



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee

Thursday, May 7, 2026 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Attend

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1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)

2. Reports (9:35)

- a. Meeting Summary for April 2, 2026*
- b. PSRC Announcements and Updates

3. Discussion Item (9:40)

- a. Bellevue Study on Air Quality Adjacent to Highways* – Justin Panganiban & Jennifer Ewing, City of Bellevue

4. Discussion Item (10:10)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Recommendation* – Kelly McGourty, PSRC

5. Discussion Item (10:30)

- a. PSCAA Climate Planning Updates* – Erica Walters & Sara Hetrick, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

6. Information Items

- a. 2026 PSRC General Assembly Save the Date Flyer*
- b. Summer Planning Academy (SPA) Flyer*

7. Next Meeting: June 4, 2026, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

8. Adjourn (11:00)

***Supporting materials attached**

For more information, contact Mikayla Svob at msvob@psrc.org.

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MEETING SUMMARY

Regional Staff Committee
Thursday, April 2, 2026
Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the [Regional Staff Committee webpage](#).

Introductions and Announcements

Kelly Snyder, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants were asked to view the meeting attendance on the “chat” feature on Zoom, and phone-in participants were asked to identify themselves verbally.

Reports

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, welcomed members and alternates and briefly reminded members to check the back of the agenda packet for information on the 2026 PSRC General Assembly and the Summer Planning Academy.

Discussion Item: Federal and State Government Relations Update

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, and Alyssa Quinn, Senior Government Relations Specialist, briefed the committee through a [Federal and State Budget and Policy Update](#) presentation. PSRC continues to track federal developments and the work of the Washington State Legislature related to regional budget and policy priorities.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Wildfire Hazard and Risk Mapping Initiative

Angela Lane, Tricia Sears, and Kara Whittaker, with the WA Department of Natural Resources, briefed the committee on an ongoing project to develop updated Wildfire Hazard and Risk information and resources for local jurisdictions.

View the [Wildland Fire Hazard and Risk Mapping](#) presentation.

For additional information, please contact Angela Lane, WA State Department of Natural Resources, at angie.lane@dnr.wa.gov, or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Regional Transportation Plan Recommendation – Final Board Actions and Recommendation

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, briefed members on the steps to finalize and adopt the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

View the [Regional Transportation Plan Public Comments and Plan Refinements](#) presentation.

For additional information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Transit Access Project

Gil Cerise, Program Manager, shared an update on developing an online interactive tool to help stakeholders assess transit access needs and potential solutions across the region.

View the [Regional Transit Access Project](#) presentation.

For additional information, please contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

Members and Alternates Present

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present

Mikayla Svob, PSRC
 Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
 Alyssa Quinn, PSRC
 Angela Lane, WA State Department of Natural Resources
 Nancy Ferber, PSRC
 Robin Koskey, PSRC
 Erin Auzins, King County
 Gil Cerise, PSRC
 Brian Lee, PSRC
 Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
 Carol Naito, PSRC
 Max Nelson, WSDOT
 Jeff Aken, WA State Department of Commerce
 Angela San Filippo, WA State Department of Commerce

Kara Whittaker, WDFW
Tricia Sears, WA State Department of Natural Resources
Pauline Mogilevsky, KRCC Staff
Mohamed Elsayi
Lauren Squires, King County Metro

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. RSC Member Attendance for the April 2, 2026 Meeting

