

# ***Transit Planning in the RTP (2026-2050)***

Transit Operators Committee – April 23, 2024



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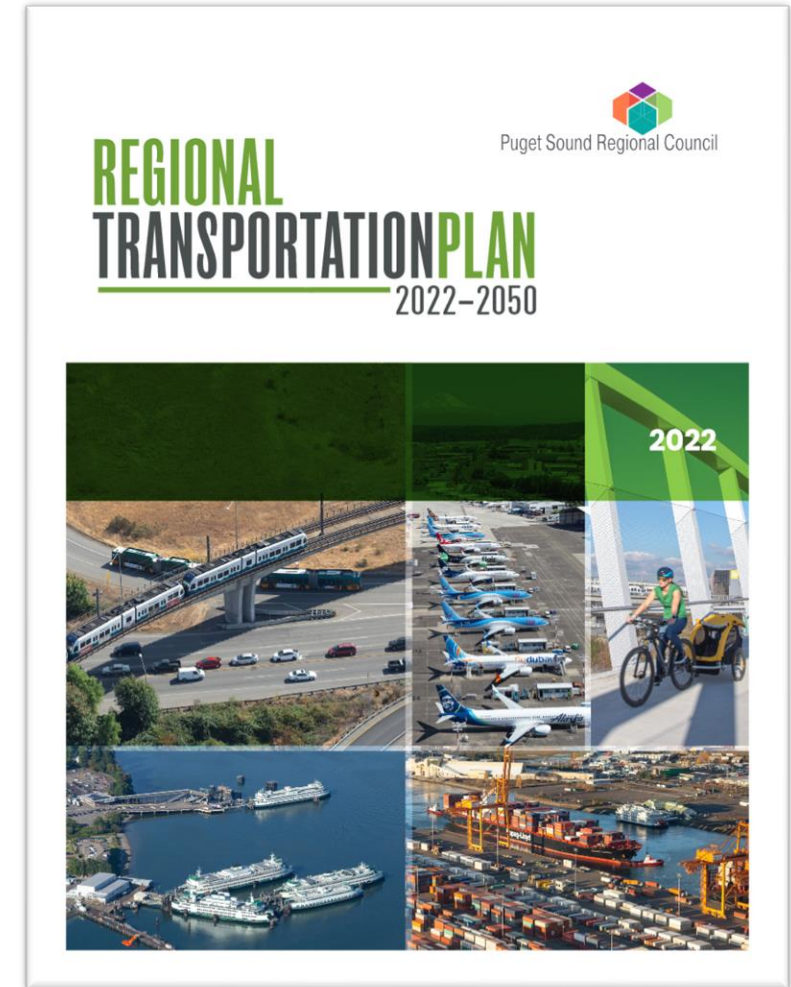
# ***Presentation Overview***

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Requirements
- Board engagement and Schedule
- Transit inputs for the 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



## VISION 2050 Implementation



# ***Regional Transportation Plan***

- Builds from VISION 2050
- 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

2022–2050  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

- Board adopted six key policy focus areas for current RTP:
  - Access to transit
  - Safety
  - Equity
  - Climate
  - Local agency needs
  - Forward thinking/future investments



# ***Preparation and Next Steps: RTP (2026–2050)***

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# Development of the next RTP (2026–2050)

Board priorities expressed to date





# ***Preparation and Next Steps: RTP (2026–2050)***

## **From February 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.

- Better linkage to land use

- Understanding the reasons for disparities

- Micro-transit

- Electrification

- Financial strategy

- Monitoring and more detailed data

- Changes in travel behavior

- Real-world examples



# ***Regional Transportation Plan: Transit-Related Elements***

- Fixed-route Transit
  - High-Capacity Transit (Rail, Ferry, + BRT)
  - Bus
- Access to Transit
- Measuring transit performance



