

# Update on Connecting People to Transit Work

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# 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...***

- PSRC conducted transit access case studies by working with local agencies across the region.
- Staff identified key findings and developed a draft report.
- The Transit Access Working Group met earlier this week and provided feedback on proposed recommendations.



## Case Study Locations

Locations represent **different contexts**  
and **accessibility challenges**.

## Kitsap

- Wheaton Way Transit Center, Bremerton

# Pierce

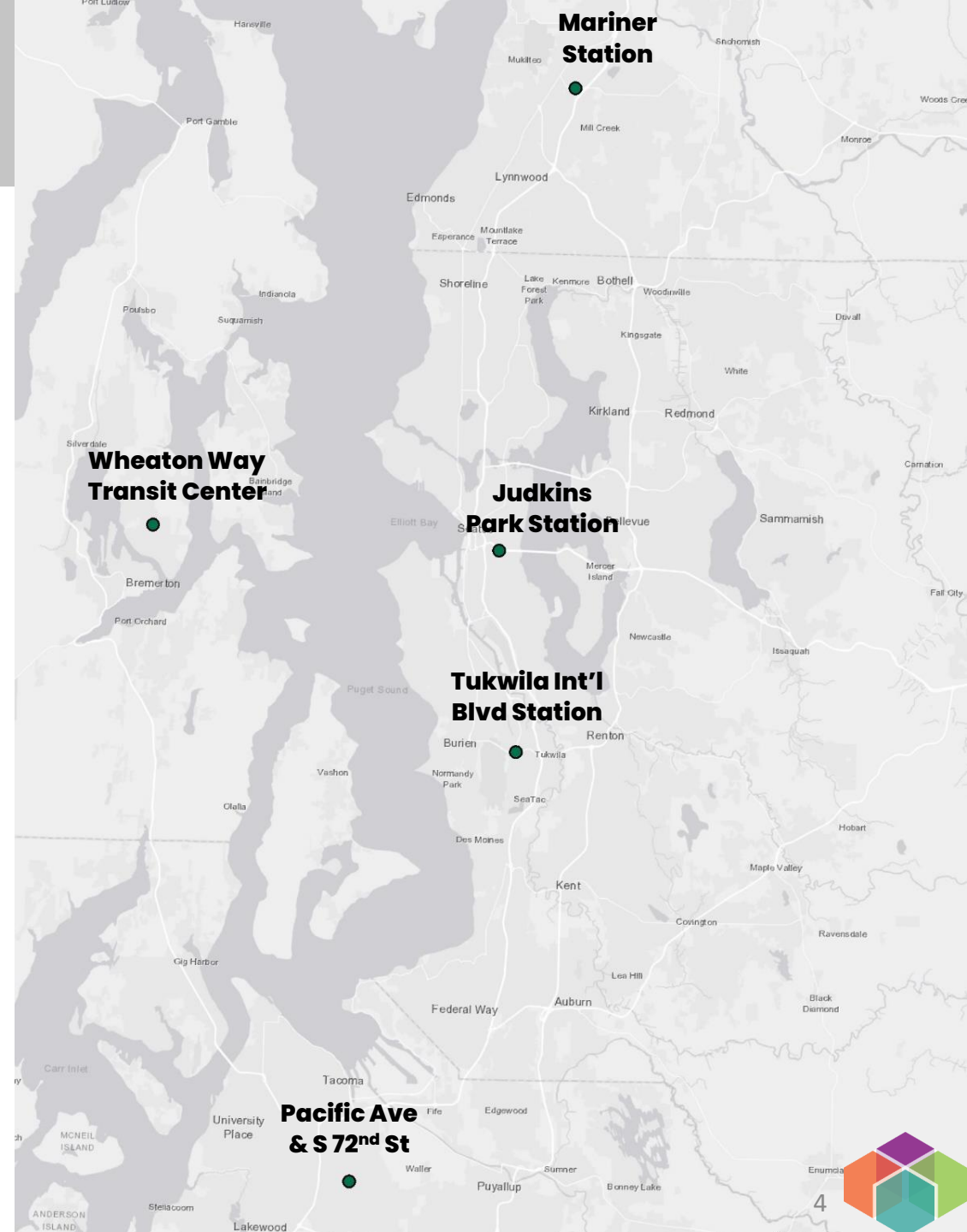
- 72nd St S & Pacific Ave, Tacoma

# King

- Judkins Park Station, Seattle
- Tukwila International Blvd. Station

# Snohomish

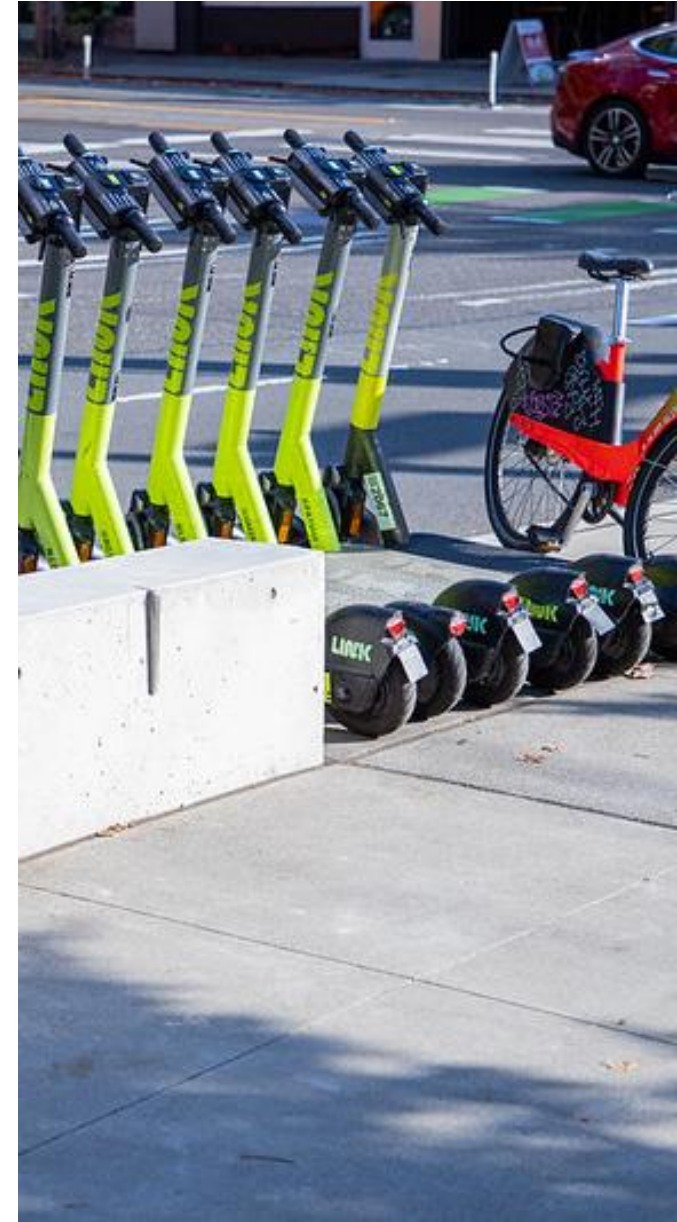
- Mariner Station (8th Ave W & 128<sup>th</sup> St S)





# Key Findings

- Transit access tools help facilitate **collaboration between agencies** and enable **comprehensive assessment** of transit access needs and opportunities.
- Existing tools are **lengthy and static** and multiple products are **not fully interconnected**.
- None of the tools address **key topics** like equity, safety, and new technologies.
- The **Transit Access Toolkit** does not provide further guidance to develop shared transit access responsibilities among stakeholders.



# DRAFT Recommendation Report

## Introduction

- Transit Access Working Group

## Transit Access Case Studies

- Literature Review Summary
- Case Study Site Selection
- Methodology
- Summary of Findings

## Recommendations

- Summary of Recommendations
- Next Steps

### PSRC Transit Access Recommendation Report (DRAFT)

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#### Introduction

Transit is an essential component of the regional transportation system, connecting people to jobs, schools, friends and family, and essential destinations. Transit access refers to the ability of people to easily get to and use transit. The [VISION 2050](#) Regional Growth Strategy calls for PSRC to provide and encourage alternatives to driving alone and ensure access to and availability of reliable transit options. The region is served by nine transit agencies that provided over 221 million boardings in 2018. More than 80% of the trips to access transit were made by active transportation modes (walking and bicycling). The remainder of the trips were either made by private vehicles or a variety of pick-up/drop-off modes, including ADA Paratransit, community shuttles, Mobility On Demand (MOD) services, among others.

