



Puget Sound Regional Council

Executive Board

Thursday, June 25, 2026 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting – PSRC Board Room: 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101

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1. **Call to Order (10:00)** – *Executive Dave Somers, President*
2. **Communications and Public Comment**
Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.
3. **President's Remarks**
4. **Executive Director's Report**
5. **Federal and State Policy Update (10:20)** – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*
6. **Committee Report**
 - a. **Operations Committee** – *Executive Ryan Mello, Vice President*

7. Consent Agenda - Action Items (10:35)

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting Held April 23, 2026
- b. Approve Vouchers Dated April 13, 2026, Through June 3, 2026, in the Amount of \$2,601,607.86
- c. Approve Contract Authority for State Legislative Consultants
- d. Approve Budget Amendment and Increase Contract Authority for Consultant Services for the Third Survey Wave (2027) of an Eight-Year Household Travel Survey Program
- e. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

8. Action Item (10:40)

- a. Approve Redesignation of Manufacturing/Industrial Centers and Certification of Subarea Plans – *Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC*

9. Discussion Item (11:00)

- a. Regional Open Space Conservation Plan Update – *Erika Harris, PSRC*

10. Discussion Item (11:30)

- a. Housing Development Data Tool Demonstration and Discussion – *Robin Koskey and Alyssa Quinn, PSRC; Arjun Gupta and Ryan Canavan, HR&A; Ariam Ford and Skylar Benson, Uncommon Bridges*

11. Information Item

- a. New Employee Status Report

12. Other Business

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 23, 2026, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

14. Adjourn (12:00)

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MINUTES

Executive Board

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Hybrid Meeting – PSRC Board Room: 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:01 AM by Executive Dave Somers, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and is available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen live. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments received.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Somers stated that registration is now open for the General Assembly scheduled for May 28 at the Seattle Convention Center – Summit Building.

He stated that in preparation for the General Assembly, the Nominating Committee will meet on May 7 to propose candidates for the positions of PSRC President and Vice President. Port Orchard Mayor Rob Putaansuu will chair the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Josh Brown Updates and Announcements:

- Reported that the Transit Operators Committee met the previous day and reached consensus on FIFA FTA funds distribution. The funding letter to FTA is in development and will be shared with the Executive Board following the board meeting.
- Announced that the Crosslake extension officially opened, with congratulations extended to Sound Transit.
- Participated in a meeting with Executive Directors from Los Angeles, Atlanta, Detroit, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Columbus, and Houston.
- Attended the 18th Annual Celebration of Affordable Housing organized by the Housing Development Consortium.

- Highlighted additional outreach, including engagement with Bellevue, Yarrow Point, Clyde Hill, Milton, Orting, Enumclaw, Tacoma, Black Diamond, and Tribal leadership from the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, provided the board with an update on key federal and state policy updates.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice President and Operations Committee Chair Executive Ryan Mello reported that the Operations Committee recommended Executive Board approval of vouchers dated March 13, 2026, through April 6, 2026, in the Amount of \$1,174,443.47.

He also noted that the committee recommended approval of contract authority for consultant services for an inclusive outreach and engagement consultant.

And noted that since September, the Operations Committee has been developing the Supplemental Budget and Work Program. This morning, the committee recommended that the Executive Board approve the budget and forward it to the General Assembly for adoption.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Birney/Wahl) to:

- a. **Approve Minutes of Meeting Held March 26, 2026**
- b. **Approve Vouchers Dated March 13, 2026, Through April 6, 2026, in the Amount of \$1,174,443.47**
- c. **Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for Inclusive Outreach and Engagement Consultant**
- d. **Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program**
- e. **Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for City of Auburn's East Valley Highway Widening Project**
- f. **Approve 2026 Project Tracking and Delivery: Project Extensions and Exceptions**
- g. **Approve Distribution of Federal Transit Administration World Cup Funding**
- h. **Approve Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Bonney Lake, Pacific, and Seattle**

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM: HOUSING FUTURES CENTER PRESENTATION

Professor Gregg Colburn provided an update on the launch of the Housing Futures Center at the University of Washington's College of Built Environments.

PSRC began partnering with the University of Washington in mid-2024 to establish a center focused on research, teaching, and engagement to address regional housing and affordability challenges. As part of this effort, PSRC and UW conducted targeted outreach to affordable

housing and nonprofit developers, financial institutions, housing advocates, business leaders, and local and state elected officials to help shape the center's focus and identify key research opportunities. PSRC also supported UW's fundraising efforts to advance engagement activities and the center's ongoing work, and led a campaign at the state legislature.

