project corridor anticipated to be initiated March 2026.</p> <p>WSDOT Right-of-Way Certification anticipated to be approved March 2026. WSDOT PS&amp;E Approval and Construction Permit anticipated to be approved April 2026.</p>
<b>Financial Feasibility</b>	The project is fully funded with \$7,676,089 of local funds, \$12,250,000 of state funds, and \$2,500,000 of federal funds for a total project cost of \$22,426,089 in 2027 year of expenditure dollars.

<b>Air Quality Conformity</b>	Approving this project will not change the region's air quality conformity determination.
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For additional information, please contact Mitch Koch, Associate Planner, at [mkoch@psrc.org](mailto:mkoch@psrc.org) or 206-464-7537.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

March 5, 2026

### **ACTION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board  
**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** **2026 Project Tracking and Delivery: Supplemental Funding Action**

### **IN BRIEF**

A requirement to meet an annual delivery target for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds has been in place since 2013. PSRC's adopted project tracking policies identify the procedures to be followed when there is a risk the target will not be met, including the development of a supplemental funding action. Information available to date indicates that there may be a gap to the 2026 delivery target and a supplemental funding action required.

Per the adopted PSRC Project Tracking Policies, early action on increasing the federal share of previously awarded projects is being requested to streamline the processing and approval timeframes and expedite use of the funding to help meet the region's delivery target. Additional project delivery actions will be requested in April, including project extension requests and implementation of the proposed bridge funding pilot program. At their meeting on March 12, the Transportation Policy Board will be briefed on the current status of the region's delivery target and next steps.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve a supplemental funding action to increase the federal shares for projects awarded PSRC's 2026 FHWA funds.

### **DISCUSSION**

PSRC has been monitoring the progress of projects awarded PSRC's federal funds through a project tracking program first implemented in 2000. The adopted project tracking policies are designed to ensure the timely use of PSRC funds and to increase the delivery of transportation investments that support the region's long-range plans. The project tracking program has evolved over the years to ensure the successful delivery of projects by addressing issues of delayed projects and the potential risk of losing unused funding. This evolution has included responding to the annual delivery target requirement begun in 2013 for all regions of the state. Regions must meet their delivery target for each year's FHWA funds or risk losing the unused portion of funds to other parts of the state.

To recognize the increased emphasis on project delivery, PSRC's project tracking policies provide a firm obligation deadline of June 1 each year, with the possibility of a one-time extension to the next federal fiscal year. In addition, the policies include a suite of strategies to be implemented when there are not enough projects able to deliver in a given year and additional measures need to be taken to meet the required annual delivery target. This includes increasing the federal share of awarded projects.

Per PSRC's project tracking policies, extension requests for projects with 2026 delivery are currently under review by PSRC, the Washington State Department of Transportation, the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee and the chairs of the four countywide transportation forums. Request for board action on the one-year extension requests will occur in April. These extensions create a substantial gap in the current year's overall delivery.

In addition, there are three projects that received an extension in 2025 for which an exception to PSRC policies is being requested. These requests are also under review and will be brought to the board in April. Regardless of the outcome, these projects will also impact overall 2026 delivery, as will several projects that returned PSRC funding, either due to project cancellations, cost savings or other reasons.

The final 2026 delivery target is still uncertain as PSRC awaits the region's 2026 federal allocations. This data is the last piece to determine how large a delivery gap remains to be filled, accounting for the impacts described above. However, PSRC has begun the process to address the anticipated delivery gap based on the adopted project tracking policies, including identifying projects with later years' funding that can advance to 2026. Based upon the information available to date and a preliminary assumption of 2026 allocations, a supplemental funding action is presumed necessary to achieve the delivery target. Per adopted policies, an increase in the federal share of currently awarded 2026 projects is therefore warranted.

### **Supplemental Funding Action**

At the March 12 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will be asked to recommend a supplemental funding action to increase the federal shares of projects awarded 2026 funds. Early action is requested to streamline the processing and approval timeframes

and expedite the use of these funds to support the 2026 delivery target. Per adopted procedures, an equal amount of funding will be applied to all projects based on the total amount necessary to fill the delivery gap. The amount per project can be no more than the maximum federal share allowable, and once a project has reached this maximum any remaining funds will be uniformly distributed to other projects that still have capacity to accept additional federal funds. New for 2026 and per recent board discussions, any remaining amount required to meet the gap after a majority of projects have reached their maximum federal share is proposed to be applied to a new bridge funding pilot program, rather than to larger scale projects with a higher capacity for additional federal funding.

