

Regional Transportation Plan Recommendation

Transportation Policy Board

April 9, 2026



Puget Sound Regional Council

Today's Overview and Action

Today:

- Summary of Regional Transportation Plan development process
 - Key priorities, outcomes, actions
- Responding to public comments and final draft plan
- ***RECOMMENDATION!***



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2026–2050

DRAFT

Final Draft – April 2026


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Plan Priorities

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

- Safety
- Climate
- Equity
- Transit & accessibility
- Recognize diverse needs & community context
- Maintenance & preservation
- Decarbonize the system
- Financial strategy
- 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 plan consistency framework applied to all regional capacity projects
- Evaluation of four plan scenarios
- Reassessment of financial strategy
- Regional Safety Action Plan
- Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
- Project selection to follow plan adoption



Continuous Public Outreach – 2025/2026

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



New Regional Transportation Plan



Streamlined plan document

- Summary of plan results and key findings
- Actions and future work

Links and standalone documents for key plan elements



Plan Highlights

\$335 billion total cost – includes a wide mix of needed investments with a focus on maintenance and transit

- 83% of plan costs can be funded with current law revenues
- Fully funding backlog, maintaining state of good repair into the future (*60% of plan costs*)
- Significant expansion of regional and local transit networks and service
 - *116 miles of light rail, doubling of bus rapid transit routes, 90% increase in transit service hours*



Plan Highlights

Significant progress on regional priorities

- *33% growth in people and jobs by 2050*
- *20% growth in total VMT, 12% reduction in VMT per capita*
- *An almost tripling of transit trips by 2050*
- *Walking and biking trips grow 83% and 58%, respectively*
- *83% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions*



Plan Action Items

- Transportation Finance – ongoing work program to advance transportation funding options, particularly to address local needs
- Maintenance and Preservation – continued work to improve estimation methodologies and data collection
- Climate – advance implementation of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan; advance work to address climate impacts and vulnerabilities of the transportation system



Plan Action Items

- Future system gaps – explore opportunities to address gaps in the future system, e.g. addressing transit gaps in alignment with the 2030 VISION and RTP update
- Safety – advance implementation of the Regional Safety Acton Plan
- ❖ Plan also identifies future planning work “On the Horizon”



Public Comments Received

Over 60 respondents provided public comment on the plan, categorized into 332 unique comments

Comment themes include:

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



Processing of Comments

Of the 332 unique comments:

- 86 technical corrections made to the final plan
 - *Clarifications, minor corrections*
- 15 comments reviewed by board and resulted in new action items for future PSRC work programs
 - Rural transportation issues
 - Ongoing performance measurement and monitoring
 - Transportation technologies



PSRC Staff Support

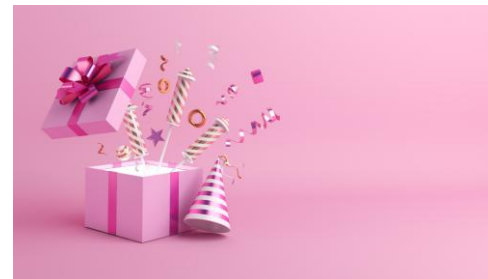
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Recommended Action

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend adoption of the 2026–2050 Regional Transportation Plan to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board is scheduled to recommend adoption at their meeting on April 23. The General Assembly is scheduled to take final action on May 28.



An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Everett, Washington. A large bridge spans across a wide body of water, connecting the city to the mainland. The city is densely packed with buildings, including residential houses and commercial structures. A marina with many boats is visible on the left side of the water. In the background, there are mountains and a clear blue sky.

Thank You!

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