



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 9:30-10:45 am

1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30) – Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, Co-Chair

2. Reports (9:35)

- a. Meeting Summary for April 16, 2020*
- b. PSRC Announcements and Updates

3. Discussion Item (9:55)

- a. Household Travel Survey – *Brian Lee, PSRC*

4. Discussion Item (10:25)

- a. Covid-19 and VISION 2050 – *Paul Inghram, PSRC*

5. Future Meeting: June 18, 2020

6. Adjourn (10:45)

*Supporting materials attached.

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: April 16, 2020

Location: Remote

Presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website: <https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>. Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Introductions and Announcements

Ben Bakkenta, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants were asked to view the meeting attendance on the “chat” feature on BlueJeans, and phone-in participants were asked to identify themselves verbally.

Reports

Co-Chair Ben Bakkenta welcomed the committee members and explained that PSRC staff would provide short updates on upcoming policy and Executive Board meetings and review the status of ongoing projects in the work program. PSRC staff report topics included:

- Upcoming PSRC Policy and Executive Board meetings
- VISION 2050 Adoption Schedule and SEPA
- 2020 Regional Project Selection
- Transportation Project Delivery
- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Regional Aviation Baseline Study
- Regional Housing Strategy Work Plan
- Plan Review Manual Update Work Plan
- Development of Growth Targets and Centers Market Study Guidance
- Regional Transportation Plan – 2022 Update
- Federal Transportation Performance Targets
- Passenger Only Ferry Study
- 2019 Regional Household Survey

Discussion: Committee Member Updates

Co-chairs Andrea Spencer, Jesse Hamashima, Chip Vincent, and Barb Mock, as well as other RSC members, provided brief updates on their jurisdictions, and how work is moving forward during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Erika Harris, PSRC
Brian Lee, PSRC
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Andi Markley, PSRC
Charles Patton, PSRC
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Polina Butrina, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Hannah Banhmiller, City of Renton
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Grant Gibson, PSRC
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Andrea Harris-Long, PSRC
Noah Boggess, PSRC
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Ben Kahn, PSRC
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Mikayla Svob, PSRC
Brock Howell, Everett Station Alliance District
Judi Fani, City of Redmond
Hester Serebrin, Transportation Choices Coalition
Lacey Jane Wolf, City of Bellevue
Kimberly Pearson, PSRC
Mike Stanger, ARCH

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

Jurisdiction	Member	Jurisdiction	Member
King County	2 Karen Wolf, County Executive Office	R	Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies
	Sunaree Marshall, County DCHS	R	FHWA
	Ivan Miller, County Executive Office Alt	R	
	Kelly Rider, County DCHS Alt		FTA
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity & Social Justice	R	
	Michael Kattermann, Bothell	R	Health
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt		
	Vacant Alt		
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro Intergov Relations		Ports
	Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt	R	
Economic Dev.	1 Ashton Allison, County Exec Office, Econ Dev		PSCAA
	Vacant Alt		
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, Long Range Planning		Puget Sound
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R	Partnership
	Patrice Carroll, Planning & Comm Dev Alt		Sound Transit
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt	R	
Bellevue	1 Nicholas Matz, AICP, Senior Planner	R	Tribal
	Elizabeth Mountsier, Intergovernment Relations, Alt 1		Representatives
	Joyce Nichols, Intergovernment Relations, Alt 2		US EPA
Cities/Towns	3 Chip Vincent, Renton, Planning, Co-Chair	R	
	Diana Hart, City of Woodinville	R	US HUD
	Vacant		
	Vacant Alt		WA Dept. of
	Vacant Alt		Commerce
	Vacant Alt		WSDOT
Kitsap County	1 Eric Baker, Policy	R	
	Jeff Rimack		PSRC Committees
At-Large	1 Karla Boughton, Planning & Econ, Poulsbo	R	PSRC Co-Chair
	Heather Wright, Bainbridge Island		BPAC
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit	R	
	Vacant Alt		FAC
Economic Dev.	1 Vacant		
	Vacant Alt		RPEC
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Comm Dev, Co-Chair	R	
			SNTC
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Dev., Port Orchard	R	
	Heather Wright, Bainbridge Island		RTDM
Pierce County	1 Dan Cardwell, Long Range Planning		
	Vacant Alt		RTOC
At-Large	2 Jesse Hamashima, Transportation, Co-Chair	R	
	Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning	R	R = Remote attendance
	Ryan Windish, City of Sumner, Alt		
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Plan. & Build., Alt		
Transit	1 Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, PSRC TOC Mem	R	
	Vacant Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development	R	
	Vacant Alt		
Tacoma	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Svcs		
	Vacant		
Cities/Towns	1 Katie Baker, Puyallup	R	
	David Swindale, University Place, Plan & Dev Alt		
Snohomish County	1 Barb Mock, Planning & Dev, Co-Chair	R	
	Ikuno Masterson, Manager, Snoco Planning, Alt		
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director		
	Ken Klein, Executive Director		
	Doug McCormick, Deputy Director, Alt	R	
	Lacey Harper, Chief of Staff, Alt		
Transit	1 Roland Behee, Director of Planning	R	
	Sabina Araya, Manager of System Planning		
Economic Dev	1 Kendee Yamaguchi, County Exec Office		
	Vacant Alt		
Everett	1 Allan Giffen, Planning & Comm Dev.	R	
	David Stalheim, Long Range Planning, Alt		
Cities/Towns	1 Shane Hope, Edmonds, Development Serv.	R	
	Tom Rogers, Mill Creek, Development Serv., Alt	R	
Total Members	51	Attended	35



