



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transit Operators Committee

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Welcome and Introductions (10:00) – Peter Heffernan, King County Metro

2. Transportation Policy Board Debrief (10:05) – Gil Cerise, PSRC

PSRC will provide an update on board discussions. Meeting materials for the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meetings are available on the [PSRC website](#).

3. Action: Redistributions and New Programming (10:10)* – Doug Cox, PSRC

Three transit agencies have submitted redistribution requests for recommendation by the Committee to the Transportation Policy Board.

- a. Community Transit
- b. Kitsap Transit
- c. Pierce Transit

4. Discussion: 2027 Project Selection Process (10:20)* – Kelly McGourty, PSRC

PSRC staff will introduce work to prepare for the next project selection process for PSRC's FTA funds. This will include revisions to the distribution process for the regional portion of funding, per board direction and work conducted with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee.

5. Discussion: Updates on PSRC Transit-related Work (10:50) – PSRC staff

PSRC staff will provide updates on a variety of transit-related work, including changes to network assumptions and a proposed Regional Transportation Plan amendment resulting from the Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative action.

6. Discussion: Initial 2025 Household Travel Survey findings (11:00) – Kristin Mitchell, PSRC

PSRC staff will share initial findings from the 2025 Household Travel Survey with an emphasis on transit travel trends.

7. Discussion: Regional Transit Access Tool Demonstration (11:25) – Gil Cerise & June Quick, PSRC

PSRC will provide a demonstration of a newly developed regional transit access tool and encourage use of the tool by member organizations.

8. Discussion: Transit Agency Roundtable (11:45)

As time permits, transit agency staff will provide updates on their work to share with regional partners.

9. Information Items:

- a. TOC At Work – June 24, 2026*
- b. 2026 TOC meeting topics*

10. Next Meeting: October 28, 2026

11. Adjourn (12:00)

***Supporting materials attached**

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at gcerise@psrc.org.

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Community Transit Redistribution Request

Request: Community Transit (CT) is submitting a request to redistribute funds to and from *Swift BRT Green Line Expansion Bothell Terminus* [CT-81] and *Facilities Rehabilitation, Renovation and Maintenance* [CT-77].

Explanation: CT requests to redistribute FY2022 STE 5307 Earned Share Funds from CT-81 to CT-77, and FY2024 STE 5307 Earned Share Funds from CT-77 to CT-81.

These redistributions are needed because the FY22 funds currently in CT-81 cannot be obligated by their 9/30/2027 lapse date due to project delays related to NEPA approval. Once moved to CT-77, the FY22 funds will be able to be obligated before the lapse date.

To help offset the redistribution of the FY22 funds to CT-77, FY24 funds currently in CT-77 will be moved to CT-81. Due to cost increases the scope of CT-81 will be reduced to only reflect the new Bothell terminus station (to be named *North Creek Transit Center*). Congressionally directed funds and local funds will also be added to CT-81.

There will be a net increase of \$973,291 in federal funding for CT-77. The scope will be updated to include the CT terminals at Everett Station. There are no changes to local funding.

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2022	CT-81	Swift BRT Green Line Expansion Bothell Terminus	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$9,596,698	-\$8,636,698	\$960,000
2022	CT-77	Facilities Rehabilitation, Renovation and Maintenance	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$0	\$8,636,698	\$8,636,698
2024	CT-77	Facilities Rehabilitation, Renovation and Maintenance	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$7,663,407	-\$7,663,407	\$0
2024	CT-81	Swift BRT Green Line Expansion Bothell Terminus	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$0	\$7,663,407	\$7,663,407

Kitsap Transit Redistribution

Issue:

Due to an emergent issue, a redistribution for Kitsap Transit (KT) was processed in the August TIP amendment to redistribute funds from *North Kitsap Base* [KT-28] to *West Bremerton Hydrogen Fueling/ Transit Center Park & Ride* [KT-73] and from *Passenger Only Ferry System Preventative & Capital Maintenance (25-26)* [KT-76] to *North Kitsap Base* [KT-28].

