

OVERVIEW OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Regional Transportation Plan responds to the priorities of VISION 2050 and describes how the region will meet transportation needs into the future, addressing existing needs and expected growth. The plan outlines investments the region is making to improve all aspects of the transportation system – from roads, transit, rail, ferry, bicycle and pedestrian systems – and ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

What's in the draft plan?

The plan anticipates \$300 billion of investment over the next 28 years, with **56%** of the total investment dedicated to maintaining, preserving and operating the existing transportation system.

Of the plan's system improvements – investments that are above and beyond maintenance, preservation and operations that will improve and expand the system – **70%** are devoted to investments in local and regional transit. This equates to:

- 36 Bus Rapid Transit routes
- 10 Passenger Only Ferry routes
- 116 miles of light rail
- Over 80 light rail stations

What will the plan deliver?

The plan is being evaluated across several key performance measures and with a race forward equity lens. Some key preliminary findings:

- Transit boardings are forecasted to more than triple by 2050
- More than 58% of households will live within ¼ mile of transit service
- Households will experience a 15% reduction in delay each year from current conditions
- By 2050 the average person will walk or bike 21% more than today
- The average household is forecast to drive 23% less in 2050 than today
- Population across the region is expected to increase 41% and jobs 48% by 2050, yet the increase to congested roadways with the plan is only 4% from today

What are the plan's key policy focus areas?

The Transportation Policy Board identified several key policy focus areas for the RTP, building from emphasis areas in VISION 2050 for the transportation system.

- ✓ **Access to transit.** The RTP supports the transit focused regional growth strategy adopted in VISION 2050 and emphasizes the need for improved multimodal access

connecting to the transit system. The [transportation conditions visualization tool](#) helps to identify where access to transit can be improved, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians.

- ✓ **Safety.** VISION 2050 has an adopted policy calling for improvements to the safety of the transportation system and achieving the state's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries by 2030. The RTP emphasizes safety in the design, planning and funding of projects; calls for continued monitoring of safety data and trends; and works to share best practices and resources for continued and improved safety throughout the region.
- ✓ **Equity.** Equity is one of the foundational principles of VISION 2050. The RTP builds from VISION 2050 and the ongoing work of the Regional Equity Strategy by applying a race forward equity lens to all aspects of the plan, including the evaluation of existing and future conditions and the analysis of performance measures and regional outcomes. An equity analysis of the plan shows benefits to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, those with lower incomes, and historically marginalized groups, and no systematically disproportionate burdens from projects in the plan.
- ✓ **Climate.** Supporting the VISION 2050 goal to reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change, the RTP includes a Four-Part Greenhouse Gas Strategy that lays out the path forward to achieve necessary emission reductions – from Land Use, Transportation Choices, Pricing and Decarbonization.
- ✓ **Local needs and Future visioning** – The RTP addresses critical needs to maintain the current transportation system and improve mobility but also looks ahead to address future challenges with potential new investments, such as in rail, aviation and passenger only ferries. The plan will assist and inform the local planning to be undertaken by cities and counties as they develop their comprehensive plans by 2024.

Who did we hear from?

Significant outreach was conducted during the development of the plan, including:

- A representative public survey reaching over 1,900 residents.
- 22 follow-up interviews with individuals in four languages.
- Outreach to over 570 individuals on the needs of people with special transportation needs.
- Engagement with over 50 middle and high school aged youth.
- An online survey that yielded almost 1,400 responses.
- Five focus groups reaching communities in all four counties within the region.
- Interviews with business and military organizations.

In addition, as part of the plan's public comment period, comments were received from 74 individuals, 17 of PSRC's member agencies, and 22 other organizations including tribal governments, public agencies, non-profit and community organizations.

Transportation Policy Board Amendments

The Transportation Policy Board has recommended the final plan for adoption, including several key amendments. Proposed amendments that were considered and acted on by the

TPB are identified in the attachment. A summary of the amendments that were approved, designed to strengthen the plan and call for future PSRC work, is below.

- Updating and adding projects from four agencies.
- Expanding on future “Big Ideas.
- Developing a work plan and action steps for RTP implementation activities.
- Elevate ADA transition planning.
- Add clarifying text related to ongoing equity work.
- Expand and emphasize the work to develop an Active Transportation Plan.
- Develop a 2030 transportation network and analysis year, develop an action plan and monitor progress towards both the 2030 and 2050 climate goals.
- State clearly that the RTP implements the VISION 2050 goal supporting the state’s Target Zero plan under a Safe Systems Approach.
- Develop a regional safety plan and corresponding work plan elements.
- Commit to updating the process by which future projects are evaluated upon submittal into the RTP.
- Commit to a longer-term work plan to evaluate the alignment of RTP development and project selection schedules.