

2026–2050 Regional Transportation Plan

Regional Staff Committee

May 7, 2026



Puget Sound Regional Council

Overview

- Summary of Regional Transportation Plan development process
 - Key priorities, outcomes, actions
- Responding to public comments and final draft plan
- *Next steps towards adoption*



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2026-2050

DRAFT

Final Draft - April 2026



Plan Priorities

With member agencies & the public, the board 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



Schedule and Next Steps

- April 9 – Transportation Policy Board unanimous recommendation
- April 23 – Executive Board unanimous recommendation
- *May 28 – General Assembly adoption*





Thank You!

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