

Regional Transit Access Update

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Today's Discussion

- Background on Regional Transit Access Tool
- Key regional analysis results
- Overview of the tool and new website
- Next steps



Regional Transportation Plan (2022) calls for PSRC to:



“...Develop and update tools and resources to **help identify where access to transit can be improved**, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians. ”

Transit access in RTP:

- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- Walk, Bike, and Roll
- Transit Service
- Drop-off/Pick-up Modes
- Parking



Current Transit Access Tools

- The **Checklist** provides a framework for conducting an assessment of existing transit access conditions, helping identify **needs** at a given location.
- The **Toolkit** identifies strategies for **improving transit access** across eight strategic areas.



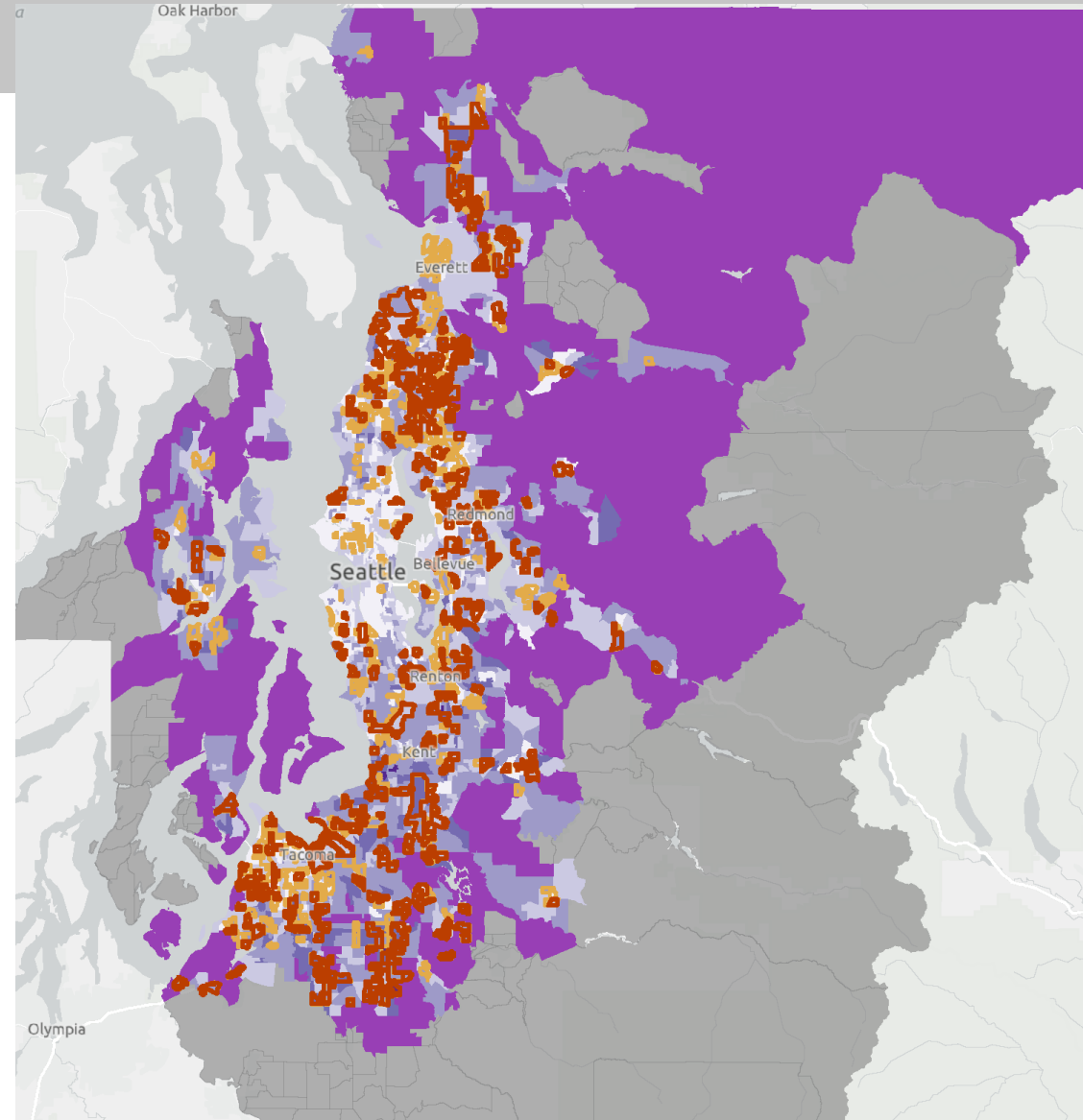
2023 Transit Access Assessment Recommendations