In 2016–2017, PSRC completed a multi-year assessment of transit access and published tools to assist local jurisdictions and transit agency stakeholders in improving transit access in the region, including the Transit Access Checklist, Toolkit, and Funding Matrix published in 2017, on the PSRC website at: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/transit-access>. These tools were intended to be used with one another to help increase transit access at any location and used by jurisdictions, transit agencies, and other agencies to coordinate and collaborate on the assessment of transit access needs and opportunities across the region.

#### Existing PSRC Transit Access Tools

The **Transit Access Checklist** is intended for use by stakeholders to provide a framework for conducting a comprehensive assessment of existing transit access conditions at any given location, framing questions under key characteristics such as urban form, transit service, and parking. It also includes suggested data sources that local agencies can use to complete the checklist.

The **Transit Access Toolkit** identifies 60 distinct transit access improvements and organized them across eight strategic areas. The Toolkit was designed to help stakeholders understand how each strategic area increases access to transit and the roles played by various stakeholders in implementing access improvements. The Toolkit also documents benefits, costs, common issues and challenges, and regional examples of all access improvements identified.

The **Transit Access Funding Matrix** is intended to assist stakeholders in identifying potential funding opportunities for transit access strategies identified in the Toolkit.



# Draft Recommendations

- Address more clear and comprehensive information on **roles and responsibilities** by agencies.
- **Automation and streamlining of the tools** with readily available data can help local staff assess transit access needs and opportunities more easily.
- **Integrate new themes**, including equity, safety, and new technologies, as identified as emerging characteristics influencing transit access, into transit access tools.
- Develop guidance on **equitable engagement and outreach** for transit access.







# ***Thank You!***

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