

Federal & State Budget and Policy Update

Growth Management Policy Board

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Puget Sound Regional Council

July Economic & Revenue Updates

- U.S. consumer prices decreased in June over May, up 3.5% over the year
- Seattle-area inflation remains elevated
- Housing construction has been strong in the second quarter
- General Fund-State revenue collections June/July 2026 collection period were \$4.9m (0.2%) lower than forecasted
- Revenue Act collections \$0.2m(0.0%) higher and all other tracked revenues were \$5.2 million (0.9%) lower than forecasted

[July Economic & Revenue Update](#)



Washington State

Economic and Revenue Forecast Council



Federal Updates



- FY 2027 Appropriations
- Reconciliation 3.0
- 21st Century Road to Housing
- Continuum of Care
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization



21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Enacted

- Went into effect midnight July 10
- Bipartisan bill, with Senate and House housing priorities
- Includes over 45 provisions from the ROAD to Housing Act and the Housing for the 21st Century Act

[News Post: 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Becomes Law](#)



21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Provisions



- Focused on expanding housing supply
- Removes regulatory barriers
- Modernizes HUD programs, including HOME
- Institutional investor single family homes
- Enhances Community Banking Operations
- Innovation Fund
- Database of publicly owned land



Continuum of Care

- District Court struck down funding criteria in FY 2025 NOFO, HUD has appealed
- New lawsuit filed FY 2026 NOFO on July 7

[WA Attorney General Press Release](#)



BUILD America 250 – Surface Transportation Reauthorization



- House Bill Transportation & Infrastructure voted out of committee
- House bill will not come to vote until after August recess
- Senate version not released yet





Thank You!

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