

# Connecting People to Transit

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# Today's Presentation

- **Transit Access Work Program**
- **Where we are at...**
  - Case study
  - Transit access working group meetings
- **Next Steps**



# ***Regional Transportation Plan calls for PSRC to:***

“...Develop and update tools and resources to **help identify where access to transit can be improved**, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians. ”

## **Transit access in RTP:**

- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- Walk, Bike, and Roll
- Transit Service
- Drop-off/Pick-up Modes
- Parking





# Transit Access Work Program

## Task 1: Review existing transit access tools and resources to help identify potential improvements to transit access assessments and next steps.

- This task builds upon past work and will help inform future tasks.
- Work with the Transit Access Working Group to assess unique challenges/needs for different contexts in the region.



# ***Where We Are At...***

## **Second working group meeting was on September 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Working group discussed the final locations for case studies
- Staff completed literature review based on feedback

**PSRC started conducting case studies by working with local staff**

**Next working group meeting is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>**

# Literature Review

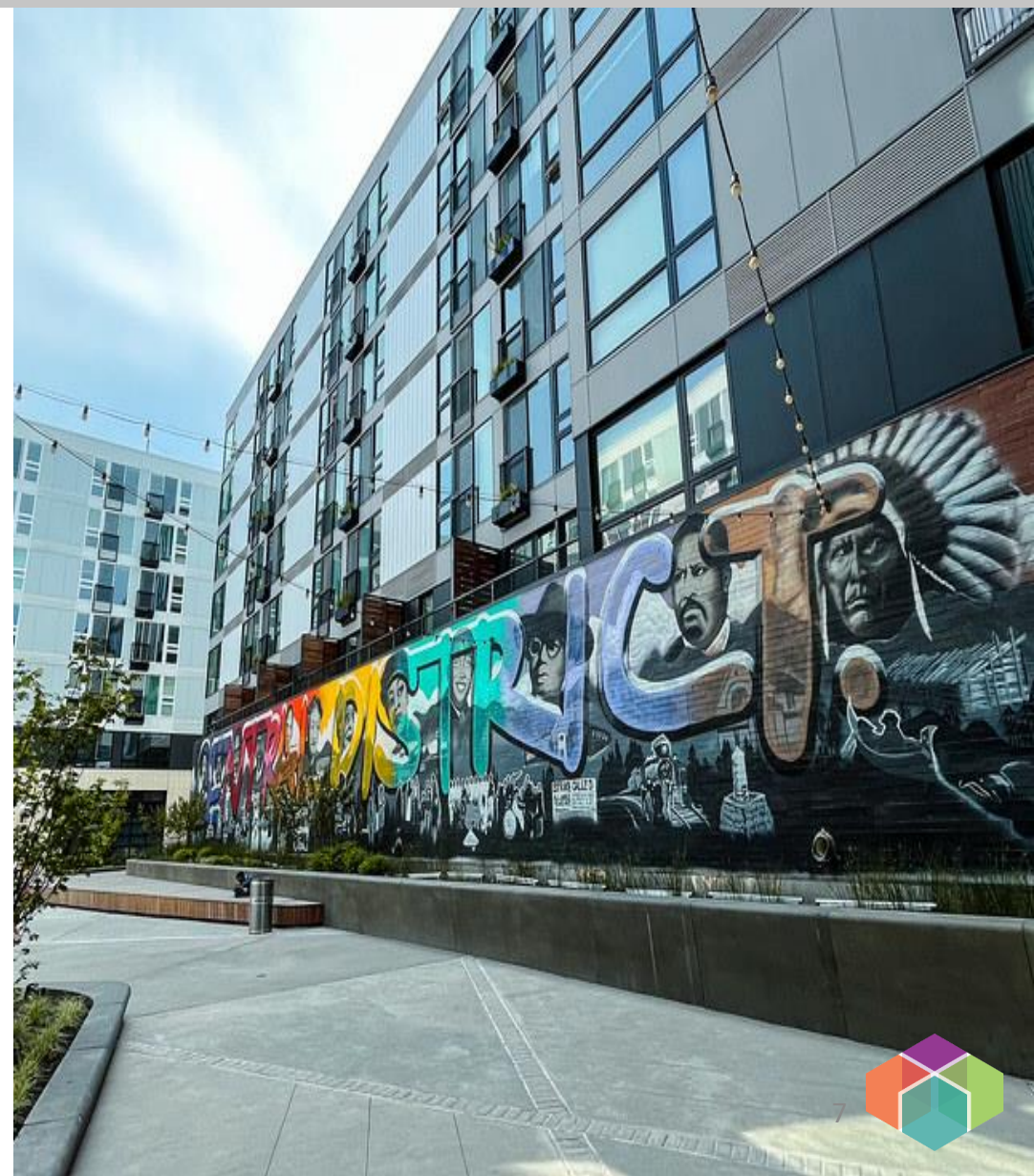
- Staff finalized the literature review.
- Recent research and studies **reinforced the key characteristics** influencing transit access:
  - Urban form
  - Transit service
  - Parking
- One new key emphasis is on **equity**.





