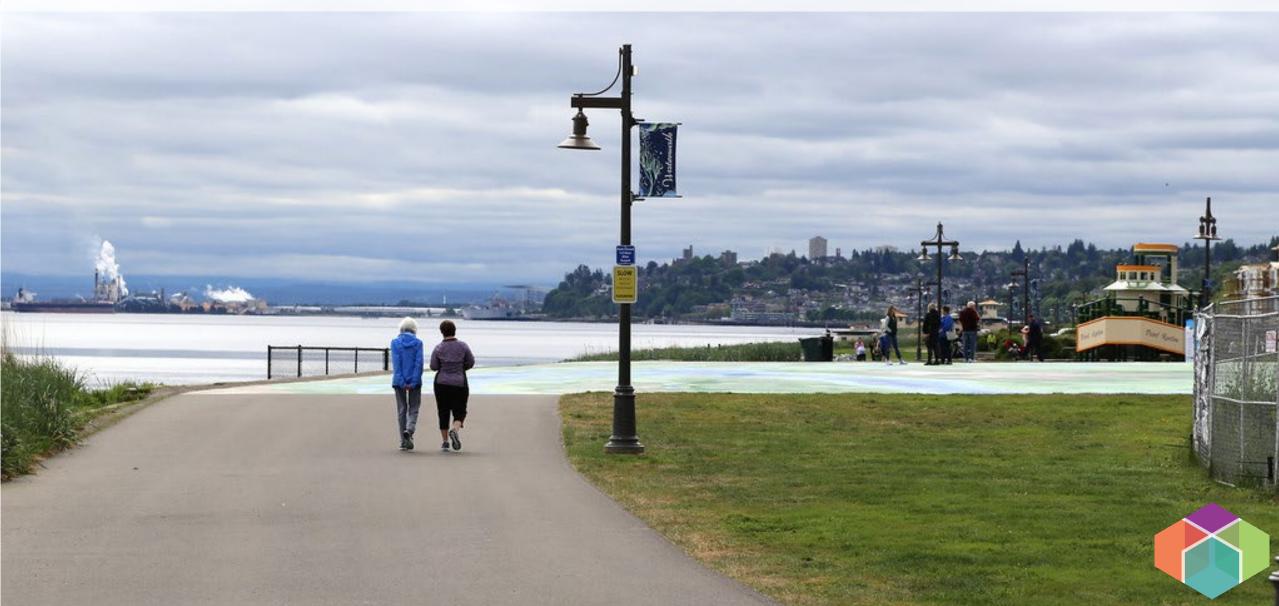
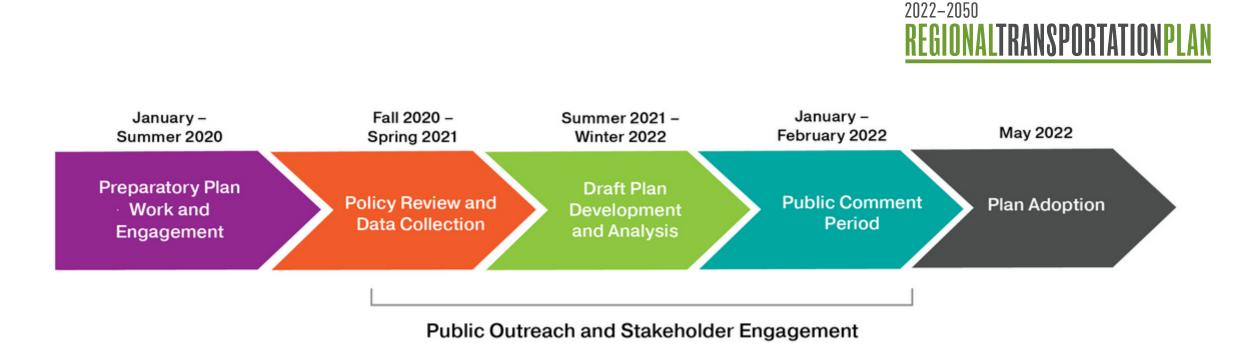
Regional Transportation Plan Update