This work culminated in the official launch of the Housing Futures Center which took place on April 22. Professor Colburn shared updates on current work and outlined upcoming priorities for the center.

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027 SUPPLEMENTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM

The Executive Board considered the proposed Fiscal Years 2026–2027 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program and the recommendation for adoption by the General Assembly on May 28, 2026.

The proposed FY 2026–2027 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program totaled \$45.6 million and was based on established revenue and expenditure assumptions. Funding sources were discussed, including federal grants (approximately 80%), state grants (about 5%), and local funds (approximately 15%), which support matching requirements and activities not covered by federal and state funding.

Staff outlined PSRC's responsibilities as both the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization and the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization, operating under key federal and state legislation. The budget was described as supporting core agency functions, including planning management, regional growth planning, transportation planning, economic development, data, council support, communications, and administrative services.

The board received an overview of the budget development process led by the Operations Committee, which began in September with timeline review, followed by revenue and expenditure assumptions and financial policy discussions in October. The draft supplemental budget received final review by the Operations Committee in December 2025, and informational briefings were provided to PSRC boards in January 2026.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Simpson/Wahl) to:

- 1. Recommend that the Executive Board approve the Proposed FY 2026-2027 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program and recommend adoption by the General Assembly on May 28, 2026.**
- 2. Recommend that the General Assembly adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2026-02 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program.**

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Board considered the recommendation to adopt the 2026–2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff summarized the two-year development process led by the Transportation Policy Board, which included extensive public outreach, analysis of system performance, and discussions on investment levels and transportation finance.

The board was reminded that the draft plan was available for public comment from December 15, 2025, to February 2, 2026. A total of 332 unique comments were received from 61 respondents. Staff reviewed and categorized the feedback and presented a summary at the March 26 meeting, along with proposed actions. These included minor technical and administrative updates and the identification of key themes related to rural transportation, emerging technologies, and performance monitoring. Staff recommended incorporating these themes into future work program actions within the plan.

An addendum to the VISION 2050 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was also prepared, confirming that the plan’s anticipated impacts fall within previously analyzed levels, with no new significant adverse environmental effects identified.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Ralph/Putansuu) to recommend adoption of the 2026-2050 Regional Transportation Plan to the General Assembly.

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: 2026 PROJECT TRACKING AND DELIVERY: BRIDGE FUNDING PILOT PROGRAM AND CONTINGENCY

The Executive Board considered approval of a supplemental funding action to support a new two-year Bridge Funding Pilot Program and the redistribution of returned funds to a contingency project.

Staff outlined the pilot program, developed in coordination with the Transportation Policy Board, to address urgent bridge replacement, rehabilitation, and maintenance needs. The program will begin with the four counties and prioritize projects that are ready to proceed immediately and can deliver a project phase using available funds. Three eligible county bridge projects were identified for 2026; one county will consider participation in the second year. The pilot will be funded through the annual supplemental funding action required to meet PSRC’s FHWA delivery targets.

In addition, staff will initiate a broader work program to assess regional bridge conditions and priorities to inform potential future expansion of the program.

The Board also reviewed a recommendation to redistribute \$300,169 in returned funds to the City of Sumner’s Puyallup River Trail Crossing planning study, consistent with adopted project tracking policies.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Mello/Ralph) to approve a supplemental funding action for three county bridge projects as part of the bridge funding pilot

program and a redistribution of funding to a contingency project, as identified in Attachment A.

The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Included in the agenda packet:

- Joint Board Session on Addressing Underserved Communities in Our Region, April 30, 2026
- Housing Mini-Academy Workshop, May 15, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students Applications Due May 18, 2026
- PSRC General Assembly, May 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board will not meet in May. The General Assembly will be held on Ma 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Seattle Convention Center. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Adopted this 25TH day of June 2026.