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DISCUSSION ITEM

May 12, 2020

TO: Regional Staff Committee
FROM: Brian Lee, Principal Planner, PSRC
SUBJECT: **2019 Household Travel Survey Data Highlights**

IN BRIEF

This information item presents highlights from the 2019 Household Travel Survey (HTS) data and includes updates on the University of Washington COVID-19 Mobility Survey and planning for the 2021 HTS.

DISCUSSION

The 2019 Puget Sound Regional Travel Study is Wave 2 of a 6-year, 3-wave program to conduct frequent travel surveys. The 2019 data includes an add-on sample purchased by the City of Seattle and was recently made publicly available (<https://www.psrc.org/household-travel-survey-program>). This item presents highlights from initial exploration of the data and a demo of a web-based tool that planners and the public can use to make queries.

NEXT STEPS

We will keep the committee updated on analysis of the 2019 survey data, forthcoming collaboration with the University of Washington to analyze the COVID-19 Mobility Survey, and progress on the 2021 survey.

For more information, please contact Brian Lee, Principal Planner, at 206-971-1270 or blee@psrc.org or Suzanne Childress, Principal Data Scientist, at 206-971-3282 or schildress@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

May 21, 2020

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, PSRC

SUBJECT: Covid-19 and VISION 2050

IN BRIEF

Following the Growth Management Policy Board's recommendation made last December, VISION 2050 was reviewed by the Executive Board at the beginning of the year before in-person meetings were put on hold. While it was anticipated to be adopted at a General Assembly meeting in May, adoption has been delayed as PSRC restructures its meetings in response to Governor Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy emergency proclamation. Covid-19 raises the question of whether and how VISION 2050 might recognize the impacts of the virus and the resulting economic shifts. At the May 21 meeting, staff will lead a discussion with the committee about potential edits to the draft VISION 2050 document.

DISCUSSION

The Executive Board began its review in January and identified two items for further discussion: potential amendments related to housing, and growth allocations for Snohomish County. The Final Supplemental EIS was issued March 18 that documents the environmental review process and provides analysis of the alternative considered. (The proposed amendments regarding Snohomish County growth allocations are within the set of FSEIS alternatives analyzed.)

