

Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment and Plan Refinement

Transportation Policy Board
March 12, 2026



Puget Sound Regional Council

Today's Discussion

- Report out on public comment process
- Number and themes of comments received
- Staff processing and categorization
- Comments for Board Input
- Plan refinement schedule



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	County 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



Categorization

- All comments have been reviewed and classified as:
 - No Action Taken
 - Technical Correction
 - Requires Board Input
- Comprehensive spreadsheet including classifications and PSRC staff response posted to the RTP Engagement Hub

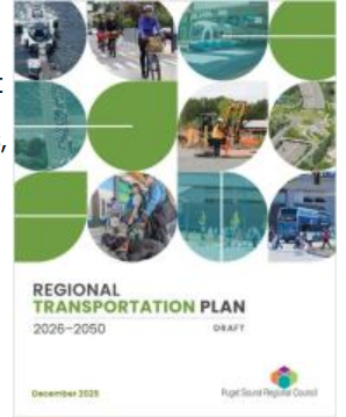
We've heard from you!

Throughout 2025, PSRC staff conducted detailed analyses of our current and future transportation network and collected feedback at board and committee meetings, community meetings, open houses, focus groups, interviews, public surveys, and direct outreach.

A draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was developed and published for a public comment period that extended from December 15, 2025, through February 2, 2026.

You can review what we heard, along with PSRC responses, in a comment summary table that breaks out individual comments by type:

[View the Comment Summary Table \[PDF/2.9MB\]](#)



Summary Table

Draft Regional Transportation Plan Public Comments – Revised 3/10/26

ID	Name	Affiliation	Comment	Comment Category	Response
DE8.33	Andrew Singelakis	City of Bellevue	<p>Future Transportation System Report: pg.31□ There is no mention of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning which are two transformative technologies. It seems that there should be some acknowledgement of these technologies and their potential.</p>	Board Input	The Board will be asked to consider adding a future PSRC work program on evolving transportation technology.
DE8.46	Andrew Singelakis	City of Bellevue	<p>Attached to this letter, Bellevue Intergovernmental Policy Advisor Lacey Jane Wolfe submitted a list of technical comments. In addition to those technical comments, Bellevue requests PSRC's expertise related to autonomous vehicles (AV). Autonomous vehicles present potential benefits, but realizing them requires proactive, coordinated local leadership with clear, consistent frameworks to protect safety, sustainability, and livability. As part of the 2026 RTP Work Program, the City of Bellevue encourages PSRC to create a regional forum focused on AV regulations and emerging mobility technologies. Such a forum could bring cities together to coordinate approaches, share best practices, and advance a unified regulatory framework, helping prevent inconsistent or preemptive policies driven solely by industry deployment. Shared autonomous vehicles highly impact dense urban areas, and managing operational impacts will fall to local transportation jurisdictions, not state or federal agencies. Proactive regional coordination will ensure that AV adoption aligns with safety, equity, and mobility objectives while supporting local planning authority, traffic enforcement and emergency response. PSRC is the ideal agency to host this forum, given your past work on electric vehicles and your focus on convening stakeholders and providing technical support. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments. We ask that you consider the above request and Bellevue's technical comments as you move toward RTP adoption in May.</p>	Board Input	The Board will be asked to consider adding a future PSRC work program regarding a regional forum on autonomous vehicles.



Comment Themes

- Active Transportation – 11
- Climate and Environment – 26
- Funding – 26
- General / Other – 130
- Roads and Maintenance – 33
- Safety – 29
- Technology – 5
- Transit – 72



Technical and Administrative Corrections

86 Technical Corrections

- Clarifications
- Minor corrections



PSRC Administrative Corrections

- Clarity
- Minor corrections



Board Input

15 comments flagged for Board Input

3 themes:

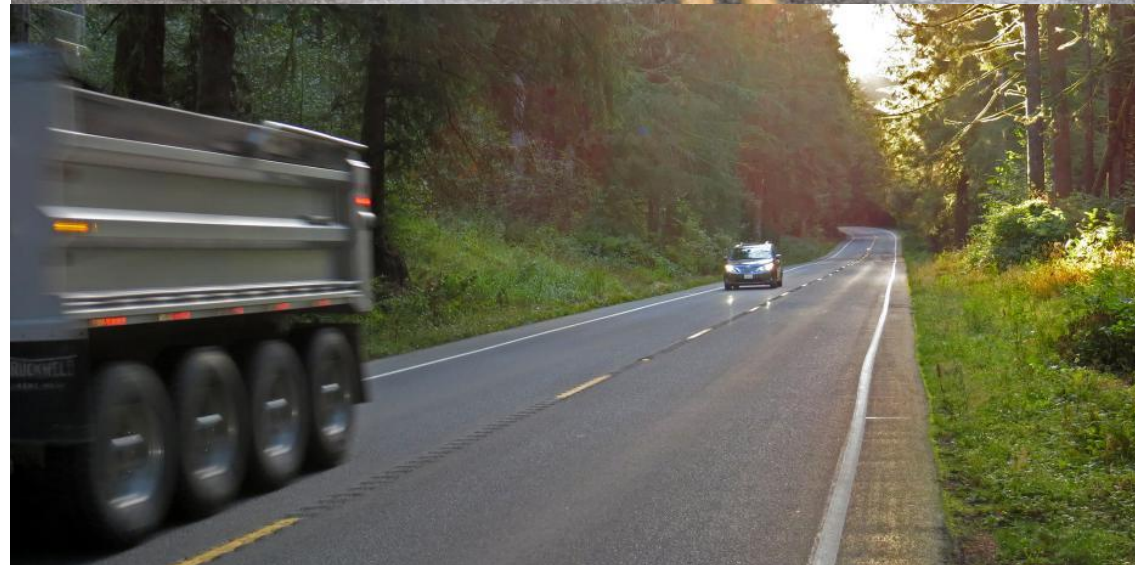
- Rural transportation issues
- Ongoing performance measurement and monitoring
- Transportation technologies