Executive Dave Somers, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT:

- A. Executive Board Attendance, April 23, 2026

Executive Board - April 23, 2026 Meeting

7.a-Att. A

<i>Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:</i>		Present
King County	Executive Girmay Zahilay	
	CM Sarah Perry	1
	Vacant Alt	
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Seattle	Vacant	
	CM Rob Saka	1
	CM Eddie Lin	1
	CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck	
	CM Robert Kettle Alt	
	CM Dan Strauss Alt	
Bellevue	Vacant Alt	
	MYR Mo Malakoutian	1
Federal Way	DP MYR Dave Hamilton Alt	
	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
Kent	Vacant Alt	
	MYR Dana Ralph	1
Kirkland	CM Toni Troutner Alt	1
	MYR Kelli Curtis	1
Renton	DP MYR Neal Black Alt	
	MYR Armondo Pavone	1
Redmond	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	1
	MYR Angela Birney	1
Auburn	CM Melissa Stuart Alt	1
	MYR Nancy Backus	1
Other Cities/Towns in King County	DR MYR Tracey Taylor-Turner Alt	
	CM Jeff Wagner, Covington	1
	MYR Thomas McLeod, Tukwila	1
	CM Amy Lam, Sammamish	1
	MYR Chris Roberts, Shoreline Alt	1
	MYR Katy Kinney Harris, Yarrow Point Alt	1
Kitsap County	CM Mark Joselyn, North Bend Alt	1
	COMM Katie Walters	1
Bremerton	COMM Christine Rolfes Alt	
	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
Port Orchard	CM Jane Rebelowski Alt	1
	MYR Rob Putaansuu	1
Other Cities/Towns in Kitsap County	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
	MYR Ed Stern, Poulsbo	1
Pierce County	CM Ashley Mathews, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
	EXEC Ryan Mello VICE PRESIDENT	1
	CM Rosie Ayala	1
Tacoma	CM Robyn Denson Alt	
	MYR Anders Ibsen	1
Lakewood	CM Kristina Walker Alt	1
	CM Ryan Pearson	
Other Cities/Towns in Pierce County	DP MYR Patti Belle Alt	
	CM Stan Flemming, University Place	
Snohomish County	CM Jeff Sproul, Orting Alt	1
	EXC Dave Somers PRESIDENT	1
	CM Sam Low	1
Everett	CM Jared Mead Alt	
	MYR Cassie Franklin	
Other Cities/Towns in Snohomish County	CM Scott Bader Alt	
	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
	CM Jacob Walker, Monroe	1
	CM Susan Paine, Edmonds Alt	1
Port of Bremerton	MYR Mike Rosen, Edmonds Alt	
	COMM Axel Strakeljahn	1
Port of Everett	COMM Gary Anderson Alt	
	COMM David Simpson	1
Port of Seattle	COMM Glen Bachman Alt	
	COMM Ryan Calkins	1
Port of Tacoma	COMM Toshiko Hasegawa Alt	
	COMM John McCarthy	1
Washington State Department of Transportation	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
	Secretary Julie Meredith	1
Washington State Transportation Commission	Assistant Secretary John White Alt	
	COMM Nicole Grant	
	COMM Gael Tarleton Alt	



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CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Ryan Mello, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Vouchers Dated April 13, 2026, Through June 3, 2026, in the Amount of \$2,601,607.86**

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080, following the Operations Committee's review, the Executive Board approves the vouchers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

REQUESTED

<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
04/13/26 - 06/03/26	AP Vouchers	\$ 972,163.82
04/15/26 - 05/29/26	Payroll	\$ 1,629,444.04
		\$ 2,601,607.86

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, at awerfelmann@psrc.org or 206-971-3292.



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CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board
From: Executive Ryan Mello, Chair, Operations Committee
Subject: **Approve Contract Authority for State Legislative Consultants**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter into a contract in excess of \$10,000. A request is being made to authorize a consultant contract to provide strategic information and advice on state budgets and legislation and provide government relations support.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more contracts for consultant services for state legislative monitoring and government relations support. The total budget for consultant work is not to exceed \$220,000 over a 3-year period.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 includes funding for this project.

DISCUSSION

State Legislative Consultant

Since 2023, PSRC's Executive Board adopts a yearly Recommendations to the Washington State Legislature to advance the region's priorities including: expanding transportation investments, increasing affordable housing, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and sustaining a strong economy. These policy and budget areas have

been active priorities for the legislature as reflected through policy bills and budgets. There is an ongoing need to monitor legislative activity to ensure PSRC leadership and staff are aware of developments and impacts on regional priorities.