Explanation:

The issue was to address a discrepancy in the obligation paperwork for Kitsap Transit's North Kitsap Base project that occurred due to the timeline and processing of PSRC's 2026 annual adjustments process for FTA funds. An emergency correction was needed to ensure expeditious obligation of the federal funds in the project, including a \$17 million RAISE grant.

To align the total project programming with the funding amounts reflected in the RAISE Grant agreement, FY2026 Bremerton Urbanized Area (BRE) 5339 funds were redistributed from KT-28 to KT-73, and FY2026 Seattle-Tacoma-Everett Urbanized Area (STE) 5307 Earned Share funds were redistributed from KT-76 to KT-28. Additional local funds are also being programmed in KT-28 and the scope is updated to change procurement of five double-decker clean fuel buses to standard technology buses. There are no changes to the project scopes for KT-73 or KT-76.

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2026	KT-28	North Kitsap Base	BRE 5339	\$490,025	-\$33,673	\$456,352
2026	KT-73	West Bremerton Hydrogen Fueling/ Transit Center Park & Ride	BRE 5339	\$0	\$33,673	\$33,673
2026	KT-76	Passenger Only Ferry System Preventative & Capital Maintenance (25-26)	STE 5307 Earned Share	\$2,425,727	-\$303,676	\$2,122,051
2026	KT-28	North Kitsap Base	STE 5307 Earned Share	\$0	\$303,676	\$303,676

Pierce Transit Redistribution Request

Request: Pierce Transit (PT) is submitting a request to redistribute funds from *Shuttle Revenue Vehicles 23 24* [PT-180] to *2025-2026 Preventative Maintenance* [PT-183].

Explanation: PT requests to redistribute FY2023 STE 5307 Earned Share Funds from PT-180 to PT-183.

The redistribution is needed because PT-180 is complete and has a remaining balance that can be used to support preventative maintenance activities.

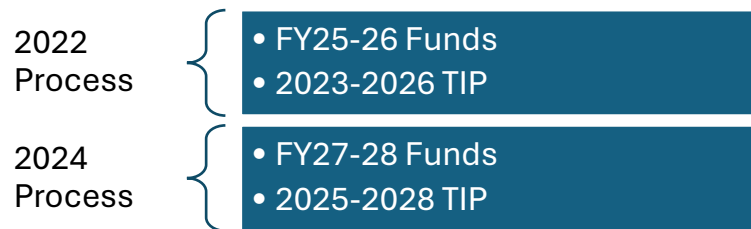
Approximately 17 vehicles were expected to be purchased when the Earned Share funds were initially programmed in PT-180. The actual need based on their replacement schedule ended up being 15 vehicles, which is the total that were purchased with the Earned Share funds.

Additional local funds will also be programmed in PT-183. The portion of federal funds of the overall maintenance and operations budget will remain at 3%.

Appropriation Year	TIP ID	Project Title	Source	Current	Proposed Change	Final
2023	PT-180	Shuttle Revenue Vehicles 23 24	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$2,491,510	-\$485,886	\$2,005,624
2023	PT-183	2025-2026 Preventative Maintenance	STE UZA 5307 Earned Share	\$0	\$485,886	\$485,886

PREPARING FOR THE 2027 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Historically, PSRC conducts a competitive project selection process every two years for the distribution of PSRC's federal funds. Funds are programmed in advance and the cycles timed to ensure compliance with federal and state rules for a fully programmed 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). For example, the 2024 project selection process distributed FY27-28 funds and led to the development of the 2025-2028 Regional TIP (see illustrative graphic below).



The next project selection process was postponed until 2027, to allow staff time to conduct a review of the process for alignment with current federal and state direction. This work began in early 2026 and included collaboration with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee (EAC). Staff worked with the EAC over a three-month period and co-created a new Opportunity Index tool. This tool will support the assessment of transportation projects in addressing the needs of underserved communities. In addition, the Regional Transportation Plan was adopted in May 2026 and calls for the Regional Safety Action Plan and the Active Transportation Plan to inform the next project selection process.

