

Regional Transportation Plan

Regional Project Evaluation Committee – February 23, 2024



Puget Sound Regional Council



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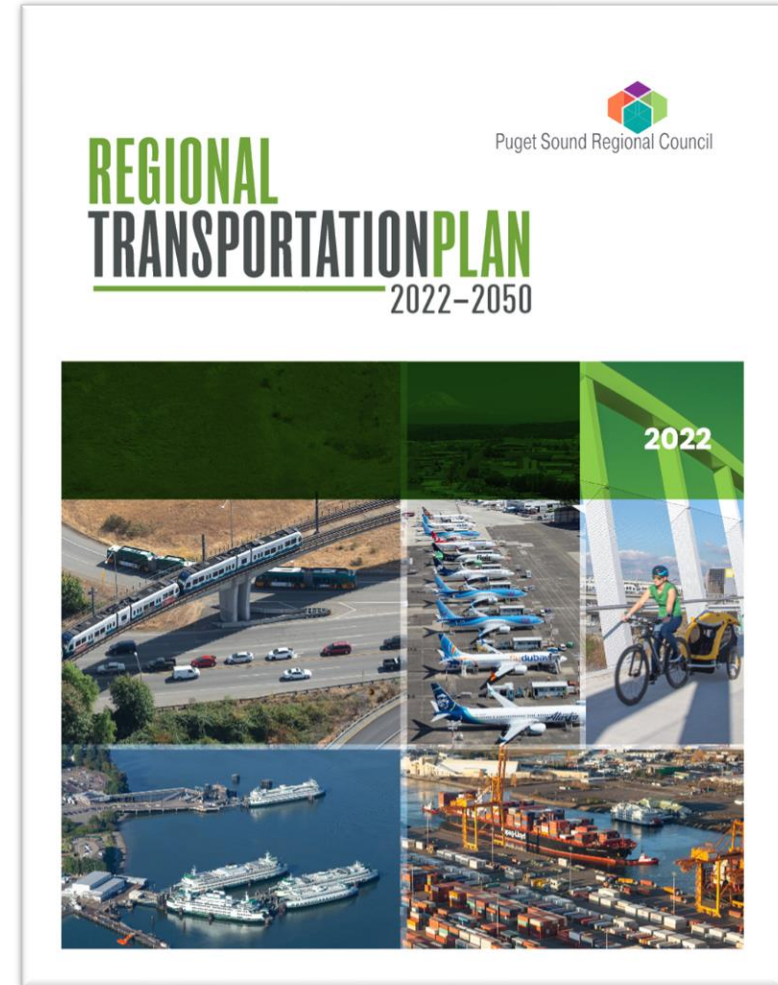
Presentation Overview

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Requirements
- What's in the RTP?
- What's been happening since RTP adoption?
- Preparations/Next Steps for the next RTP (2026–2050)



Regional Transportation Plan: Requirements

- Minimum 20-year planning horizon
- Updated every 4 years
- Integrated multimodal transportation system
- Reasonable financial strategy to fund investments
- Latest available estimates for growth, travel, and economic activity
- Performance measures and targets
- Address federal planning factors



- **Builds from VISION 2050**

(Supporting an ambitious transit focused regional growth strategy)