The Transportation Budget is an area of particular concern as gas tax revenue is forecasted to continue to decline and additional resources are needed to implement the newly adopted 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Since the 2024 Legislative Session, PSRC has contracted for state legislative consultative services to monitor and report on budgets and bills advancing through the legislature. Staff and leadership found having someone on the ground in Olympia extremely useful and are therefore seeking authority to continue as part of the Government Relations and Communications' work program. We anticipate increasing our engagement in Olympia during the 2027 legislative session to work toward implementing the 2026 RTP and finding an alternative for the gas tax.

The consultant will:

- Provide PSRC with services to relay real-time information on state legislation and programs, with a particular focus on transportation-related legislation and budgets.
- Schedule meetings with legislative leadership, key legislators and agency staff, both in the interim and during the legislative session
- Assist with bill tracking and monitoring
- Provide weekly reports during the legislative session
- Deliver updates to the Executive Board as needed

This work is anticipated to be ongoing over the next three years. We anticipate the consultant will charge a regular monthly fee that will be the same amount each month. The consultants will provide a list of activities performed with each monthly invoice.

For additional information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-971-3602.



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 18, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Ryan Mello, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Budget Amendment and Increase Contract Authority for Consultant Services for the Third Survey Wave (2027) of an Eight-Year Household Travel Survey Program**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter or amend a contract in excess of \$10,000. This request is to authorize an increase in the consultant contract to perform work on the third wave (2027) of PSRC's eight-year Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Survey Program. PSRC received a Congressionally Directed Spending award to enhance this work. Staff are seeking approval to amend the budget to reflect the additional revenue.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Amend the budget to add \$500,000 in contributions from a Congressional Directed Spending award for the third wave (spring 2027) of an eight-year Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Survey Program, and to increase the authorized consultant expenditures by the same amount.
2. Authorize the increase in contract authority by \$500,000 plus match of \$78,035 to conduct the third wave (spring 2027) of an eight-year Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Survey Program.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted FY 2026-2027 biennial budget includes \$500,000 to conduct the third wave of the Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Survey in spring 2027. The additional revenue is from a Congressionally Directed Spending award to enhance this

survey. The total amount for survey work in 2027 is \$1,078,035. Future surveys are subject to budget availability and approval.

DISCUSSION

In 2022, the Executive Board authorized budget and contract authority for the first survey wave (2023) of an eight-year [Puget Sound Regional Household Travel Survey \(HTS\) Program](#). Three additional survey waves were planned, but not funded or approved, for 2025, 2027, and 2029. Following a competitive request for proposal process, PSRC entered a contract for the full eight-year HTS program, subject to future budget availability and approval for the second through fourth survey waves. In 2024, the Executive Board authorized budget and contract authority for the second (2025) survey wave.

The first two survey waves of the current HTS program were conducted in spring 2023 and spring 2025. Those datasets are publicly available on the [PSRC Data Portal](#). Data produced by the travel survey is used by PSRC and many member agencies to develop travel behavior models that support transportation planning. In addition, the surveys have been used to build household location models used in land use analyses. The biennial survey approach (i.e., conducting a survey every other year) also provides information for performance measures, such as mode choices in regional centers, and for before-after studies of infrastructure improvements.

PSRC has a long history of conducting travel surveys, dating back to the 1960s. In the first few decades, relatively large surveys were conducted every eight to ten years. In recent times, we found the multi-year, frequent survey approach to be more cost-effective and timely for collecting data needed for monitoring and modeling regional travel and land use patterns. We have been better able to track transportation changes over time and respond to unexpected influential events such as COVID-19 and technological advances. Frequent surveying has allowed us to build staff knowledge and internal computing systems that would not be feasible on a more sporadic cycle. Finally, the more frequent surveying approach reduces initial survey startup efforts since each survey design and analysis phase will occur more often and with a smaller time gap since last survey.

The HTS is an immensely rich dataset and supports many uses. There is, however, room for improvement. Recognizing the potential to better understand travel in the four-county region and represent its residents, particularly harder to reach communities (e.g., lower income households, people without vehicles, people in rural areas), PSRC applied for Congressionally Directed Spending funds to help support the 2027 HTS. In early 2026, PSRC was awarded \$500,000 to help gather more data. These funds will add to the \$578,035 including match in the adopted FY 2026-2027 biennial budget for consulting services to implement the next survey in 2027. The total amount for survey work in 2027 is \$1,078,035.

For additional information, please contact Brian Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager – Data Solutions and Research, at blee@psrc.org or 206-971-3270.