Opportunity Index

A series of specific indicators was used to develop the Opportunity Index within four categories: Transportation, Amenities, Housing and Economy. Attachment 1 provides background on the specific indicators used to develop the Index, in collaboration with the EAC. The indicators were used to determine the areas of Low / Lowest Opportunity across the region (i.e., locations in the region where there is limited access to resources and needs are the greatest). [Maps](#) have been created illustrating areas of Opportunity from Low to High for each category, as well as for the aggregate across all four categories.

Specific to PSRC's FTA funding, a revision to the distribution formula for the regional portion of funding is required to maintain alignment with federal direction. No changes are anticipated for the earned share distribution process. Attachment 2 illustrates the proposed revisions to the regional distribution based on the Opportunity Index as compared to the previous formula. Similar to previous processes, each project proposed for PSRC's regional FTA funding will respond to criteria specific to addressing needs and improving the quality of life for residents living in areas of Low or Lowest Opportunity. The approach utilizes the existing criteria addressing benefits to

underserved populations, using the Opportunity Index rather than demographic data. Staff is working on specific guidance language and examples and will provide this information as it is developed.

Future Cycles

The TOC will also be asked to provide feedback on the planning for future processes to realign back to a regular 2-year cycle while maintaining the requirement for a fully programmed 4-year TIP. This issue has been addressed in past cycles, with the key considerations being the number of funding years to include in each process as well as the timing of the upcoming cycles. Staff will provide additional information and options for discussion at the upcoming TOC meetings.

ATTACHMENT 1

2026 OPPORTUNITY INDEX

DESCRIPTION OF OPPORTUNITY INDICATORS

 Transportation System	 Amenities	 Housing	 Economic
▶ Access to Living Wage Jobs via Transit ▶ Access to a vehicle ▶ Sidewalk Completeness ▶ Historic Transportation Investments ▶ Access to Paratransit and ADA service	▶ Proximity to Healthy Food ▶ Proximity to Parks ▶ Proximity to Medical Care ▶ Proximity to Libraries	▶ Homeownership ▶ Renter Cost Burden ▶ Housing Vouchers ▶ SNAP or Public Assistance Income	▶ Poverty ▶ Unemployment Rate ▶ High School Graduation Rate ▶ Access to the Internet ▶ Transportation Revenue Potential

Transportation System Indicators

1. Access to Living Wage Jobs via Transit
 - Number of living wage jobs accessible via a 45-minute transit trip (including access time) in a census tract
 - Living wage jobs are based on NAICS codes and were identified as a part of previous Regional Economic Strategies
2. Access to a Vehicle
 - Number of households that live in a zero-car household
 - This indicator is reflective of how many households in a census tract do not have access to a personal vehicle
 - This measure does not differentiate between people who choose to be car-free and those who do so because of financial constraints
3. Sidewalk Completeness
 - Percentage of the regional network that has complete sidewalk facilities
 - Is measured on the regional network, so only includes larger roadways
 - Does not include condition, only if there are sidewalks on each side of the road
4. Historic Transportation Investments

- The number of projects that intersect a census tract
 - The indicator captures projects included in the Region's TIP since 2015

5. Access to Paratransit and ADA Service

- Percentage of households in a Census Tract that are within an identified coverage area for ADA paratransit service provided by the region's transit agencies.

Amenities Indicators

1. Proximity to Healthy Food

- The share of people within ¼ mile of a grocery store based on Open Street Map Amenity data
 - Rural residents tend to live farther from nearby grocery options

2. Proximity to Parks

- The share of people within ¼ mile of a park based on PSRC Open Space data
 - Tracts further east tend to be farther from parks, but also tend to be located in areas with larger lot sizes

3. Proximity to Medical Care

- The share of people within ½ mile of a hospital, clinic, or doctors' office
 - The data used in the map excluded pharmacies, many of which overlap with grocery stores
 - Data includes dental and optical care as well as general medical clinics