The final 2026 delivery target is anticipated to be released in the coming weeks. While the final figure is pending, staff requests approval by the board to move forward with increasing the federal shares of currently awarded projects as described above. Action in March will allow for streamlined processing and approval timeframes and expedite use of the funding to help meet the region's delivery target by the required deadline. Attachment A identifies the available federal funding capacity for each project currently awarded PSRC's 2026 FHWA funds. These figures are the absolute maximum any project may receive. Once the final delivery target and gap is determined, staff will report back to the board with information on the actual level of increase each project has received.

In addition, staff will follow up with the level of funding – if available – for the bridge funding pilot program. In April, the board will be asked to take action on a specific list of county bridge projects to receive this funding. Also in April, the board will be asked to approve the requested project extensions and exceptions as noted earlier.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at [jbarnes@psrc.org](mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org) or 206-389-2876.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### A. Federal Share Capacities of PSRC 2026 FHWA Projects

## ATTACHMENT A: Federal Share Capacities of PSRC 2026 FHWA Projects

Sponsor	Project Title	Original PSRC Award	Increased Federal Share Capacity
Arlington	180th Street Roundabout	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 1,445,975
Auburn	C Street SW Preservation (GSA Signal to Ellingson Rd)	\$ 865,000	\$ 161,000
Auburn	1st Street NE/NW and N Division Street Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 420,000	\$ 139,125
Bainbridge Island	Lynwood Center Road Non-Motorized Improvements Project	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 38,000
Bellevue	Eastrail to NE Spring Boulevard Trail Link	\$ 4,900,000	\$ 797,800
Bellevue	SE Eastgate Way Sidewalk	\$ 1,068,500	\$ 249,225
Bremerton	SR 303 Adaptive Signals (Sheridan to Riddell)	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 67,348
Community Transit	Transit Revenue Vehicles 2023-2026	\$ 6,330,000	\$ 1,300,000
Edmonds	Olympic View Dr. from 196th St. SW to Talbot St.	\$ 700,000	\$ 684,500
Everett	California Street Ped/Bike Corridor Phase 2	\$ 1,130,000	\$ 20,450
Federal Way	Pacific Highway Non-Motorized Trail Phase 3 (S 288th St to north city limits)	\$ 600,000	\$ 92,000
King County	Issaquah-Hobart Rd SE and SE May Valley Rd Intersection Improvement	\$ 545,000	\$ 925,500
Kitsap County	Ridgetop - Mickelberry to Myhre	\$ 4,872,500	\$ 419,172
Lakewood	112th Street S - S Tacoma Way to Steele Street S	\$ 707,143	\$ 308,006
Lynnwood	44th Ave W Underpass Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project	\$ 1,370,000	\$ 2,282,950
Marysville	88th St NE Phase 1 (State Ave to 55th Ave NE)	\$ 2,597,500	\$ 3,664,890
King County	King County Metro Zero Emission Ferry Replacement Project	\$ 1,730,000	\$ 29,194
Monroe	North Kelsey Overlay	\$ 696,481	\$ 395,890
Newcastle	2026 Pavement Management Program	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,036,353
Pierce County	Canyon Road E Asphalt Overlay	\$ 725,363	\$ 909,847
Pierce County	Nisqually Road SW	\$ 976,010	\$ 1,069,715
Port of Seattle	North Bound Airport Expressway Preservation	\$ 698,500	\$ 322,200
Seattle	Graham Street Station Access & Complete Street	\$ 3,752,835	\$ 77,242
Seattle	West Seattle Link Extension Station Access Improvements	\$ 5,465,000	\$ 300,225
Snohomish County	Center Rd Pedestrian Improvements: 10 Ave W to 8 Ave W	\$ 458,722	\$ 26,050
SeaTac	Airport Station Area Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 3,995,000	\$ 10,721,633
Sultan	US-2 / Main Street Roundabout	\$ 480,000	\$ 39,000
Tacoma	E Portland Ave (64-72) Overlay	\$ 750,000	\$ 158,250
Tacoma	South 38th Street & South Cedar Street: Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$ 945,819	\$ 144,912
Tulalip Tribes	Marine Drive / Hermosa Heights Safety Improvements project	\$ 618,833	\$ 35,461
University Place	67th Avenue Improvements Phase 1	\$ 2,875,400	\$ 577,383
University Place	70th Ave Improvements Ph 2	\$ 603,500	\$ 152,650
University Place	Cirque Dr Overlay Project	\$ 638,363	\$ 36,337
University Place	40th Street	\$ 561,000	\$ 113,138
		<b>Total \$</b>	<b>28,741,421</b>



## Puget Sound Regional Council

March 5, 2026

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan: Public Comments and Plan Refinements**

### **IN BRIEF**

The public comment period for the draft Regional Transportation Plan concluded on February 2, 2026. All comments have been reviewed and a staff response developed. In addition, comments have been sorted into one of three categories: No Action Taken, Technical Correction or Board Input.