- **Objectives:**

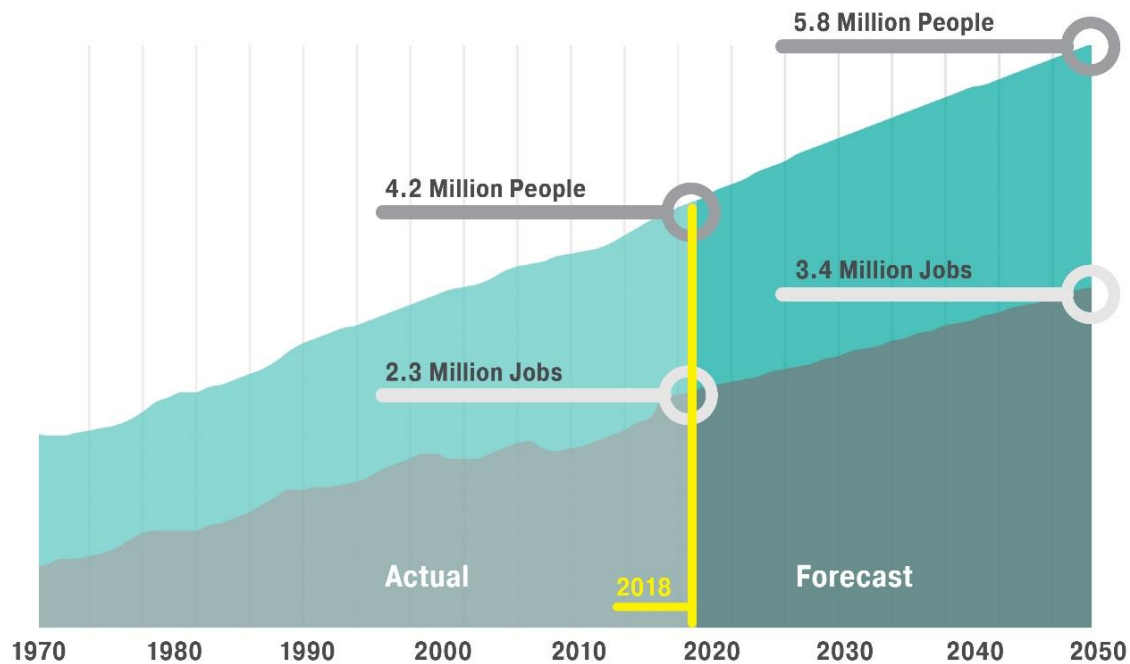
- **Make progress on existing challenges, address current and future needs of the transportation system**
 - Provide better data and analysis to support local investment planning (2024 comprehensive plans)
- **Plan for long-term system investments to accommodate future growth**
 - Improve existing system, big picture thinking on future investments (aviation, rail, ferries)

Regional Transportation Plan

The region continues to grow:

~1.6 million people by 2050

~1.1 million jobs by 2050



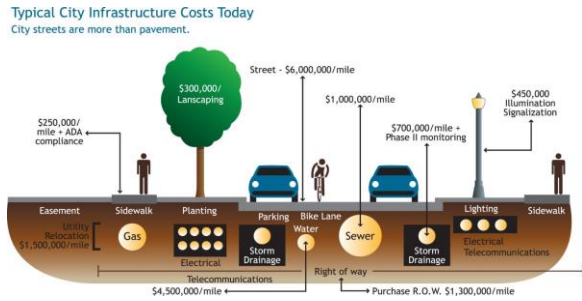
Source: PSRC, 2018 Regional Macroeconomic Forecast

Board adopted focus areas:

- Access to transit
- Safety
- Equity
- Climate
- Local agency needs
- Forward thinking/future investments