- **Automate and streamline the tools** to help local agencies more easily assess transit access needs and opportunities.
- Develop clear and comprehensive information on the **roles and responsibilities** of agencies.
- **Integrate new emerging themes**, including safety, equitable engagement, and new technologies to transit access tools.
- Develop guidance on **equitable engagement and outreach** for transit access.



Methodology

- Every **Census Block Group** in region analyzed.
- Analysis using **regional data sources** based on transit access components.
- **Regional thresholds** used to determine applicable transit needs.
- Ability for local agencies to **download data** to pair with local data.



Transit Access Analysis

- **Urban form and connectivity:** includes
 - Pedestrian Network Completion
 - Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress
 - Direct pathways to transit stops
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- **Transit service**
 - Based on activity unit density thresholds in the RTP
- **Drop-off and Parking**

Transit Service Type	Density Threshold
Limited Service	under 7 activity units per acre
Local Service	7 to 15 activity units per acre
All Day Service	15 to 25 activity units per acre
Frequent Service	25 to 40 activity units per acre
High-Capacity Transit	more than 40 activity units per acre



Regional Transit Access Findings

- **Developed Results on regional level as well as by regional geographies**
- **Pedestrian Network Example**

Geography	Assessment of Need Today
Region	45%
Metro Cities	16%
Rural Areas	94%



New Transit Access Webpage (coming soon)

Webpage will include:

- Regional Transit Access assessment report
- Story map on how to use the tool and incorporate strategies
- Transit Access Tool (identifies needs)
 - Current System
 - 2050 System
- Transit Access Strategies (options to address needs)



Transit Access Story Map

PSRC developing a story map to assist in use of the new Transit Access Tools.

It includes:

- **Current System Tool**
 - Identifies transit access needs today
- **Future System Tool (2050)**
 - Identifies future transit access needs
- **Guidance for Using Tool**
 - Application of local data
- **Transit Access Strategies**
 - Options to address needs



1 Transit Access Analysis Background



2 Current System (2024)



3 Future System (2050)



4 Guidance for Using the Tool



5 Transit Access Strategies



6 Contact



Application of Tool – Federal Way

Pedestrian Network Completion

Ped Network Completion Pass	Yes
Ped Network Completion Percent	98.5%
Ped Network Completion Threshold	80% or more complete

Bicycle Network & Level of Traffic Stress

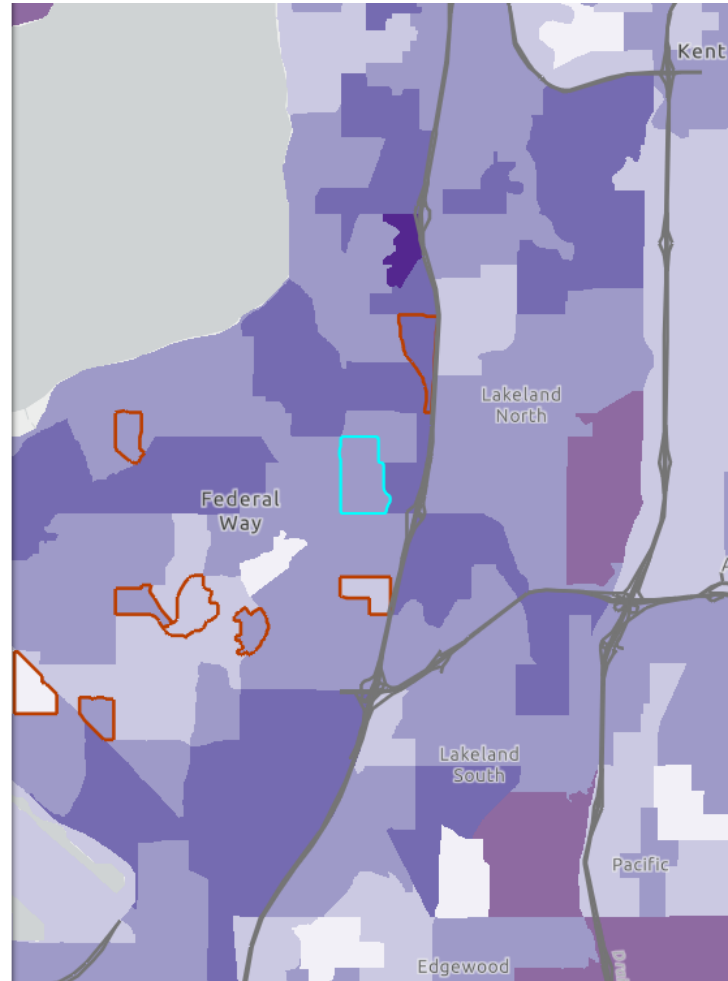
Bike LTS Average Pass	No
Bike LTS Average	4
Bike LTS Threshold	Average LTS3 or less