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 18, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Three agencies submitted three projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various funding processes, such as state Motor Vehicle Account funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan. At its meeting on June 11, the Transportation Policy Board recommended adoption of the amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt an amendment to the 2025-2028 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337) and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state,

or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A summarizes the actions needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

This month's amendment includes no project tracking actions.

Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

FTA Discretionary	Federal Transit Administration Discretionary awards
MVA	State Motor Vehicle Account
NHPP	Federal National Highway Performance Program

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at jbarnes@psrc.org or 206-389-2876.

ATTACHMENT

- A. Exhibit A - Projects Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP

Month: June

**Project(s) Proposed for
Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP**

Year: 2026

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. Kirkland	NE 124th Street Pedestrian Facilities Existing project programming new right-of-way and construction phases for new sidewalk, curb and gutter, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and related stormwater facilities.	\$3,328,103	Local	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$3,328,103	Total				
2. Sound Transit	Link Reliability Improvements New project programming preliminary engineering, construction, and other phases to improve Link system reliability with track, signal, and power improvements.	\$4,000,000	Federal FTA Discretionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$85,873,000	Local				
		\$89,873,000	Total				
3. WSDOT Olympic Region	SR 16/W of S Tyler Street to N of Jackson Avenue - Paving New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases for overlay of roadway.	\$6,885,513	Federal NHPP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$164,023	MVA				
		\$7,049,536	Total				



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ACTION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair, Growth Management Policy Board

Subject: **Approve Redesignation of Manufacturing/Industrial Centers and Certification of Subarea Plans**

IN BRIEF

The [Regional Centers Framework](#) directs a process to review and redesignate regional centers. The Growth Management Policy Board recommends redesignation of manufacturing/industrial centers as provided in Attachment A.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) recommends the following action to the Executive Board:

Redesignate manufacturing/industrial centers and certify subarea plans as shown in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

Centers are the hallmark of VISION 2050 and the Regional Growth Strategy. The region's 30 regional growth centers (RGCs) and 10 manufacturing/industrial centers (MICs) are hubs for the Puget Sound region's most significant businesses, major cultural facilities, and transportation connections. They guide regional growth allocations, advance local planning, inform transit service planning, and represent priority areas for PSRC's federal transportation funding.

In 2018, following extensive review by GMPB, the Executive Board adopted the [Regional Centers Framework](#), which defines standards for the designation of regional

and countywide centers. The Regional Centers Framework directed review of centers in 2025 and every five years thereafter. At the first review in 2025, existing regional centers are expected to fully meet eligibility and designation criteria.

This review is the first opportunity to evaluate consistency with the adopted criteria and identify areas for improvement, applicable to both thriving centers and those that have seen slow growth. The goal of this review process is to evaluate alignment with required criteria, identify and address discrepancies, and recommend next steps for jurisdictions to resolve issues. This will bring all centers into consistency with the adopted criteria and maintain a high-functioning system of centers. Review and redesignation of regional centers today is an important foundational piece to the next update of VISION.

Background on Manufacturing/Industrial Centers

MICs are a key component of the [Regional Centers Framework](#) and play a distinct role in advancing regional objectives. These centers are specifically intended to preserve and protect land for industrial and job-generating uses, helping to ensure that sufficient space remains available to support a diverse and resilient employment base. The 10 MICs are each unique and range from industrial waterfront and port-oriented areas, locations with strong access along the I-5 corridor, to hubs anchored by aerospace and advanced manufacturing industries. Together, they reflect the region's diverse industrial base and its reliance on multimodal transportation networks to support trade, logistics, and production. Additional information on broader manufacturing trends and the role of industrial lands in the region can be found in the 2024 [Industrial Land Analysis](#).

Similar to regional growth centers, MICs have been designated through different processes over time, and some existing centers do not meet current planning or employment expectations. During the monitoring process, including conversations with jurisdictional staff, several MICs were identified that do not fully meet the criteria. Some need to adopt subarea plans, others are facing challenges in meeting job targets. Almost all of them are experiencing increasing demand for warehousing and storage facility uses, which generate fewer jobs compared to industrial/manufacturing trades.

GMPB Recommendation

GMPB began discussion of regional center redesignation in July 2025 in preparation for redesignation recommendations in early spring. The board's discussions included consideration of the [Regional Centers System Monitoring Report](#) and evaluating the overall performance of centers as a system. The Executive Board acted to redesignate regional growth centers at the March 2026 meeting. GMPB reviewed reports for each of the MICs in April and took action to recommend redesignation at their May 2026 meeting.

