

PSRC Transportation Work Program

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Puget Sound Regional Council

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Topics covered in today's presentation:

- **Overview of PSRC's core work that is ongoing and required**
- **Review implementation items in RTP and associated categories**
- **Focus on elements of work requiring additional detail/guidance**
- **Next Steps: Future discussion of priorities/timeline/resources**



Regional Transportation Plan Implementation

Reminder: Board directed future work and messaging on plan elements included in document

What's Ahead sections summarize next steps and future work for each topic area

- For PSRC
- For member agencies
- For state and other partners

2022-2050
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Regional Transportation Plan Implementation

What's Ahead addresses:

2022–2050
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Transit – all modes (rail, bus, ferry, specialized, etc.)	Bicycle and pedestrian	Streets and highways
Freight	Aviation	Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
ITS / Technology	Safety	Maintenance and preservation
People/engagement	Climate	Air quality
Water quality	Finance	Big ideas / What's next



Transportation Work Program: Categorization

- **Category 1:** Ongoing Core PSRC Work Program: Meeting and Maintaining MPO/RTPO Requirements
- **Category 2:** Other Ongoing Work Related to Collaboration, Coordination and Technical Assistance
- **Category 3:** Work Related to Data Collection, Analysis and Performance Metrics
- **Category 4:** Expanded Work Programs
- **Category 5:** New Work Program Items Requiring Board Guidance



Category 1: Meet and maintain core requirements

Ongoing PSRC core work program necessary to meet and maintain MPO/RTPO requirements

Illustrative examples include:

- Project selection process coming to a close in next few months
 - Equity pilot program in fall
- Transition to building the next Regional TIP (late summer-early fall 2022)
- Maintaining and updating PSRC's analytical tools, such as equity analysis for Regional TIP



Category 2: Collaboration, Coordination, Technical

Other Ongoing Work Related to Collaboration, Coordination, and Technical Assistance

- PSRC maintains 8 standing advisory committees that cover a variety of transportation planning and programming topics
 - Partnership on development of technical assistance and best practices on variety of topics
 - Examples: Freight, safety, technology, equity, resilience
- PSRC collaboration with local, regional, state, and national partners on variety of programs and projects
 - Examples: MPO/RTPO coordination, State Highway System Plan, Regional EV Collaborative



Category 3: Data Collection/Analysis & Metrics

Ongoing Data Collection and Analysis

Examples include:

- Active transportation
- Emerging technologies
- Maintenance and update of transportation system conditions visualization tool

Ongoing Improvements to Performance Metrics

Examples include:

- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Equity
- Resilience



Category 4: Expanded Work Program Items

Climate:

- Develop a 2030 transportation network and inputs to conduct a 2030 analysis aligned with adopted Four-Part GHG Strategy; and
- Continue to work with partner agencies including PSCAA on implementation strategy for achieving climate goals and monitor progress.

Deadline set for this work by December 31, 2022.

Work is already underway.



Category 4: Expanded Work Program Items

RTP Financial Strategy:

- Identify the action steps necessary to implement the new revenue sources component of the financial strategy.
 - Example component: Road Usage Charge
- Identify roles and responsibilities at all levels of government.

Longer-term work program

Some additional resources or partnership efforts may be required.



Category 5: New Work Programs Requiring Guidance

Slides that follow identify each Category 5 work program item.

- For each work program item, staff will seek feedback from board on what to include, desired outcomes.
- Future meeting will incorporate feedback in discussion on priorities and timing.



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

Identify **performance measures and targets** for meeting key aspects of VISION 2050 and RTP -- e.g., GHG emissions, safety, network gaps, VMT, transit ridership, etc. Track progress on these measures through an online dashboard.

- Deadline by December 31, 2022.

Key Questions:

- Are these different, or additional, measures from what is currently analyzed in the RTP?
- Are there specific new measures the board wants captured?
- What is envisioned for the online dashboard?



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

Elevate the work and needs of **ADA transition planning**. Monitor the progress and support the development and analysis of local ADA transition plans.

Background:

- Local agencies must conduct self-evaluation and develop ADA transition plan.
- WSDOT / FHWA require compliance and develop guidance/trainings for local agencies.

Key Questions:

- How can PSRC add value to existing efforts?
- What are some specific elements PSRC should pursue?



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

Convene regional partners and stakeholders to discuss the challenges and solutions to meeting **safety goals**.

Include addressing the full spectrum of safety elements and a Safe Systems Approach in this convening.

Key Questions:

- What is the vision for this convening – i.e., desired outcomes, format, etc.?
- What stakeholders should be included?
- Should it inform, or be informed by, the regional safety plan (next slide)?



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

Develop a **Regional Safety Plan**.

Provide updates and track progress through an annual regional safety report.

Seek resources for regional and local planning and projects.

Key Questions:

- What is envisioned as the outcomes of the regional safety plan?
- What topics should be included / issues to be addressed?
- What should the annual report include, beyond the required annual federal targets?



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

Convene members to discuss the **vision for future high-capacity transit in the region.**

Background: PSRC developed studies of future high-capacity transit corridors to inform past efforts, such as the Sound Move system plan in the late 1990's.

Key Questions:

- What might a convening on the future of high-capacity transit beyond ST3 look like?
- What kinds of topics should be discussed?
- What format should the convening take and who should be at the table?



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

Update the **RTP Prioritization Measures** and how projects are evaluated upon submission into the RTP.

This will include consideration of all ages and abilities and a Safe Systems Approach.

Background:

- Current RTP prioritization framework developed as part of 2014 RTP after lengthy discussions with the board and a working group.
- Purpose was to “prioritize transportation projects in a manner that reinforces and implements VISION 2040.”
- Sponsors seeking to add projects to the RTP must respond to how the project addresses nine prioritization measures.



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

RTP Prioritization Measures cont.

Nine measures include:

- Air Quality
- Freight
- Jobs
- Multimodal Alternatives
- Puget Sound Land and Water
- Safety and System Security
- Social Equity and Access to Opportunity
- Support for Centers
- Travel

Challenges of process = RTP contains long-term projects, many with less defined scopes



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

RTP Prioritization Measures cont.

Key Questions:

- Should this be a comprehensive update of the whole process, or revisions to individual measures?
- Are there measures missing?
- Are there other alternative methods to consider?



Category 5: New Work Program Requiring Guidance

Convene a board working group to **develop a road map and timeline for the next RTP.**

This should also consider the importance of aligning the RTP with PSRC's funding cycles.

Background: intent is for the RTP to lead and guide the funding process.

Key Questions:

- Who should be included in board working group?
- When should this work commence?
- Are there other guiding principles to consider?



Next Steps

Staff will incorporate today's board guidance.

July TPB meeting work program discussion:

- Priorities
- Timelines
- Potential additional resources needed





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