

Regional Transportation Plan Public Comments and Plan Refinements

Executive Board
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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

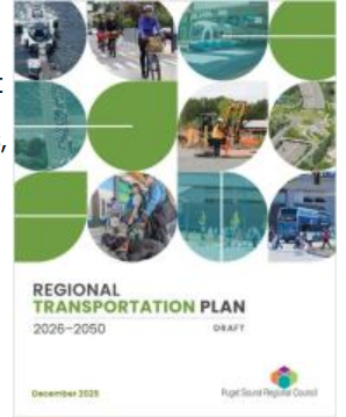
We've heard from you!

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:

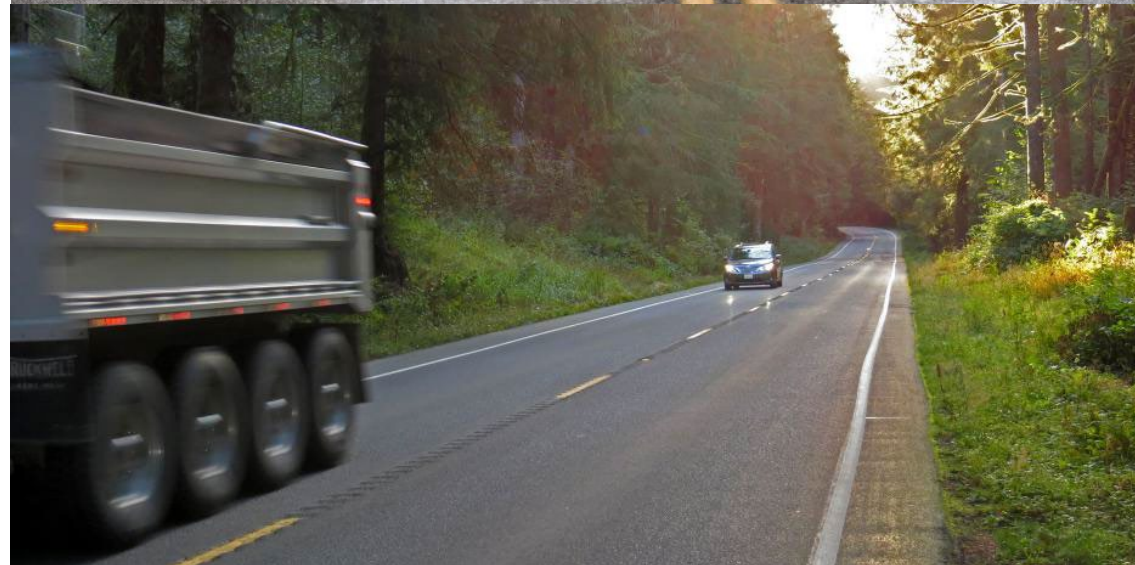
- Rural transportation issues
- Ongoing performance measurement and monitoring
- Transportation technologies

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

The screenshot shows a web dashboard titled "Transit Performance" under the "Regional Transportation Plan". The navigation bar includes "Overview", "Climate", "Safety", "Growth", "Transit", "Walk & Bike", and "Travel Time". The "Transit" section is active. On the left, there is a "Resources" sidebar with links for "Transit Access", "Coordinated Mobility Plan", "Transit Integration", and "Transit-Supportive Densities and Land Uses". Below these links is an aerial photograph of a transit station with a train. The main content area features a "Plan Outcome: Triple Transit Boardings by 2050" section, which states that VISION 2050 and the RTP envision an integrated multimodal system. Below this, there are two tabs: "Boardings & Revenue-Hours" (selected) and "Transit to Work". The main chart is titled "Annual Regional Transit Performance" and is a line graph showing "Regional transit boardings, revenue-hours and boardings per hour" from 2005 to 2050. The Y-axis represents the number of boardings, ranging from 0 to 800,000,000. The X-axis represents years from 2005 to 2050. The graph shows three data series: "Boardings" (orange line), "Boardings-per-Hour" (purple line), and "Revenue-Hours" (green line). The "Boardings" series shows a steady upward trend from approximately 150 million in 2005 to over 700 million in 2050. The "Boardings-per-Hour" series shows a slight increase from about 150,000 in 2005 to 200,000 in 2019, followed by a sharp drop to around 100,000 in 2021, and then a recovery to about 150,000 by 2023. The "Revenue-Hours" series shows a steady upward trend from approximately 150 million in 2005 to over 700 million in 2050.

Plan Outcome: Triple Transit Boardings by 2050
VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan envision an integrated multimodal system that supports local high-capacity transit station areas. The RTP includes significant investment in local and regional transit; for example, anticipated to have 36 bus rapid transit routes, 10 passenger only ferry routes, and 116 miles of light rail.

Annual Regional Transit Performance
Regional transit boardings, revenue-hours and boardings per hour

Year	Boardings	Boardings-per-Hour	Revenue-Hours
2005	150,000,000	150,000	150,000,000
2007	170,000,000	180,000	170,000,000
2009	190,000,000	200,000	190,000,000
2011	210,000,000	220,000	210,000,000
2013	230,000,000	240,000	230,000,000
2015	250,000,000	260,000	250,000,000
2017	270,000,000	280,000	270,000,000
2019	290,000,000	300,000	290,000,000
2021	310,000,000	100,000	310,000,000
2023	330,000,000	150,000	330,000,000
2025	350,000,000	180,000	350,000,000
2027	370,000,000	210,000	370,000,000
2029	390,000,000	240,000	390,000,000
2031	410,000,000	270,000	410,000,000
2033	430,000,000	300,000	430,000,000
2035	450,000,000	330,000	450,000,000
2037	470,000,000	360,000	470,000,000
2039	490,000,000	390,000	490,000,000
2050	700,000,000	500,000	700,000,000



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 Transportation Policy Board meeting
- Executive Board recommendation on final plan adoption in April
- Final plan revisions will be made prior to adoption at General Assembly in May 2026



Thank You!

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