The complete set of MIC redesignation recommendations show that, overall, these

centers are performing well and meet the majority of the regional criteria. Most manufacturing/industrial centers have adopted subarea plans and are demonstrating long-term market interest to support employment growth. Jurisdictions have taken significant steps to support successful centers, including zoning for industrial uses and transportation investments to support freight and worker mobility.

Recommendations are included in two reports for each manufacturing/industrial center (see Attachment A):

- **Criteria reports** provide GMPB's recommendation on redesignation, along with any conditions or comments. The reports provide a general overview of the regional center and summarize how each center meets designation criteria. Reports also include additional context or supporting information provided by the jurisdiction following meetings with PSRC staff.
- **Certification reports** provide GMPB's recommendation on center subarea plan certification. The reports evaluate the most recent center subarea plans and assess alignment with the VISION 2050 consistency tools for [manufacturing/industrial centers](#).

Some manufacturing/industrial centers do not meet all of the criteria specified in the Regional Centers Framework. To provide additional time and flexibility, several recommendations include conditions to re-submit material to the board. Redesignations with conditions provide a path to complete remaining work within a specified timeframe. A conditional approval specifies item(s) to be addressed, establishes a timeline for completing these actions, and encourages collaboration with PSRC staff, such as reviewing draft materials prior to submission to the board. A condition allows projects to continue to have priority for PSRC-managed transportation funds. Conditions also provide flexibility in the redesignation process and encourage jurisdictions to address areas that don't yet meet criteria.

Redesignation conditions follow several common themes:

- Re-review for progress toward employment growth goals (Seattle Ballard-Interbay, North Tukwila, Puget Sound Industrial Center - Bremerton)
- Complete or revise subarea plans (Seattle Ballard-Interbay, Seattle Duwamish, North Tukwila, Paine Field/Boeing Everett)

The full list of recommendations follows in **Attachment A**.

NEXT STEPS

Following final action on center redesignation, GMPB will discuss potential updates to the Regional Centers Framework at upcoming meetings in 2026. Pending GMPB review, the Executive Board may be asked to consider updates to the Regional Centers

Framework in future meetings.

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ATTACHMENT

- A. Recommended Manufacturing/Industrial Center Criteria Reports and Subarea Plan Certification Reports

Redesignate manufacturing/industrial centers and certify subarea plans:

Center	Redesignation Recommendation	Criteria Report	Center Subarea Plan Certification
Cascade Industrial Center (Arlington/Marysville)	Redesignate as an Industrial Growth Center	Cascade Draft Criteria Report	Cascade Draft Certification Report
Frederickson	Redesignate as an Industrial Growth Center	Frederickson Draft Criteria Report	Frederickson Draft Certification Report
Kent MIC	Redesignate as an Industrial Employment Center	Kent Draft Criteria Report	Kent Draft Certification Report
North Tukwila	Conditionally redesignate as an Industrial Employment Center until 2028	North Tukwila Draft Criteria Report	n/a
Paine Field/Boeing Everett	Conditionally redesignate as an Industrial Employment Center with planning condition	PF/BE Draft Criteria Report	n/a
Puget Sound Industrial Center-Bremerton	Conditionally redesignate as an Industrial Growth Center until 2028	PSICB Draft Criteria Report	n/a
Seattle Ballard-Interbay-Northend	Conditionally redesignate as an Industrial Employment Center with conditions	BINMIC Draft Criteria Report	n/a
Seattle Duwamish	Conditionally redesignate as an Industrial Employment Center with planning condition	Duwamish Draft Criteria Report	n/a
Sumner-Pacific	Redesignate as an Industrial Employment Center	S-P Draft Criteria Report	S-P Draft Certification Report
Tacoma Tideflats	Redesignate as an Industrial Growth Center	Tideflats Draft Criteria Report	Tideflats Draft Certification Report



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 18, 2026

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Regional Open Space Conservation Plan Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC initiated the update of the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan at the start of the year, as directed by VISION 2050, in advance of the upcoming update to VISION 2050. Staff are seeking feedback from the Executive Board regarding issues and strategies to address in the plan.