Programs included in the plan



Counties



Cities



Local Transit



Sound Transit



State Ferries

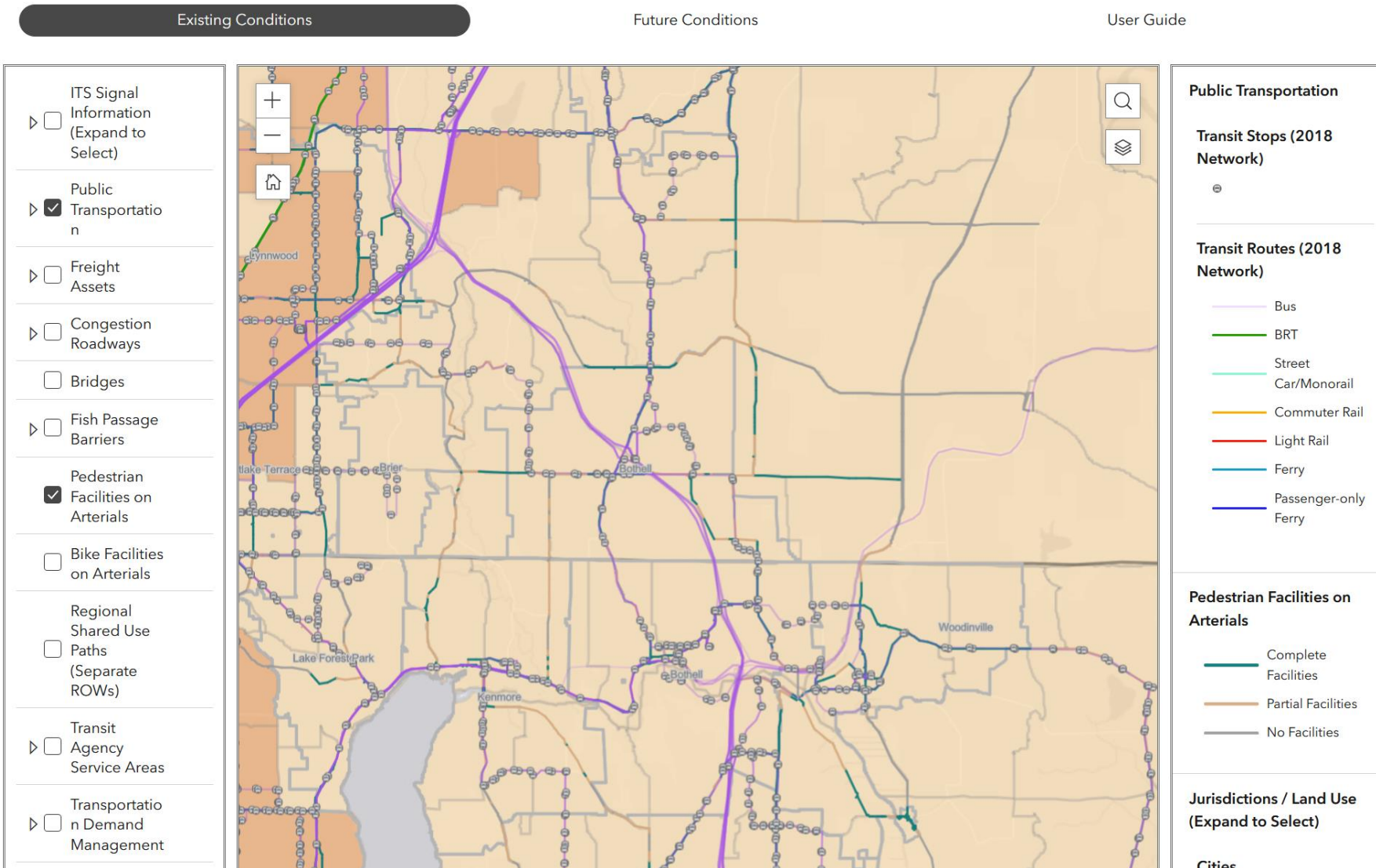


State Highways



Other Regional

Key Planning Work – System Needs and Opportunities



2022-2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Extensive data collection efforts –

- *Freight*
- *Bike / ped (first ever regional sidewalk inventory)*
- *Transit, TDM, etc.*

Brought into new visualization tool with other data sets



Informed by Public Engagement



Online Engagement Platform Virtual Outreach Meetings



Personal Interviews



Social Media



Survey

Puget Sound Regional Council
on Thursday

We want to hear from you! Take a survey to help plan the future of transportation in Puget Sound: <https://engage.psrc.org/regional-transportation-plan>

HOW WILL YOU GET AROUND?

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Regional Transportation Plan
PSRC is developing the next Regional Transportation Plan, which will des...



What's in the Plan?

