



Puget Sound Regional Council

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### **Online Meeting Only**

#### **Attend Zoom Meeting**

- [Join the meeting at zoom.com](https://zoom.us/j/89863006900?pwd=973462)
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- 1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00)** – Gary Simonson, PSRC
- 2. Announcements: New Administrative Procedures (10:05)** – Gary Simonson, PSRC  
PSRC will describe new procedures for PSRC committees related to meeting recordings and meeting minutes.
- 3. Presentation: OS-CONNECT Pedestrian Network Dataset (10:10)** – Anat Caspi, University of Washington Taskar Center for Accessible Technology  
Anat Caspi will discuss the UW Taskar Center's OS-CONNECT pedestrian network database, a program enabled by Washington State legislative proviso that integrates imagery, existing municipal data, and field validation to map sidewalks, curb ramps, and crossings across Washington State.  
A link to the Tool's user interface is here: <https://osconnect-viewer.tdei.us/#map=13/47.72968/-122.61506>
- 4. Presentation: WSDOT Statewide Bicycle Facilities Data (10:40)** – Grace Young, WSDOT
- Grace Young will discuss WSDOT's current and upcoming work to advance the Regional Connections Action Plan (formerly known as Cycle Highways). Included in this is a data collection effort to inventory existing, planned, and proposed shared-use path and regional trail connections. The presentation will include a review of data collected to date and an ask to share relevant data missed in the first collection round.
- 6. Discussion Item: BPAC membership/operating procedures update (11:10)** – Gary Simonson, PSRC  
Gary Simonson will provide an update on efforts to refresh the BPAC membership roster, including a proposed approach for recruiting non-voting members. An updated draft operating procedures document with the proposed changes will be reviewed.
- 7. Roundtable: Announcements of Pedestrian/Bicycle Activities (11:20)**
- 8. Information Item:**
  - a. BPAC At Work – January 13, 2026\*

b. 2026 Summer Planning Academy (SPA) - Flyer

**9. Next Meeting: July 14, 2026**

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

**\*Supporting materials attached**

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at [gsimonson@psrc.org](mailto:gsimonson@psrc.org) or 206-971-3276.

Sign language, and communication material in alternative formats, can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling 206-464-7090, TTY Relay 711

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# DRAFT Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Operating Procedures – 2026

## Purpose

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) provides technical guidance and subject matter expertise to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)'s planning work program related to regional pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and supportive facilities that encourage increasing numbers of people to walk, bike, and roll.

## BPAC Work Program

In alignment with the committee purpose, the BPAC provides technical guidance that is reflected in PSRC's planning products and guidance, including but not limited to:

- Sharing technical guidance on pedestrian and bicycle data collection efforts and other planning products in support of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Providing support for the development of the active transportation elements of the Regional Transportation Plan, including the Coordinated Mobility Plan.
- Advising on other bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts that involve elements such as data analysis, assessment of needs and gaps, and monitoring pertinent policies and programs.

## Committee Membership

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is composed of staff from PSRC's member organizations, with representation across all four counties with respect to regional population size.. BPAC members are expected to have background and working knowledge in the region's bicycle and pedestrian planning issues. Each member may designate an alternate, who may vote on action items only if the member is absent. See Attachment A for the current BPAC voting membership structure.

### Appointments

Appointments for each member and alternate must be provided in writing to PSRC by the appropriate department head or elected official. For individual cities and counties, this could be the County Executive, Mayor, Public Works Director, transportation department head, or other responsible official. For the "Other Cities and Towns" representatives, appointments should be made by the appropriate countywide committees, i.e.: the King County Sound Cities Association, the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council, the Pierce County Regional Council, and Snohomish County Tomorrow.

For Other Agency Representation:

- State representatives and alternates are appointed by the Washington State Department of Transportation;
- The Transit Operators Committee appoints the transit representative and alternate;

- The county public health agency representative and alternate are appointed by the coordinating body of the four county public health agencies; and
- Representatives and alternates or the tribal seats are appointed by each tribe.

### Attendance

Members or their designated alternate are expected to regularly attend committee meetings, which are conducted remotely. Attendance will be monitored and reported to the committee one to two times per year. If either the member or designated alternate is absent for three meetings in a 12-month period, PSRC staff will contact the jurisdiction/organization to encourage more regular attendance and to inquire if the appointment needs to be updated.

### Non-voting Membership

The BPAC may appoint up to five non-voting members to represent community, environmental, or educational organizations to provide a unique and/or underrepresented perspective on bicycle and pedestrian issues to BPAC discussions. Non-voting members may participate in general discussions of the committee but may not vote and should refrain from discussions of action items.