Direct Pathways to Transit Stops & Stations

RDI Pass	No
RDI Score	1.53
RDI Threshold	RDI is equal to 2 or less

Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety

Bike Ped HIN Pass	No
Bike Ped HIN Coverage Percent	44.7%
Bike Ped HIN Threshold	Less than or equal to 15% of roadways



STRATEGIES (EXAMPLES)

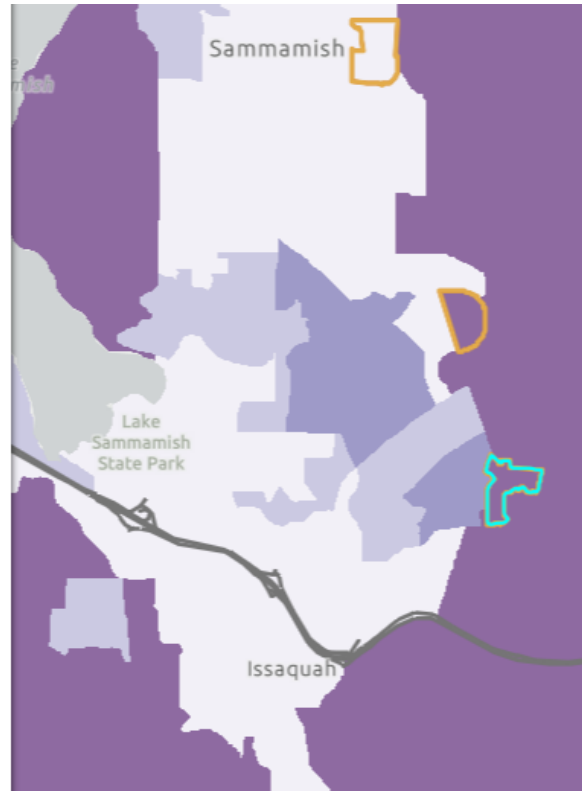
- **Identify specific bicycle access needs.**
- **Ensure comfortable and continuous bicycle facilities.**
- **Provide safe, clearly marked bicycle crossings.**
- **Provide clear wayfinding to direct bicyclists to safe and accessible crossings.**
- **Bicycle-accessible transit facilities.**



Application of Tool – Issaquah Highlands

Other Information

Drop-Off and Parking Access Flag	Yes
Rural Transit Access Flag	No
Minimum Land Use No Transit Flag	Flag
Minimum Land Use Warrants More Transit Flag	Flag
Regional Growth Centers	No
Countywide Growth Centers	No
Manufacturing Industrial Centers	No
Total Land Acres	87.46
Land Use Density	10



STRATEGIES (EXAMPLES)

- **Conduct curb space assessment.**
- **Prioritize drop-off/pick-up access.**
- **Facilitate Mobility On Demand (MOD) access.**
- **Conduct parking needs assessment.**
- **Manage existing parking resources.**
- **Increase parking supply.**