4. Proximity to Libraries

- The share of people within ¾ mile of a public library
 - Does not include libraries at Public Schools
 - Libraries are a resource for people who lack access to the internet at home and are hubs for access to other social services

Housing Indicators

1. Homeownership

- The share of households that own their own home (either with a mortgage or outright)
 - Rural and suburban areas tend to have the highest share of home ownership rates

2. Renter Cost Burden

- The share of households that spend more than 50% of their income on rent

- Households in areas with higher shares of income going to housing have less income available for transportation alternatives
3. Housing Vouchers
 - The share of households that receive some level of housing assistance as reported to HUD. This includes households that live in subsidized housing units.
 4. SNAP or Public Assistance Income
 - The share of households that receive either Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Public Assistance Income
 - Can also be a leading indicator for other indicators that lack readily available data like people who are unstably housed

Economic Indicators

1. Poverty
 - The share of households that are 200% or below the Federal Poverty definition
 - Households in poverty are more reliant on the transportation system and are more likely to face displacement pressures
 - 200% of the federal poverty level is used because of the high cost of living in the central Puget Sound region
2. Unemployment Rate
 - The unemployment rate by Census tract
 - Higher levels of unemployment are concentrated in tracts along the I-5 corridor
 - Increased transportation options can connect residents to more employment opportunities
3. High School Graduation Rate
 - The share of people with at least a High School diploma or equivalent
 - The highest share of people without a high school diploma are in South King County and Tacoma
 - Education is a key to accessing employment opportunities
4. Access to the Internet
 - Share of households with access to the internet via either a home internet subscription or a cell phone plan
 - Lack of digital access makes it difficult to interface with the regional transportation system
5. Existing Transportation Revenues

- The total value of existing transportation revenues collected in a census tract available for transportation projects. These include:
 - Transportation Benefit Districts (either license fees, sales tax or both)
 - Property taxes collected for transportation purposes
 - Sales Tax collections for regional and local transit providers
 - License and Vehicle fees
 - Estimates of state and federal gas tax collected

Table 1: % Population in Low or Lowest Opportunity Areas, by County

Agency	Combined Index	Amenity Indicators
King County	23.2%	22.5%
Pierce County	58.3%	53.2%
Snohomish County	54.8%	57.5%
PSRC Region	40.0%	39.1%

DRAFT**Table 2: Total Population and Low or Lowest Opportunity Populations within 1/2 mile of All Transit Stops, by Agency**

Agency	Combined Index	Amenity Indicators
Community Transit	318,940	266,060
Everett Transit	89,690	38,470
King County Metro	495,210	313,280
Pierce County Ferries	2,130	2,130
Pierce Transit	290,080	166,600
City of Seattle	19,690	0
Sound Transit	284,440	99,480
Washington State Ferries	27,890	12,770
<i>Total across agencies</i>	<i>1,528,070</i>	<i>898,790</i>

Table 3: % of Population and Low or Lowest Opportunity Populations within 1/2 mile of All Transit Stops, by Agency

Agency	Combined Index	Amenity Indicators
Community Transit	20.9%	29.6%
Everett Transit	5.9%	4.3%
King County Metro	32.4%	34.9%
Pierce County Ferries	0.1%	0.2%
Pierce Transit	19.0%	18.5%
City of Seattle	1.3%	0.0%
Sound Transit	18.6%	11.1%
Washington State Ferries	1.8%	1.4%

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Table 4: % of Population and Low or Lowest Opportunity Populations within 1/2 mile of All Transit Stops, by non-ferry only agencies

Agency	Combined Index	Amenity Indicators
Community Transit	21.3%	30.1%
Everett Transit	6.0%	4.4%
King County Metro	33.1%	35.4%
Pierce Transit	19.4%	18.8%
City of Seattle	1.3%	0.0%
Sound Transit	19.0%	11.3%

Opportunity Distribution

Agency	Current Distribution	Combined Index	In any of the four categories
Community Transit	15.0%	20.4%	18.2%
Everett Transit	3.6%	5.7%	4.4%
King County Metro	43.1%	31.6%	34.2%
Pierce County Ferries	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Pierce Transit	14.1%	18.5%	15.7%
City of Seattle	3.2%	1.3%	3.2%
Sound Transit	16.6%	18.2%	20.0%
Washington State Ferries	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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AT WORK

Transit Operators Committee
June 24, 2026
Remote Only

2026 Annual FTA Funding Adjustments

Doug Cox, PSRC, provided an overview of the 2026 adjustments process and the specific adjustments and redistributions proposed by each transit agency. The TOC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the adjustments.