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

2.a - Att. A

Jurisdiction	Member	Jurisdiction	Member
King County		Federal, Regional, State,	Tribal & Other Agencies
	2 Ivan Miller, Local Services	R FHWA	1 Matthew Pahs, Program Manager
	McCaela Daffern, DHCS		Vacant Alt
	Rebecca Maskin, Local Services, Alt		
	Vacant Alt	FTA	1 Danielle Casey
At-Large	2 Vacant		Vacant Alt
	Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt	Health Departments	1 Cristina Ciupitu-Plath, Snohomish County
	Dan Cardwell, Local Services	R	Richard Gelb, King County Alt
	Susan McLain, Planning Alt	Ports	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro	R	Deirdre Wilson, NW Seaport Alliance Alt
	Hester Serebrin, King County Metro Alt	PSCAA	1 Jennifer Keene, Program Director
Economic Dev.	1 Vacant		Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Alt
	Jesse Reynolds, Local Services/Econ Dev Alt	R Puget Sound	1 Larry Epstein, Deputy Director
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, OPCD	Partnership	Vacant Alt
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R Sound Transit	1 Alex Krieg, Planning & Innovation
	Jim Holmes, OPCD Alt		Vacant Alt
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt	Tribal Representative	1 Vacant
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager	R Representatives	Vacant Alt
	Lacey Jane Wolfe, Alt	US EPA	1 Susan Sturges
	Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Alt		Erik Peterson Alt
Cities/Towns	3 Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah	R US HUD	1 Vacant
	Eric Perry, City of Renton		Vacant Alt
	Rhonda Ender, City of Carnation	R WA Dept. of	1 Andrea Chartock
	Peter Mayer, City of Tukwila, Alt	Commerce	Keith Swenson
	Beckye Frey, City of Redmond, Alt	R WSDOT	1 April Delchamps, WSDOT
	Vacant Alt		Matthew Kenna, WSDOT Alt
Kitsap County	1 Rafe Wysham, Kitsap County	PSRC Committees	
	Scott Diener, Alt	PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
	Cecilia Olsen, Alt	RPEC	1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director		Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair
	Vacant	R = Remote attendance	
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit	R	
	Vacant Alt		
Economic Dev.	1 Elizabeth Court, KEDA		
	Joe Morrison, KEDA		
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, DCD Dir, Co-Chair	R	
	Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt		
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Port Orchard	R	
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt		
Pierce County	1 Alon Bassok, Long Range Planning Manager		
	Monica Ghosh, Alt		
At-Large	2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning	R	
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Director, Co-Chair	R	
	Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt		
	Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt		
Transit	1 Andrew Arnes, Pierce Transit	R	
	Tina Lee, Pierce Transit, Alt	R	
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development	R	
	Kevin Clegg Alt	R	
Tacoma	1 Brian Boudet, Interim Asst. Director	R	
	Steve Atkinson, Interim Asst. Manager Alt		
Cities/Towns	1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup	R	
	Chris Larson, Fife, Alt		
Snohomish County	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director		
	Darren Groth, Division Manager	R	
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director, Co-Chair	R	
	Vacant		
	Jay Larson, Public Works Supervisor, Alt		
	Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt		
Transit	1 Noah Tunick, Community Transit	R	
	Sabina Araya, Everett Transit Alt	R	
Economic Dev	1 Mike Fong, Economic Dev		
	Vacant Alt		
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director	R	
	Alice Ann Wetzel, Planning Manager Alt	R	
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Director		
	Karl Almgren, Lynnwood, Alt		
Total Members	45	Attended	34



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Justin Panganiban, City of Bellevue, Senior Planner, and Jennifer Ewing, City of Bellevue, Sustainability Manager

Subject: **Bellevue Study on Air Quality Adjacent to Highways**

IN BRIEF

The committee will hear about insights from an air quality modeling study completed by the City of Bellevue and related planning efforts.

BOARD CALENDAR

This topic is for the Regional Staff Committee's information and discussion. It is not scheduled for a PSRC board presentation at this time.

DISCUSSION

In 2024, the City of Bellevue contracted an air quality modeling study to expand existing research's insight into near-highway air pollution risks. The purpose of the study was to inform the city's evaluation of potential planning, code, and other approaches to mitigate the environmental health impacts resulting from air pollution. The modeling domain includes several of Bellevue's growth centers, which are well-served by a full range of transportation options and are the focus of future residential and job growth consistent with the regional strategy. As Bellevue plans equitably for growth, the city must consider and balance the benefits of increasing development near high-capacity transit and employment centers with the benefits of limiting exposure to air pollution.

City of Bellevue staff members, Justin Panganiban and Jennifer Ewing, will provide an overview of the study, highlight implementation approaches from the study for addressing pollution adjacent to highways, and facilitate a discussion as to how Bellevue and similar jurisdictions are applying planning solutions to manage air quality.

NEXT STEPS

No additional action on this item is anticipated.

For additional information, please contact Justin Panganiban at jpanganiba@bellevuewa.gov, or Jennifer Ewing at jewing@bellevuewa.gov with the City of Bellevue.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan Recommendation**

IN BRIEF

At the meeting on April 9, the Transportation Policy Board finalized discussions on the 2026-2025 Regional Transportation Plan and recommended approval to the Executive Board. The Executive Board took action at their April 23 meeting to recommend that the General Assembly adopt the final RTP at their meeting on May 28, 2026.

BOARD CALENDAR

The General Assembly is scheduled to adopt the Regional Transportation Plan at their annual meeting on May 28, 2026.

DISCUSSION

Over the last two years, the Transportation Policy Board has worked with staff to develop the 2026-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. This has included extensive public outreach and engagement, comprehensive discussions of investment levels and transportation finance, and review of detailed analyses reflecting system performance and ongoing needs.