Staff proposal = Future PSRC work program on each



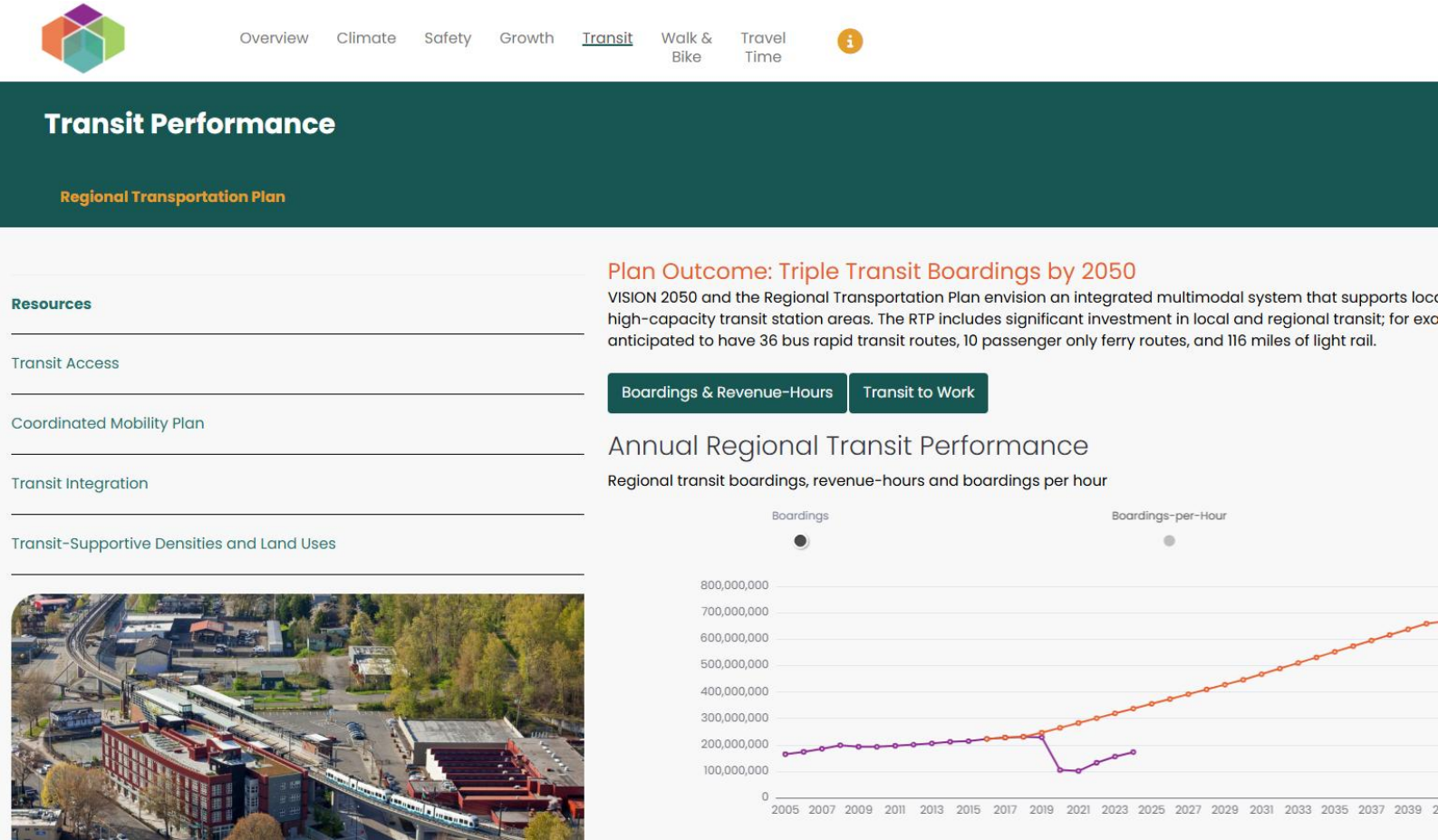
Board Input: Rural Transportation Issues

Staff to develop future work program to review and analyze current and future rural transportation issues and needs, including available infrastructure, services, and growth impacts



Board Input: Measurement and Monitoring

Staff to continue work to improve ongoing data collection, analysis and monitoring of existing and potentially new performance measures, as applicable



Board Input: Transportation Technologies



Staff to develop work program to monitor and advance emerging transportation technologies, including but not limited to, autonomous and connected vehicles



Discussion and Next Steps

- Questions / Feedback?
 - Technical corrections
 - Additional future work program items
- Markup versions reflecting changes will be posted prior to April meeting
- Board will discuss and act on plan refinements in April
- Final plan revisions will be made prior to adoption at General Assembly in May 2026



Thank You!

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