- **\$300 billion of investment over the next 28 years**
 - 56% will maintain, preserve and operate the system
 - 70% of the plan's system improvements are for investments in local and regional transit
 - 84% of the plan funded with forecast current law revenues

(the most aggressive transit expansion in the country)



36

Bus Rapid Transit routes



10

Passenger-only Ferry routes




116

Miles of light rail and 80+ stations



2018 Regional Transit Network

 **BUS RAPID TRANSIT**
7 Routes

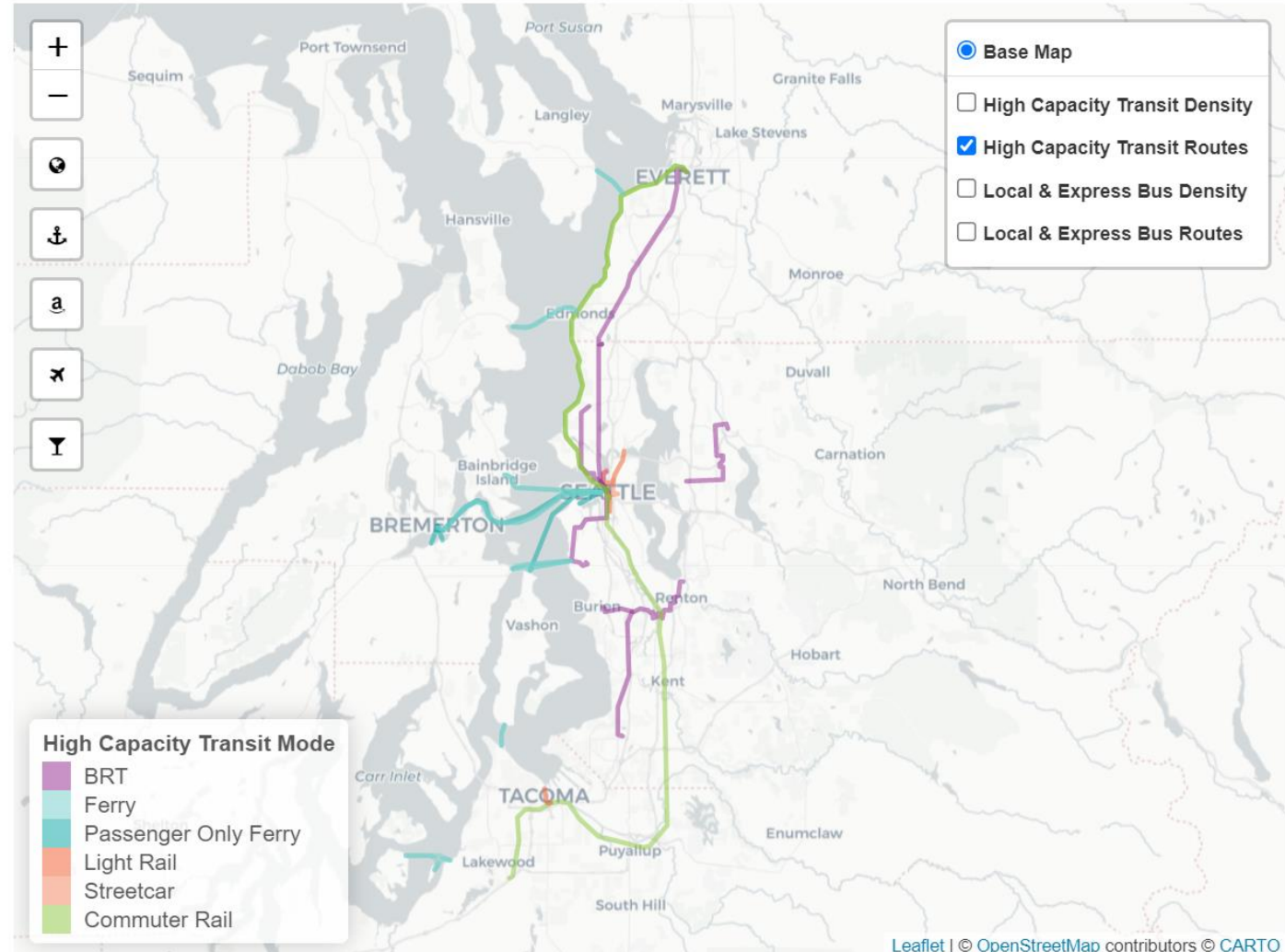
 **LIGHT RAIL**
2 Light Rail Routes
2 Streetcar Routes
1 Monorail Route