At the March 12 Transportation Policy Board meeting, staff will report on the comments received, the categorization process and next steps. The board will then begin discussions of any final plan refinements, to be concluded in April.

### **DISCUSSION**

The draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was made available for public review and comment between December 15, 2025 and February 2, 2026. As a reminder, Attachment A is a brief summary of the work conducted to develop the draft plan prior to its release for public comment. Submissions were received by 61 respondents, resulting in 332 unique comments. Staff has reviewed and categorized all comments received, organized in a summary matrix that was posted on PSRC's [RTP Engagement Hub](#) and shared with the Transportation Policy Board on February 26.

At the meeting on March 12, staff will provide a summary of the public comments received as well as the categorization and staff responses. In particular, those comment themes elevated for Board Input will be reviewed for board discussion. These themes all relate to future PSRC work programs on the topics of rural transportation issues,

emerging transportation technologies and continued improvements to performance monitoring and measurement.

In consideration of the comprehensive discussions to date on development of the draft plan and the further information provided through the public comment process, the Transportation Policy Board was asked to submit any additional proposed plan refinements to PSRC by March 4. No proposed refinements were submitted.

The board will discuss final edits to the draft plan at their meetings on March 12 and April 9, when a recommendation to the Executive Board to adopt the final RTP is scheduled. If necessary, formal action on individual amendments or combined categories of actions will be processed via board member motions. The Executive Board is scheduled to take action at their April 28 meeting to recommend that the General Assembly adopt the final RTP at their meeting on May 28, 2026.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org) or 206-971-3601, or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at [bbakkenta@psrc.org](mailto:bbakkenta@psrc.org) or 206-971-3286.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### A. Summary of RTP Development

## SUMMARY OF RTP DEVELOPMENT

Work to develop the 2026-2050 Regional Transportation Plan began in February 2024.

PSRC's Transportation Policy and Executive Boards identified key priorities guiding development of the plan, including:

- Safety
- Climate
- Equity
- Transit & Accessibility
- Recognize Diverse Needs and Community Context
- Maintenance & Preservation
- Decarbonize the System
- Financial Strategy
- Ferry System Service & Reliability

Data collection on the current transportation system was conducted throughout 2024 and the board began detailed discussions on the plan's potential financial strategy. A scope of work reflecting current policy priorities was adopted in December 2024.

## NEW FEATURES AND EXPANDED OUTREACH

- ✓ Reflecting a unique moment in time, the investments submitted into the draft plan are based on *newly updated comprehensive plans, current transit plans and a new State Highway System Plan*, reflecting the most current assessment of transportation needs and costs moving forward.
- ✓ The *plan consistency framework* addressed by each Regional Capacity Project submitted into the plan was updated to reflect current state of the practice.
- ✓ The board spent many months throughout both 2024 and 2025 discussing and reassessing the plan's *financial strategy*, including how and at what level new revenues should be considered.
- ✓ As part of that reassessment, the board directed analysis of *four plan scenarios* representing different levels of investment and different levels of needed revenues.
- ✓ Extensive *public outreach and engagement* was conducted throughout the process, including community tabling events, seven regional public meetings and an online survey and feedback opportunity via the [RTP Engagement Hub](#).
  - ❖ *Public feedback informed the ultimate plan scenario selected to move forward into the draft plan.*
  - ❖ Materials were made available on the Hub throughout the process, including new *Current Transportation System* and *Future Transportation System* reports and visualization tools
- ✓ The new *Regional Safety Action Plan* adopted in May 2025 and the new *Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan* completed in November 2025 informed and are incorporated into the new RTP.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

March 5, 2026

### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan Performance Dashboard**

### IN BRIEF

The current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adopted in 2022 included an action item to develop a performance monitoring dashboard of key plan metrics. This dashboard was developed in coordination with the Transportation Policy Board and first released in January of 2023. A commitment was made to update the dashboard and report to the board on an annual basis. Staff will brief the Transportation Policy Board on the current update of the dashboard at their meeting on March 12.