Discussion and Next Steps

Round of Outreach to Committees and TPB:

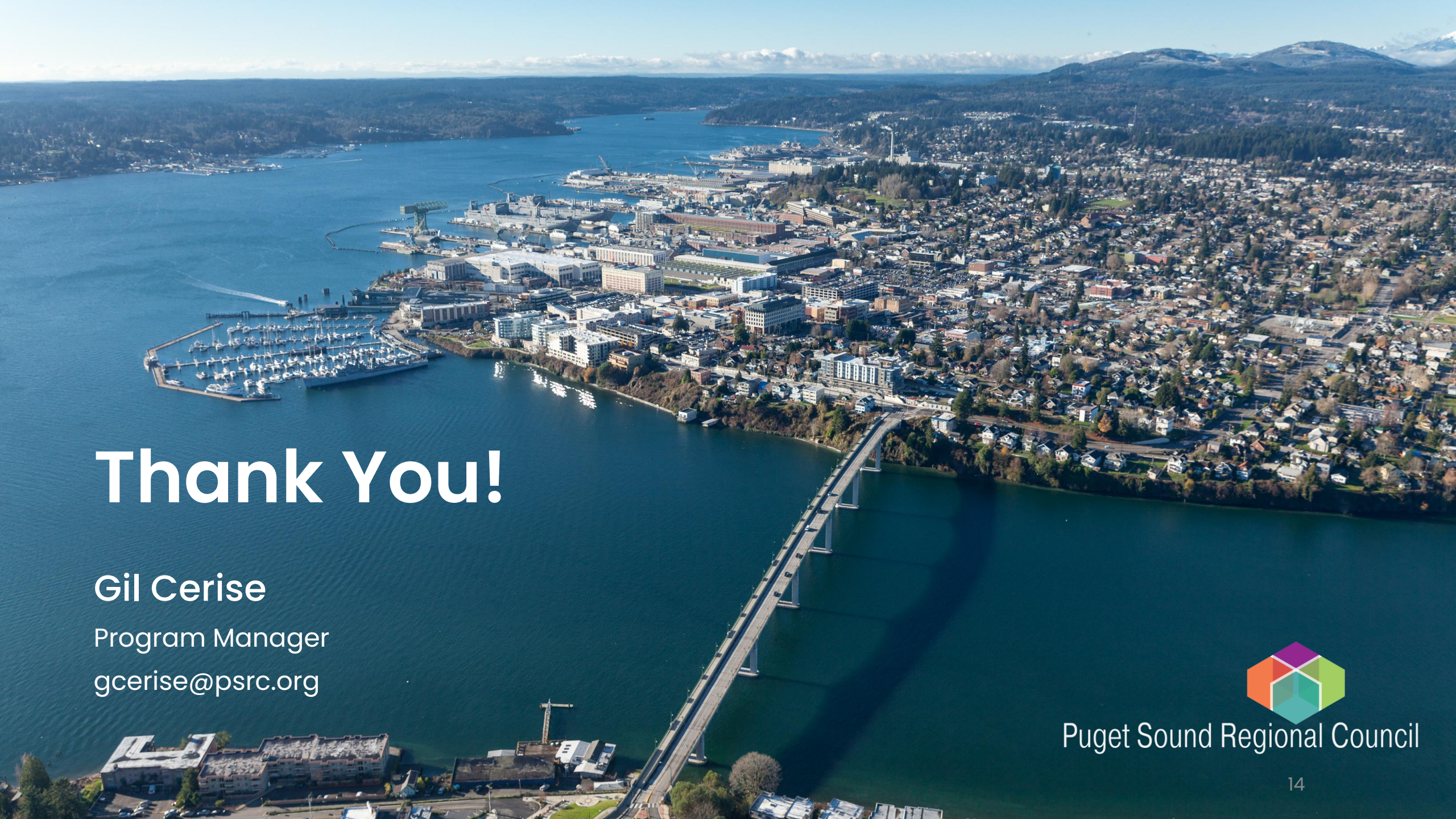
- Briefings to advisory committees in fall

Completion of Regional Transit Access Tool:

- Will share release to all committees and public
- Targeting release in November

Questions?





Thank You!

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