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – May 10, 2022



RTP Schedule



Next Step: May 26th Adoption by PSRC General Assembly



RTP Background

Local policy and project implementation

- Individual projects move forward and seek funding
 - PSRC grantor; high level policy / scope review
 - WSDOT / FHWA-FTA / Resource agencies – detailed design and regulatory requirement reviews

Growth **Management Act** VISION 2050 & Regional **Transportation Plan Local Comprehensive Plans, Transit Agency Plans & Transportation Improvement Programs**

 Multicounty Planning Policies, Regional Growth Strategy, state and federal laws

- Local policies, growth targets
- Multiple modes, issues addressed – safety, congestion, bike/ped, TDM, transit, freight, preservation, etc.



Draft RTP Implementation

Potential bicycle- and pedestrian-related work program topics arising from the draft RTP:

- Mobility needs identified in Coordinated Mobility Plan
 - Associated with age, income, and disability
- Access to Transit
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Data





Mobility Needs from the Coordinated Mobility Plan

- Shorter travel times when taking regular transit or specialized transportation
- More transportation services at times when they are needed
- Accessible information about available services and language assistance
- Better access to health and wellness destinations (such as medical facilities, pharmacies, or grocery stores)
- More affordable transportation for families with low incomes
- More connected ADA-accessible infrastructure (such as connected sidewalks or wheelchair-accessible curb ramps)



Regional Policy Support for Transit Access

 VISION 2050 includes goal to attract 65% of residential growth and 75% of employment growth to regional growth centers and within walking distance of high-capacity transit station areas

 Access to transit is a key policy focus area of the draft 2022-2050 Regional Transportation Plan

 Feedback for Coordinated Mobility Plan update showed importance of transit access for people with special transportation needs



Previous PSRC Transit Access Work

- Transit Access Assessment (2016)
 - ✓ Interviews with local elected officials and regional case studies
 - ✓ Findings about transit access in the region
- Transit Access Checklist and Toolkit (2017)
 - ✓ Framework for assessing existing transit access conditions
 - ✓ Tools for improving transit access
- Transit Access and Parking Strategy (2018 RTP)
 - ✓ Guiding principles and key strategies for improved transit access



BPAC Feedback for Draft RTP

In November 2020, the BPAC discussed and provided feedback on access to transit for the draft RTP:

- Prioritize improving and better connecting active transportation facilities
- Support alignment of facility planning by different jurisdictions
- Assess availability of bike/ped accommodations at stations and on vehicles
- Incorporate equity in planning and prioritizing active transportation facilities
- Review current policies/guidelines/regulations for facilities in station areas



Draft RTP: Bicycle and Pedestrian Data

- Current and projected trends in walking and biking travel
 - Trips by regional geographies and demographics
 - Average time and length of trips
- Bicycle/pedestrian facilities on arterials and shared use paths
 - Existing facilities by regional geographies and equity focus areas
 - Planned investments to 2050
- Regional safety trends for active transportation
- Policies/guidelines/regulations for improving bike/ped facilities



Draft RTP: Transit Access Resources

Bike/ped facility data included in <u>Transportation System Visualization Tool</u>

- The draft RTP includes:
 - Analysis of facility gaps in station areas
 - Examples of local projects and programs for improving access





TOC Transit Access Feedback

At its April 2022 meeting, the **Transportation Operators Committee** (TOC) provided initial feedback on the potential regional work program for access to transit:

- Clarify roles and responsibilities for transit access improvements
- Identify facility gaps in station areas and priority areas for improvement
- Track progress in meeting regional transit access goals
- Provide technical guidance on TOD, Complete Streets, etc.



Access to Transit Key Questions

- What are the biggest challenges for improving transit access in your jurisdictions/service areas?
- What is your agency's role in improving transit access in your jurisdiction?
 How does your agency coordinate with others with transit access role?
- How does your agency identify bicycle and pedestrian facility gaps in station areas?
- How does your agency prioritize projects for improving active transportation access in station areas?
- What are your biggest lessons learned from your agency's work in improving transit access for walking and biking?

TOC Joint Workshop - Key Questions

- What active transportation planning questions do you have for transit agencies?
- What active transportation planning questions do you have for local jurisdictions?