 **HEAVY RAIL**
3 Commuter Rail Routes

 **FERRIES**
5 Passenger-Only Routes
11 Ferry Routes

 **BUS**
43 Frequent Bus Routes
88 Moderately Frequent Bus Routes
227 Low Frequency Bus Routes

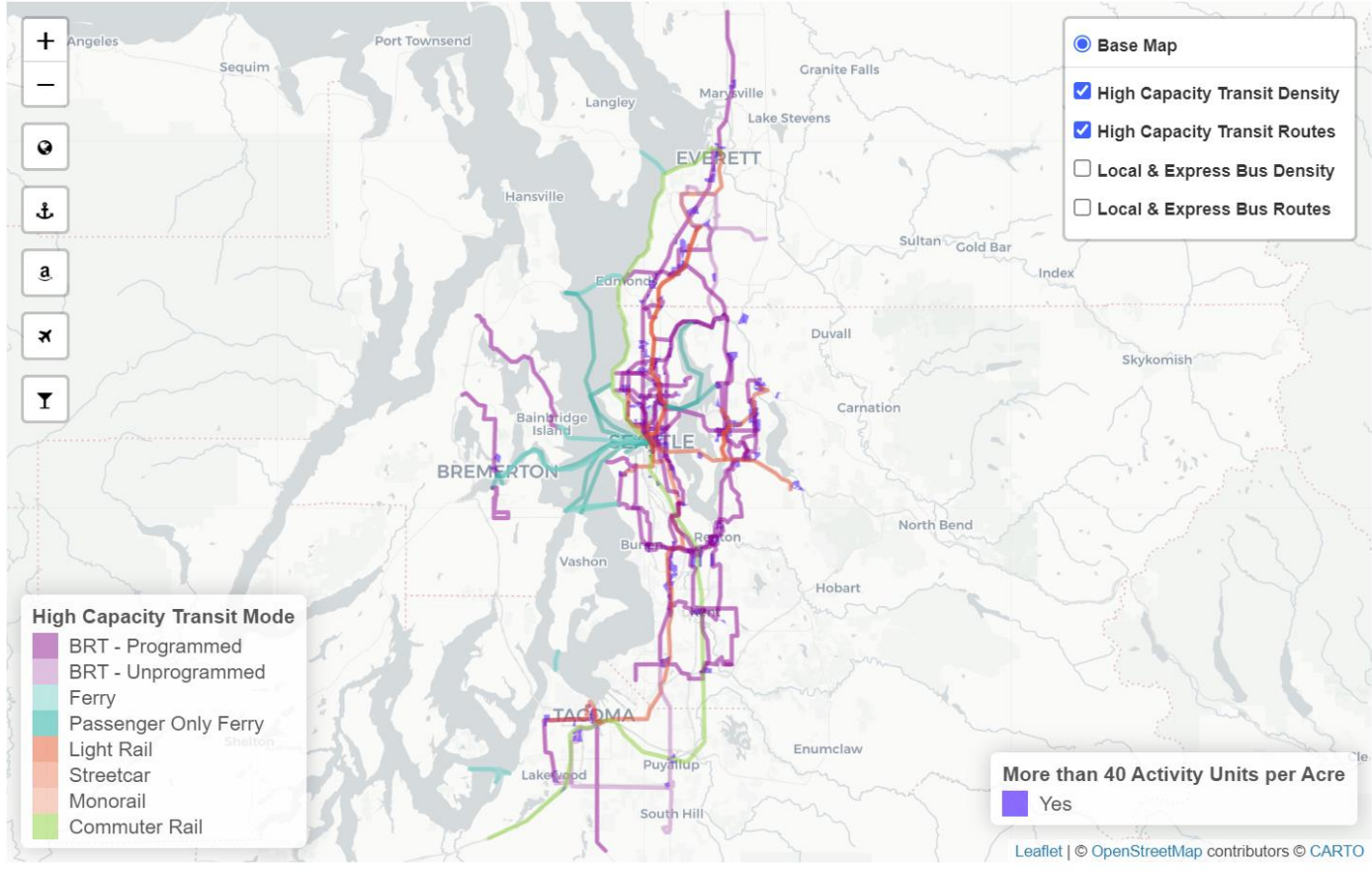
Transit Routes and Density: 2018



2050 Regional Transit Network

	BUS RAPID TRANSIT 36 Programmed Routes 5 Unprogrammed Routes
	LIGHT RAIL 5 Light Rail Routes 3 Streetcar Routes 1 Monorail Route
	HEAVY RAIL 2 Commuter Rail Routes
	FERRIES 10 Passenger-Only Routes 11 Ferry Routes
	BUS 267 Local and Express Routes

Transit Routes and Density



What has been happening since 2022 Plan Adoption?

- Safety
- Equity
- Climate
- Transit access
- Transportation system inventories



- **PSRC held first Regional Safety Summit June 2023**
 - Purpose was to convene stakeholders to advance the conversation on how to achieve zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries
 - Feedback from Summit will inform development of the Regional Safety Action Plan
- **PSRC is developing a Regional Safety Action Plan due in early 2025 under the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program**
 - Up to 25 jurisdictions will also develop local safety action plans under SS4A, in coordination with the regional program or through individual grants



- **FHWA Equity Pilot**
 - Goal was to develop innovative ways to improve equity in PSRC's project selection process
 - EAC recommendations adopted into upcoming project selection process
- **FTA Equity Formula Allocation**
 - New focused and intentional methodology to distribute regional FTA funds to improve transit services for equity focus area (EFA) populations



Building from VISION 2050 and the RTP:

- 2030 climate analysis and sensitivity testing
- Convened a climate expert review panel

Partnership efforts with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, other partners:

- Updated regional GHG emissions inventory
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) regional climate planning
- Regional EV Clearinghouse