DISCUSSION

Farms, forests, aquatic systems, parks and other types of open space provide food, building materials, flood control, recreation, clean air and water and many other ecosystem services. Because this natural infrastructure provides so many benefits to the region, VISION 2050 includes ambitious expectations for protecting open space, reducing growth pressure in rural and resource lands and improving access to urban parks and regional trails. VISION 2050 directs the region to identify, preserve and enhance significant regional open space networks through implementation and update of the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan (MPP-En-12). It calls for providing parks, trails and open space within walking distance of urban residents and prioritizing historically underserved communities (MPP-En-15).

The [2018 Regional Open Space Conservation Plan](#) maps the open space network across the region and identifies priority actions needed to increase access to and sustain open spaces for the long term. [A Conservation Toolkit](#) helps implement the plan.

The regional open space network includes the most important open spaces in the region to maintain, protect and enhance. It covers 3 million acres of public and private land. The plan includes the following categories of open space:

- Urban open space
- Regional trails
- Farmland
- Working forests
- Aquatic systems
- Natural lands

Continued strong growth and development in the region puts pressure on the open space network, in particular the many acres that are on private land. The 2018 plan identified approximately 463,000 acres of the regional open space network that are most at risk and includes short- and long-term goals for conservation. The plan also identified 47 of the highest priority areas to improve equitable access to urban parks, and open space. It identified 300 miles of trails to complete the regional trail network.

In advance of the update to VISION 2050, PSRC is updating the open space plan. The update will include key open space information, such as data on land cover, tree canopy cover, housing development, and park and trail locations. This information will help to assess how well the region is meeting its open space goals and how open spaces are evolving. A draft of the plan is expected to be released this fall, and the plan will be finalized in the first quarter of 2027.

PSRC held an initial project workshop with King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish County staff to gather initial input on how to proceed with the update. Staff received input on the plan update from the Growth Management Policy Board and Regional Staff Committee at their March meetings. An advisory committee for the plan update is also providing guidance on the development of the plan. The committee includes representatives from across the region and open space sectors, including subject matter experts on planning and development of urban open space and regional trails and conservation of farmland, forests, natural lands and aquatic systems.

Local elected officials and staff see the value of, impacts to, and challenges of open space preservation firsthand. Local insight will be critical to best understand open space enhancement needs and how plans for open space can shape future growth patterns. Throughout the update, PSRC boards and committees will be asked for guidance to help shape the open space plan.

Questions for the board:

- What are the biggest challenges in the conservation and enhancement of open space, parks and trails?
- What open space conservation and enhancement strategies should PSRC consider for the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan update?

NEXT STEPS

Board members are encouraged to share this information with staff who work on open space issues. Please send additional feedback to PSRC.

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Puget Sound Regional Council

DISCUSSION ITEM

June 18, 2026

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Housing Development Data Tool Demonstration and Discussion**

INBRIEF

PSRC received a grant from Amazon to create a housing data tool for the central Puget Sound region to help address housing affordability and supply. Consulting firm HR&A created the tool and Uncommon Bridges is assisting with an outreach strategy. Both firms will join the Executive Board to provide an overview of the tool and plans for engagement.

DISCUSSION

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) was selected by Amazon for a grant to support the creation of a housing data and policy platform for the Puget Sound region. The platform provides parcel-level information on housing capacity to help address the housing affordability and supply crisis facing communities across the Puget Sound region. PSRC used the grant to hire HR&A to design and develop the platform. The platform will have two core components:

- **Housing Data:** The platform will provide accessible, intuitive data that includes mapping and narrative that illustrates information about market trends and other housing insights for specific geographic areas.
- **Parcel Analysis:** An interactive tool that will show underutilized land across each county, including ownership type, likelihood to redevelop, parcel size, and zoning capacity.

HR&A is working to create a user-friendly dashboard that will include an interactive map and “data stories.”

Housing Tool Launch

A webinar will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, to officially launch the tool and provide an overview of the features. Please help us spread the word to your staff and communities. In the fall of 2026, meetings will be held in each county to share the tool with local communities and to demonstrate how to use the tool to help make housing development decisions across the four-county region. Uncommon Bridges is assisting PSRC with outreach and engagement.

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Puget Sound Regional Council

June 18, 2026

INFORMATION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **New Employee Status Report**

PSRC has three new employees:

Ana Cordes – Transportation Planning Intern, Transportation Planning

Evelyn Shelton – Planning Intern, Growth Management Planning

Hannah Davock – Accounting Assistant, Administrative Services

For more information, please contact Thu Le, HR Manager, at tle@psrc.org or 206-464-6175.