It is anticipated that the Executive Board will take up VISION 2050 again once PSRC returns to standard meeting protocols and it is allowed by public health directives. No schedule has been set, although, this might occur with an Executive Board meeting and a supplemental General Assembly meeting in late summer or early fall. While a short-term delay to adopting VISION 2050 is not anticipated to affect local planning schedules, completion of the regional plan in the near-term is a key step to facilitate countywide planning, target setting, and local comprehensive plans.

How will Covid-19 impact VISION 2050?

It is too soon to know what long-term impacts Covid-19 will have on the region, but it is also important for the region to recognize the changes that have already occurred. During just the week of April 12-18, there were nearly 50,000 unemployment claims filings by workers in the region. More than a million people in the state have filed for unemployment since early March according to [state Employment Security Department data](#). These data merely hint at the challenges our communities are facing, which include unemployment, loss of revenues, and the direct loss of life.

The regional model and forecasts used for VISION 2050 focus on long-term projections to predict how many people and jobs the region can expect to add over the next 30 years. The regional macroeconomic forecast is a “big picture” long-range forecast of jobs, population, and households at the regional scale. It provides inputs to PSRC’s suite of models and analytical tools and the future growth assumptions used to develop VISION 2050. Since business cycle upturns and downturns are included in that trend data, the final forecasts are consistent with historical periods of stronger growth alternating with slowdowns over time. So, while PSRC’s process does not forecast the exact timing of these periods, it does account for them when projecting growth to 2050.

However, the current pandemic may have far-reaching effects that are unknown today and are different from a typical economic cycle. It could be years before data on the full effect of the downturn are available and analysts can identify fundamental changes that could significantly alter long-range forecasts. PSRC’s next regional forecast will include the best data available, with impacts from Covid-19 included in measures such as job totals and unemployment.

VISION 2050 also sets a foundation for regional work that can respond more immediately to the impacts from the coronavirus. The Economy chapter, for example, provides high level direction to guide the work of the more frequently updated Regional Economic Strategy. In turn, the economic strategy serves an important role helping the economic recovery of our communities and may be used to support potential economic stimulus funding. PSRC staff will be supporting the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District as it updates *Amazing Place*, the current economic strategy. Scheduled for adoption in 2021, the update will include key regional actions to support economic recovery.

Regardless of the pandemic impact, PSRC regularly monitors and updates regional forecasts. PSRC will review forecasts in 2021-22 following the release of Census data and in coordination with the 2022 state Office of Financial Management forecasts. PSRC may review forecasts again following local comprehensive plan updates in 2024 and prior to the 2026 update of the Regional Transportation Plan. So, while long-range forecasts tend to remain steadily on track despite short-term disruptions, PSRC will continue to periodically review forecasts to account for changing conditions and new data.

Beyond the long-term growth forecasts, it is likely that the coronavirus will have, at least temporarily, significant impacts related to VISION 2050, including city and county operations, transit and transportation, housing, parks and open space, and land uses, such as retail developments. We won't know for some time which of these impacts are lasting, where our communities return to normal, and where new trends emerge. It seems likely that some impacts will last for months or even years. However, already, there are plans to resume professional baseball and football and schools are preparing strategies for restarting in the fall.

The current hiatus from public meetings provides an opportunity to continue to monitor and evaluate. Staff anticipate recommending to the Executive Board updated narrative discussions in the introduction, growth strategy, and economy chapters to recognize the change and uncertainty brought on by the coronavirus. It may be appropriate to make similar, limited, changes to the housing and transportation chapters. The committee will be asked for feedback on the scope and type of text changes to the draft plan. Recognizing uncertainty due to the virus is appropriate in VISION 2050, but staff do not anticipate recommending changes to policy at this time. The fundamental vision for a region with a healthy economy, transportation and housing choices, and a beautiful natural environment remains.

As your communities work through the coronavirus response, we welcome hearing from you about how they are adapting and what it means for your local plans.

NEXT STEPS

At the May 21 meeting, committee members will have an opportunity to discuss how to reflect recent events in the VISION 2050 document. The Executive Board will continue its review of VISION 2050 when PSRC returns to standard meeting protocols and it is allowed by public health directives.

For more information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org.