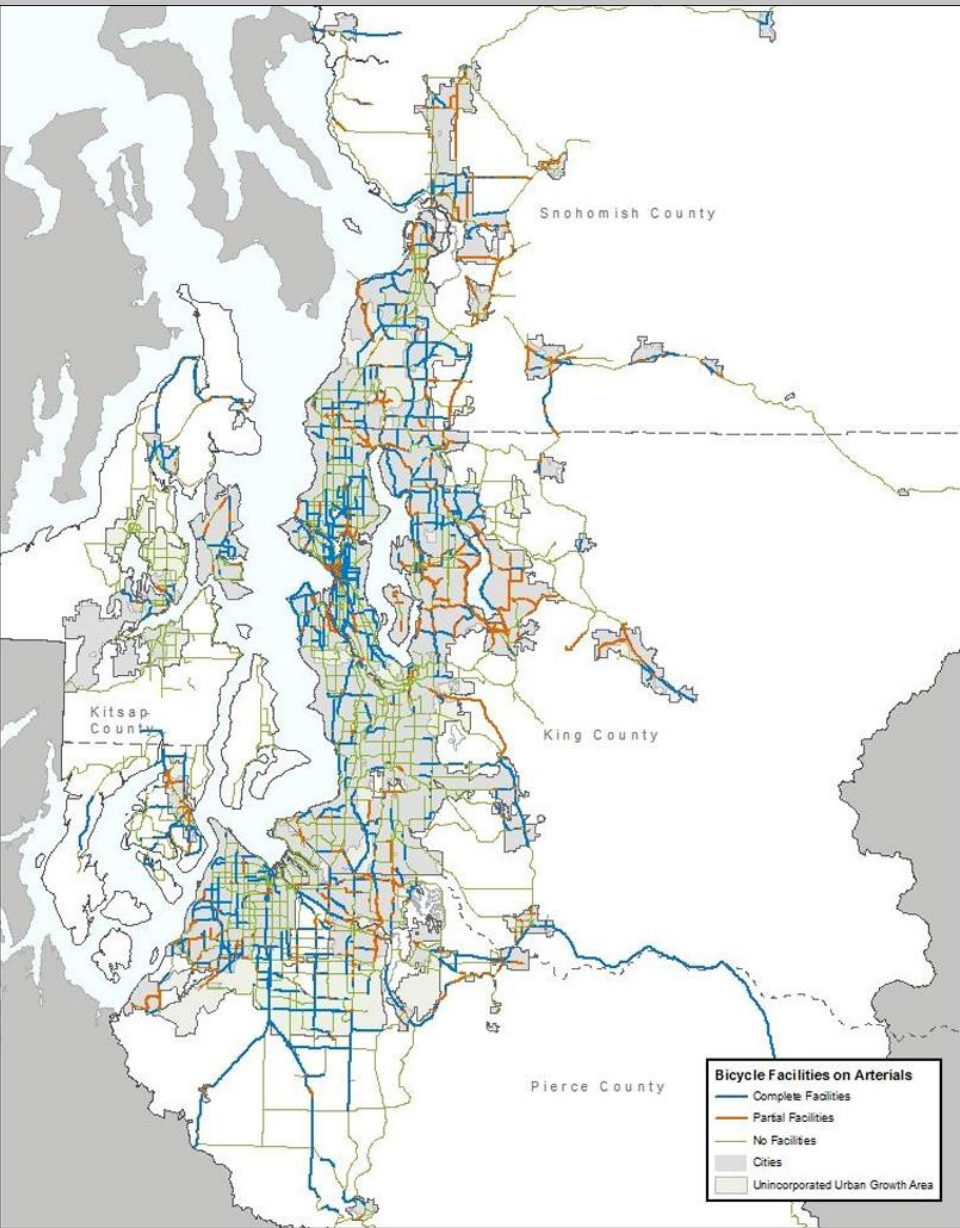


Work Program:

- Review existing transit access tools/resources in conjunction with updated data to identify improvements and next steps
- Identify potential improvements to active transportation (walk/bike/roll) connectivity near transit stations
- Review and assess Mobility On Demand (MOD) in providing transit access
- Update PSRC's existing transit access resources
- Develop regional transit access needs assessment and potential recommendations to address those needs.



System Inventories: Work to Date



- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- TDM activity
- ITS/Traffic Operations
- Mobility On Demand (MOD)
- Specialized Transportation
- Pedestrian and bicycle policies and regulations



Preparation and Next Steps: RTP (2026-2050)



Ongoing Public Outreach Informs the Plan

Preparation and Next Steps: RTP (2026-2050)

Board Discussion:

- What is top of mind in terms of regional priorities and emphasis areas for the next RTP?

From February 8 TPB Meeting



Preparation and Next Steps: RTP (2026–2050)

Board Discussion:

- What are some new things you'd like to see?
 - For example, new ideas to analyze, new ideas or investments, new ways to engage with the public, etc.

Highlights from February 8 TPB Meeting:

- *Better linkage to land use*
- *Understanding the reasons for disparities*
- *Micro-transit*
- *Electrification*
- *Financial strategy*
- *Monitoring and more detailed data*





Thank You!

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