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 reviewed and categorized all comments received, organized in a summary matrix that was posted on PSRC's [RTP Engagement Hub](#).

At the March 12 meeting, staff provided a summary of the public comments received, the categorization process and the proposed actions to be taken. These actions included a variety of minor technical and administrative corrections to the draft plan, and three comment themes elevated for board review. Staff proposed that future PSRC work programs be added as action items to the plan based on these comments, for the topics of rural transportation issues, emerging transportation technologies and continued improvements to performance monitoring and measurement.

The board concurred with the staff proposals for edits and directed that they be incorporated into the draft plan, which are available to view on the [RTP Engagement Hub](#). No other plan refinements were proposed.

On April 9, the TPB recommended approval of the final draft plan. Acting on the TPB recommendation, on April 24, the Executive Board took action to recommend that the General Assembly adopt the Regional Transportation Plan at their annual meeting on May 28, 2026.

An [addendum](#) (PDF) to the VISION 2050 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was prepared to support this action. The potential environmental impacts of the RTP are anticipated to be within the levels identified and analyzed in the VISION 2050 Final SEIS. No new significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601.

ATTACHMENT

A. Summary of RTP Development

Attachment A: 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](#) webpage.
 - ❖ *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.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **PSCAA Climate Planning Updates**

IN BRIEF

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) will share updates on two regional climate collaborations it is leading and opportunities to get involved. An overview will be provided on the development of a [Regional Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment \(EVSE\) Plan](#) (webpage), which will advance coordinated electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the region and provide guidance to local agencies. An update will also be provided on the Puget Sound Region [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan](#) (CCAP) webpage, with feedback solicited on regional approaches to implementation.

BOARD CALENDAR

These topics are for the Regional Staff Committee's information and discussion. These topics have appeared on PSRC board agendas in the past.

DISCUSSION

Regional Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Plan

Since 2019, PSRC and PSCAA have partnered on the Puget Sound Regional EV Collaborative to advance the supporting infrastructure necessary for greater adoption of electric vehicles throughout the region. The Collaborative has hosted numerous online convenings for discussion and the sharing of best practices, as well as launched a regional [clearinghouse](#) (webpage).

Feedback from a wide variety of partners – including local jurisdictions, utilities, business, the state and others – has made it clear that a regional approach to this work is needed to support coordinated, equitable, and effective implementation. Responding to this feedback, work is underway to develop the first Regional EVSE

Plan. PSCAA is leading this effort with support from a consulting team, alongside partners from the four counties, PSRC and the Washington State Department of Commerce.

The Regional EVSE Plan will serve as a roadmap for coordinated infrastructure development across the region, leveraging existing efforts and input from partners. The Plan will clarify public sector roles and responsibilities, identify priority areas and applications for EVSE, and recommend actionable strategies to address common barriers. PSCAA will update the Committee on the development of the Regional EVSE Plan and opportunities to participate in upcoming engagement activities.

Puget Sound Region Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

The Puget Sound Region CCAP identifies a comprehensive list of high-impact regional strategies and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with a focus on maximizing benefits in overburdened communities. It is built on a strong foundation of climate planning work already underway across the region and state, and is designed to synergize, complement, and reinforce other climate planning efforts. The CCAP can serve as a roadmap for decisionmakers to support the implementation of policies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health and air quality, spur green job growth, and enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Puget Sound.

PSCAA has heard strong support from partners to formalize pathways for regional coordination on climate action. A proposal for such a pathway is being developed, and feedback is being sought to help inform the process and support future regional collaboration. Specific questions include:

1. In addition to funding, what would be most useful to your jurisdiction to make progress on emissions reductions?
2. What types of climate strategies, actions, or programs do you think are best implemented at the regional level? Which do you think should be implemented locally?
3. What other ideas do you have for how regional climate collaboration could work?

PSCAA will update the Committee on the CCAP and members are encouraged to provide input to these and other questions via this [survey](#).

NEXT STEPS

The Regional Staff Committee will be provided with future updates on these activities as key milestones are achieved and further opportunities for feedback and collaboration are identified.

For additional information about the Regional EVSE Plan, please contact Erica Walters, Air Resources Associate, PSCAA at ericaw@psccleanair.gov. For additional information about the CCAP, please contact Sara Hetrick, Air Resources Specialist, PSCAA at sarah@psccleanair.gov.

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**



Puget Sound Regional Council

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.**

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.

To learn more about PSRC, SPA, and to apply, go to www.psrc.org/our-work/summer-planning-academy or scan the QR code.



Questions? Email us at spa@psrc.org.