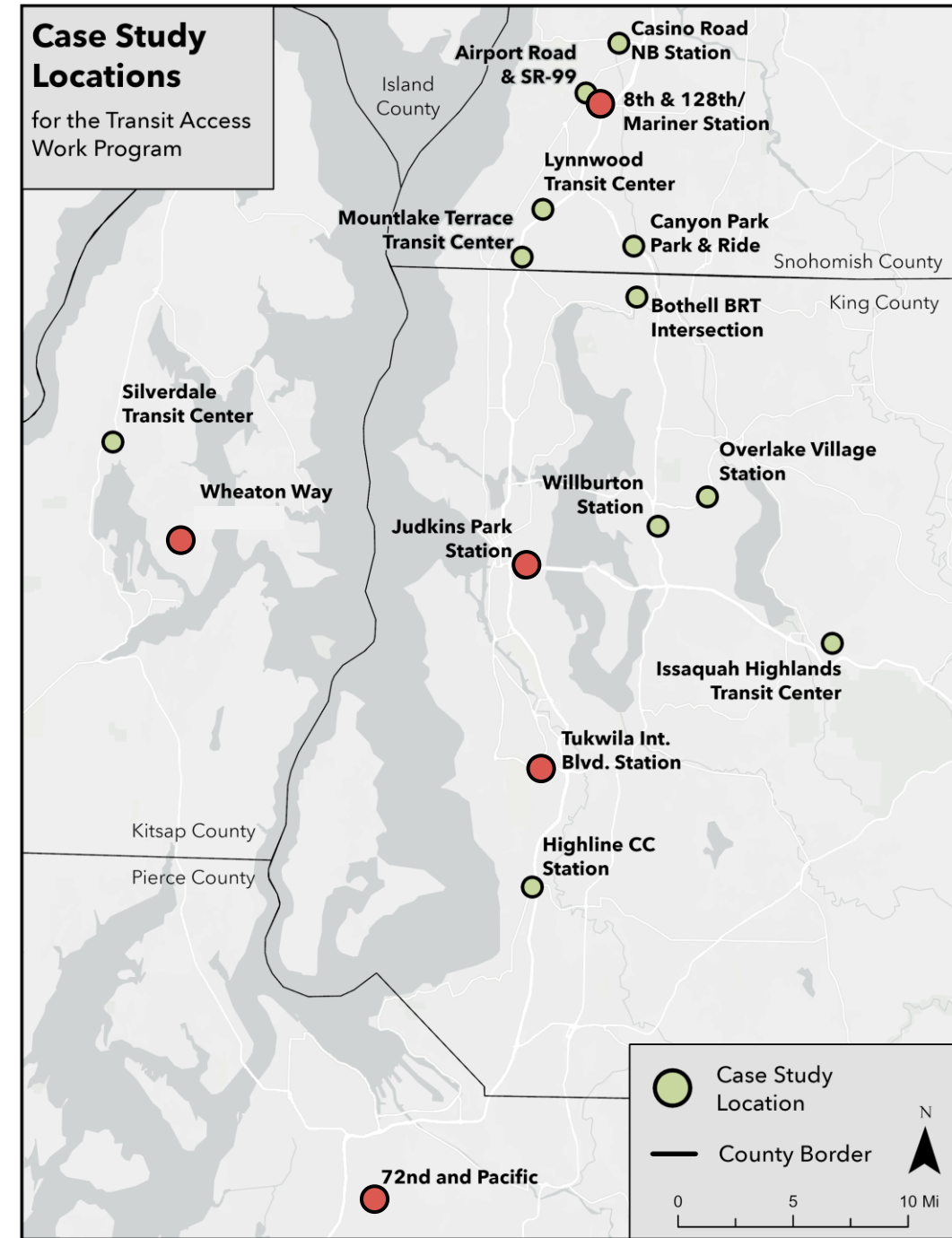
# September Transit Access Working Group Meeting

- Working group members agreed to select **five locations** across the region.
- **At least one** case study location in each county.
- Locations represent **different contexts** and **accessibility challenges**.
- Emphasis on **equity** and **MOD** program availability.



# Case Study Locations

- **Kitsap:** Wheaton Way Transit Center, Bremerton
- **Pierce:** 72nd St S & Pacific Ave, Tacoma
- **King:**
  - Judkins Park Station, Seattle
  - Tukwila International Blvd. Station
- **Snohomish:** Mariner Station (8th Ave W & 128<sup>th</sup> St S)





# ***Preliminary Findings***

**Based on the review to-date, staff identified the following...**

- Current tools inadequately address **equity, safety, and newer technologies**.
- Existing tools are **lengthy** and static, **requiring significant staff time** and effort to use, as intended.
- Ensure the update accounts for **future/planned station locations**.
- There is **potential to streamline tools** and make them more **interactive** and **user-friendly**.
- Tools are **not fully interconnected and difficult to identify roles/responsibilities** for each transit access strategy.
- Potential need to **market and provide periodic updates** to new tools to ensure their utility to stakeholders.

# Next Steps

## **September–November 2023:**

Conduct case studies

## **December 2023:** Transit Access Working Group Meeting #3

**Early 2024:** Final report out on Task 1  
with recommendations on next steps

- Anticipate Transit Access Working Group Meeting #4

**Periodic updates to committees and boards throughout process**







# ***Thank You!***

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