

2022–2050

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Feedback and Next Steps

Equity Advisory Committee
April 7, 2022



Puget Sound Regional Council

RTP and Equity Overview

- RTP foundation:
 - Significant expansion of high-capacity transit
 - Focus on safety, equity, climate, access to transit
- RTP and equity topics discussed to date:
 - Regional equity analysis
 - Coordinated Mobility Plan – *age, income and ability*
 - Community outreach and engagement
 - Performance metrics



EAC Feedback to Date

- From January – March 2022 meetings, topics of:
 - Data and analysis improvements
 - Outreach improvements
 - Health and safety
 - Terminology



Addressing Feedback and Next Steps

- Data and analysis improvements:
 - affordability
 - impacts of COVID-19
 - displacement
 - walk distance to transit
 - travel and wait times



Addressing Feedback and Next Steps

- Data and analysis improvements – Next steps:
 - Ongoing improvements to PSRC modeling and analyses
 - Continued and further engagement with communities, staff committees and other stakeholders
 - Review of household travel survey and additional data related to COVID and future travel conditions
 - RTP board member amendments under consideration
 - ❖ Elevating importance of ADA planning and implementation, expanding PSRC's role



Addressing Feedback and Next Steps

- Outreach improvements:
 - increase outreach with Tribal partners
 - use short videos, in multiple languages
 - allow feedback via text
 - explore outreach opportunities that don't require virtual / internet use
 - encourage member agencies to support residents with limited English proficiency to fully use transportation resources



Addressing Feedback and Next Steps

- Outreach improvements – Next steps:
 - Commitment to continued improvements in future outreach and engagement efforts
 - Sharing of best practices and innovations with member agencies, including transit agencies



Addressing Feedback and Next Steps

- Health and safety:
 - encourage transit agencies to consider future COVID-19 variants when designing buses
 - expand the Special Needs Transportation Committee to include health care representatives
 - transit stations aren't welcoming, lack amenities
 - emphasize the needs of equity focus areas as part of strengthening the partnership and coordination between transportation and health care providers



Addressing Feedback and Next Steps

- Health and safety – Next steps:
 - PSRC will share these comments with our transit agency partners
 - The Safety element of the draft plan will be reviewed, and language strengthened regarding personal health and safety
 - Partnerships will continue with health departments, with pursuit of representation on the Special Needs Transportation Committee



Addressing Feedback and Next Steps

- Terminology:
 - Review terms and language used and remove outdated references
- Next steps:
 - The RTP will be reviewed for any outdated terms
 - PSRC will work with our mobility partners and the Special Needs Transportation Committee on appropriate and current terminology



Other Related Board Amendments to the RTP

- Provide greater clarity and details on work program related to displacement risks
- Provide greater clarity and details on the equity analysis work of the RTP and funding competitions
- Develop a regional safety plan
- Improve understanding and assessment of “all ages and abilities” bicycle and pedestrian facilities



RTP Next Steps

- April 14: Transportation Policy Board review of amendments, recommendation on final draft plan
- April 28: Executive Board review of draft plan as amended, final recommendation on plan to General Assembly
 - May 12 meeting if needed
- May 26: General Assembly adoption of Regional Transportation Plan



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Thank you.