In terms of recruitment, organizations interested in joining will be invited to attend a PSRC webinar that explains the scope of the committee and member expectations. Applications for non-voting membership are then to be provided in writing to PSRC. Requests should come from the organization's leadership and designate the member who will serve. All nominations shall be approved by the full committee according to the established criteria for non-voting membership, including:

- The organization's potential contribution in terms of technical expertise and connection to active transportation issues, particularly in regards to underrepresented user groups; and
- Diverse geographic representation from among the counties.

The BPAC will maintain a roster of non-voting membership that will be updated every four years. At the time of the update, PSRC will review the current non-voting membership and actively solicit new non-voting member participation. Non-voting members who no longer attend on a regular basis will be removed to allow the opportunity for others to serve.

### **Meeting Cadence**

The BPAC is scheduled to meet every other month. However, actual meeting frequency will be determined by the needs of PSRC's pedestrian and bicycle work program, with meetings added or canceled accordingly. This work program is aligned with PSRC's four-year Regional Transportation Plan development cycle, meaning that the BPAC may meet more or less frequently based upon PSRC's need for committee input in any given year. To assist members in planning, PSRC will plan to share an annual calendar of planned meeting dates along with potential topics.

## Decision Making Process

PSRC staff will set the agenda topics for each meeting and facilitate discussions and actions by the committee, to ensure equal opportunity for participation by members present. Decisions and recommendations to PSRC staff related to bicycle and pedestrian issues (e.g. facility typologies, Regional Capacity Project thresholds) are made by general committee consensus. If consensus cannot be achieved, a vote of members will be taken. Voting is not weighted, and each representative is allowed one vote. A quorum is not required, and all recommendations shall be approved by a simple majority of the voting members present.

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# Attachment A: BPAC Voting Membership Structure – 2026

## Guiding Principles used in Geographic Membership based on Policy Board Representation

Counties represent both incorporated and unincorporated residents.

Counties have a key GMA role in both incorporated and unincorporated areas including ultimately setting urban growth boundaries and allocating population and employment.

King County plays a central role as the jurisdiction which includes the bulk of the region’s population and employment.

To meet these roles, membership of the committee should include a minimum of one representative each from:

- a. Each county
- b. The metropolitan cities within each county
- c. The other cities and towns within each county

Beyond these minimums, representation should reflect population to the degree feasible.

The total number of representatives from any County and its jurisdictions combined may not comprise 50% or more of the membership of the committee.

CITY AND COUNTY REPRESENTATION		
	% of 2023 Regional Population	2026 BPAC Members
<b>King County</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>10</b>
County	5.6%	2
Metro City: Seattle	17.5%	2
Metro City: Bellevue	3.5%	1
Other Cities/Towns	26.2%	5
<b>Kitsap County</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3</b>
County	4.1%	1
Metro City: Bremerton	1.0%	1
Other Cities/Towns	1.2%	1
<b>Pierce County</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>4</b>
County	10.0%	1
Metro City: Tacoma	5.0%	1
Other Cities/Towns	6.2%	2
<b>Snohomish County</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>4</b>
County	8.4%	1
Metro City: Everett	2.6%	1
Other Cities/Towns	8.4%	2
<b>TOTAL CITY AND COUNTY</b>		<b>21</b>

<b>OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATION</b>	
	<b>2026 BPAC Members</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>2</b>
Washington State Department of Transportation	2
<b>Transit</b>	<b>1</b>
Transit Operators Committee	1
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>1</b>
County Public Health Agencies	1
<b>Tribes</b>	<b>4</b>
Muckleshoot Tribal Council	1
Puyallup Tribe	1
Suquamish Tribe	1
Tulalip Tribes	1
<b>TOTAL OTHER AGENCIES</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL BPAC MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>29</b>

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**DRAFT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES – 5/3/26**

**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)  
Non-Voting Members Recruitment**

The recruitment process for BPAC includes the steps listed below. Geographic diversity among non-voting members is preferred, if possible, but not a requirement.

1. Seek suggestions from BPAC on potential non-voting member candidates and crosswalk with the existing larger email list
2. Reach out to candidates via mass email to introduce BPAC committee and ask if they would be interested in joining as a non-voting member
3. Candidates who express interest will attend a PSRC webinar (or potentially a BPAC agenda item) where staff will explain the scope of the committee and what roles and expectations would be, and answer questions.
4. Interested candidates will fill out a non-voting member application that asks about the perspective they would provide, as well as the knowledge, expertise and personal skills they would bring to the committee.
5. PSRC staff to pre-screen applicants and provide a curated list to committee members for review
6. Hold vote at BPAC meeting to determine who fills the slots
7. After final decisions are made, send appropriate responses to all candidates (including those that were not selected).



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### **AT WORK**

#### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee January 13, 2026 Remote Only**

#### **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) 2026 Competition**

Doug Cox provided a short overview of the upcoming Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Competition, noting that each project sponsor is limited to two applications and that the maximum request per application is \$4 Million. He also noted that screening forms for this funding competition would be due by the end of February, with applications due in early April.