For more information, contact Doug Cox at DCox@psrc.org.

Redistributions and New Programming

Doug Cox, PSRC, shared requests from Metro to program previously-unprogrammed funds and to redistribute funds between various projects. The TOC voted unanimously to recommend approval of the requests.

For more information, contact Doug Cox at DCox@psrc.org.

FTA Project Tracking

Kalon Thomas, PSRC, provided an overview of PSRC's project tracking program and discussed delayed projects and issues. Staff will conduct additional outreach with project sponsors and FTA for discussion at the next meeting.

[View the presentation on the PSRC website](#)

For more information, contact Kalon Thomas at KThomas@psrc.org.

2027 Project Selection Process

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reviewed work conducted in collaboration with PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee to prepare for the 2027 project selection process. She described upcoming efforts to incorporate this work as well the Regional Safety Action Plan and the newly adopted Regional Transportation Plan into the process, and reviewed next steps.

[View the presentation on the PSRC website](#)

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at KMcGourty@psrc.org.

State Transit Integration Report

Colin Pippin-Timco, WSDOT, shared details on the schedule for the state's 2026 transit integration report and obtaining data from each agency.

For more information, contact Colin Pippin-Timco at colin.pippin-timco@wsdot.wa.gov.

Transit Agency Roundtable

Staff from the transit agencies provided updates on key work and activities.

Information Items

TOC At Work – April 22, 2026
2026 TOC Meeting Topics

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Member Attendance – June 24, 2026

TOC Attendance Roster (Members and Alternates represented)

Date: June 24, 2026 10:00am - 12:00pm

Item 9.a - Att. A

Online/Remote Meeting Only

Agency/Jurisdiction		Name
Transit Agencies		
Community Transit (1)	x	Sophie Luthin
	x	Clint Lambert (Alt.)
		Tarin Tesfaye (Alt.)
Everett Transit (1)		Sabina Araya
	x	Amanda Koerber (Alt.)
King County Metro (1)	x	Peter Heffernan, Chair
		Jacob Brett (Alt.)
Kitsap Transit (1)		Steffani Lillie
		Edward Coviello (Alt.)
Pierce County Ferries (1)		VACANT
		Vacant (Alt.)
Pierce Transit (1)		Andrew Arnes
	x	Tina Lee (Alt.)
City of Seattle (1)		Jen Malley-Crawford
		Chris Eilerman (Alt.)
Sound Transit (1)		Alex Krieg, Co-Chair
	x	Lisa Wolterink (Alt.)
State		
WSDOT - Washington State Ferries (1)		Jason Rogers
	x	Siri Olson (Alt.)
WSDOT (1)	x	Cordy Crockett
		Jill Nordstrom (Alt.)
Non-Voting Participants		
Intercity Transit (1)		Peter Stackpole
		Jessica Gould (Alt.)
Skagit Transit (1)		Rebekah Tuno
		VACANT (Alt.)



2026 TOC

Planned Meeting Dates & Topics

Agenda topics not specially allocated to a particular meeting at this time

Quarter 4 (October – December)

October 28

- Discussion: Overview of regional FTA performance target and actuals findings
- Discussion: Review of PSRC transit-related work program, including RTP implementation items
- Discussion: FTA Project Tracking

December 2 (special meeting date for November-December)

- Discussion: RTP Implementation transit topics (placeholder)

See [PSRC meeting calendar](#) for the latest on PSRC meetings.