### DISCUSSION

An online dashboard of data trends related to several key RTP performance measures was first released in January of 2023. These measures include emissions, safety, active transportation, vehicle miles traveled and transit ridership. The dashboard is updated as data becomes available, with a commitment to annual reports to the Transportation Policy Board.

PSRC continues to monitor data trends on metrics relevant to implementation of VISION 2050 and the RTP. The current version of the [RTP Performance Dashboard](#) includes the following metrics:

- Shares of hybrid and electric vehicles in the region
- Total and per capita vehicle miles traveled
- Work from home percentages
- Traffic-related deaths and serious injuries
- Housing and job growth
- Transit boardings
- Walk and bike to work shares
- Travel time and delay

Staff will review the dashboard at the March 12 Transportation Policy Board meeting and discuss ongoing data collection and update efforts.

For more information, please contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at [chelmann@psrc.org](mailto:chelmann@psrc.org) or 206-389-2889.

# 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Save the Date



Thursday, May 28, 2026

10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Seattle Convention  
Center – Summit  
900 Pine St,  
Seattle, WA 98101

This annual meeting is a key opportunity for members to vote on major decisions, including the adoption of PSRC’s budget and the election of officers. **All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers from PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes are eligible to vote** and are strongly encouraged to attend. We ask that at least one elected official from your jurisdiction participate to help establish a quorum.

**We look forward to gathering with you—please save the date!**

**Registration will open in early April.**



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## PSRC 2026 Transportation Work Program

Activity	Progress
<b>2026 Regional Transportation Plan</b>	
Public Comment Period	<i>Concluded</i>
Development of Final Plan	March-April 2026
ACTION ON FINAL PLAN	April board recommendation; May General Assembly action
<b>PSRC Funding</b>	
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program competition	In process; January - May 2026
Transportation Alternatives Program competition	In process; February - May 2026
Review of next process and new requirements	In process; est. Q1 - Q3 2026
Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds	Adoption January 2027
Annual FTA adjustments process	Pending 2026 federal allocations
Consolidated Grant Program regional rankings process	Overall process will run throughout 2026; board review of rankings December 2026 for action in January 2027
<b>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</b>	
Monthly TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Project Tracking and annual rebalancing process	In process; March-April 2026 action
<b>Safety</b>	
Ongoing member agency support / partnerships / convenings	Concepts and discussions in process, anticipated Q3 - Q4 2026
Annual data collection	Q3 2026
<b>Climate</b>	
Regional partnerships:	
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration / Regional EV Plan	Ongoing; REV Plan under development / PSCAA lead

Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan - Implementation	tbd
Puget Sound Climate Preparedness Collaborative	Ongoing / monthly
C2ES South-Central Puget Sound Climate Communities Accelerator Program	In process; year 2 activities tbd
<b>Transit Access</b>	
Regional Transit Access Assessment	In progress; anticipated completion Q2 2026, member outreach Q3 2026
<b>Performance Measures and Dashboard</b>	
RTP Dashboard updates and data collection	Ongoing
Annual Board briefings	March 2026
Federal performance targets	Ongoing, regular update cycles
<b>RTP Implementation</b>	
Future work programs per action items in the RTP	tbd
<b>Potential Future Board Briefings</b>	
Emerging technologies	Transit planning updates
Washington State Ferries	I-5 Master Plan and Cascadia High Speed Rail
Revive I-5	Other projects, emerging topics
FIFA World Cup	
<b>Other / Ongoing Work</b>	

TIP database & web application system upgrade  
 Federal certification process  
 Transit plan reviews  
 PSRC transportation staff advisory committees:  
     Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
     Transit Operators Committee  
     Freight Advisory Committee  
 Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee  
     Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.psrc.org)

# 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)!



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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](http://www.psrc.org/our-work/summer-planning-academy) or scan the QR code.

Questions? Email us at [spa@psrc.org](mailto:spa@psrc.org).





# Joint Board Session On Addressing Underserved Communities In Our Region

Thursday, April 30  
10:00 AM — 12:00 PM  
Hybrid Meeting

PSRC hosted four joint board sessions focused on underserved communities in 2021 – 2023. A new series is planned, and the first session will revisit the importance of building inclusive and resilient communities with opportunity for all in the Puget Sound region. Designed for both new and returning board members and their staff, the session will provide a timely refresher to support the development of effective strategies for today’s political climate. All PSRC board members are highly encouraged to attend.

RSVP information coming soon.