For more information, contact Doug Cox at [dcox@psrc.org](mailto:dcox@psrc.org).

#### **Draft Regional Transportation Plan**

Gil Cerise and Nick Johnson provided an overview of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan, including the Active Transportation Plan, a regional transit access assessment, and the schedule and next steps for adoption.

[View the Presentation on PSRC's Website](#)

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at [GCerise@psrc.org](mailto:GCerise@psrc.org)

#### **BPAC membership updates**

Gary Simonson shared updates regarding BPAC's membership roster, including a plan to address recurring vacancies in the voting membership, and to update nonvoting membership for the 2026- 2028 timeframe.

[View the Presentation on PSRC's Website](#)

For more information, contact Gary Simonson at [GSimonson@psrc.org](mailto:GSimonson@psrc.org)

#### **Roundtable**

Members provided updates on bicycle/pedestrian activities.

**Information Items**

2026 Planned BPAC Meeting Topics  
Regional Transportation Plan – Public Comment Flyer

**ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Member Attendance – January 13, 2026

## BPAC Attendance Roster (Members and Alternates)

Date: January 13, 2026 10:00am - 11:30 am

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Jurisdiction		Name	Jurisdiction		
<b>King County</b>			<b>Snohomish County</b>		
County (2)	x	Katie Wendel (Roads)	County (1)		
	x	Max Hepp-Buchanan (Parks)		x	
		<i>John Vander Sluis (Roads) (Alt.)</i>	Metro City: Everett (1)		
		<i>Peter Dane (Parks) (Alt.)</i>			
Metro City: Seattle (2)	x	Elise Gaubatz	Other Cities/Towns (2)		
	x	<i>Christiana Farrell (Alt.)</i>			
		VACANT			
		<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>			
Metro City: Bellevue (1)	x	Stela Nikolova	<b>Other Agency Representation</b>		
		<i>Mackenzie Allan (Alt.)</i>	<b>State</b>		
Other Cities/Towns (5)	x	Thomas Valdriz (Issaquah)	WSDOT (2)		
	x	Alan Budde (Shoreline)			x
	x	Francesca Liburdy (Redmond)			x
	x	James Webb (Auburn)			
	x	Peter Mayer (Tukwila)	<b>Transit</b>		
		<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>	Transit agencies (1)		
		<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>			
		<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>	<b>Public Health</b>		
		<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>	County Public Health Agencies (1)		
	<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>				
<b>Kitsap County</b>			<b>Tribes</b>		
County (1)	x	David Forte (Public Works)	Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)		
		<i>Melissa Mohr (Public Works) (Alt.)</i>			
Metro City: Bremerton (1)		Nick Ataie	Puyallup Tribe (1)		
	x	<i>Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt.)</i>			
Other Cities/Towns (1)		Hannah Boettcher (Bainbridge Island)	Suquamish Tribe (1)		
		<i>Anthony Burgess (Poulsbo) (Alt.)</i>			
<b>Pierce County</b>			Tulalip Tribe (1)		
County (1)	x	Shawn Phelps (Public Works)			
		<i>Travis Curry (Trails) (Alt.)</i>	<b>NON-VOTING</b>		
Metro City: Tacoma (1)	x	Liz Kaster	King County (1)		
		<i>Jennifer Kammerzell (Alt.)</i>	Kitsap County (1)		
Other Cities/Towns (2)		Jack Ecklund (University Place)	Pierce County (1)		
		VACANT	Snohomish County (1)		
		<i>Michael Kosa (Sumner) (Alt.)</i>	State/Region (1)		
		<i>Jeremy Metzler (Edgewood) (Alt.)</i>	At-Large (2)		

represented)
<b>Name</b>
Nathan Howard (Public Works)
<i>Aaron Lee (Public Works) (Alt.)</i>
Klayton Leingang, Public Works
<i>Mimi West (Alt.)</i>
Jesse Hannahs (Marysville)
VACANT
<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
Katilin Fauver
Kenneth Loen
<i>Matthew Kenna (Alt.)</i>
<i>Craig Schoenberg (Alt.)</i>
Lauren Squires, King County Metro
<i>Kevin Shively, Sound Transit (Alt.)</i>
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<i>Richard Gelb (Public Health Seattle/King County) (Alt.)</i>
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<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
Robert Barandon
<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
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<i>VACANT (Alt.)</i>
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Dr. Jocelyn Enabulele (Roni LifeWorks)
Brian Watson (BicycleTeacher)
Larry Leveen (ForeverGreen Trails)
Kristin Kinnamon (Sharing Wheels Comm. Bike Shop/BIKES Club of Snohomish County)
David Urbina (Cascade Bicycle Club)
Phillip Miller (UW Transportation Services)
Don Willott (North Kitsap Trails Association)

# 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).