# 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**

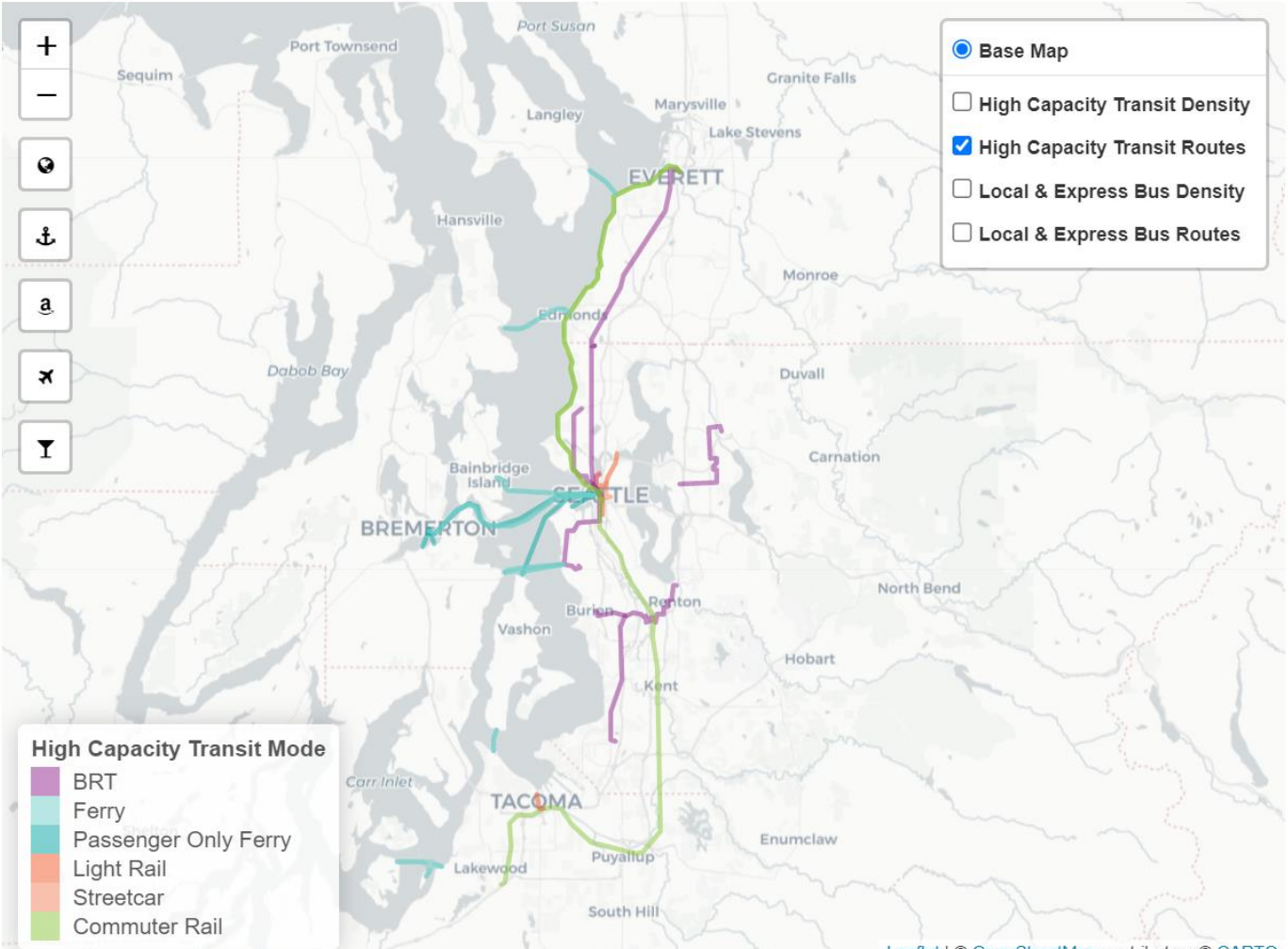


**FERRIES**  
**5 Passenger-Only Routes**  
**11 Ferry Routes**



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

Transit Routes and Density: 2018

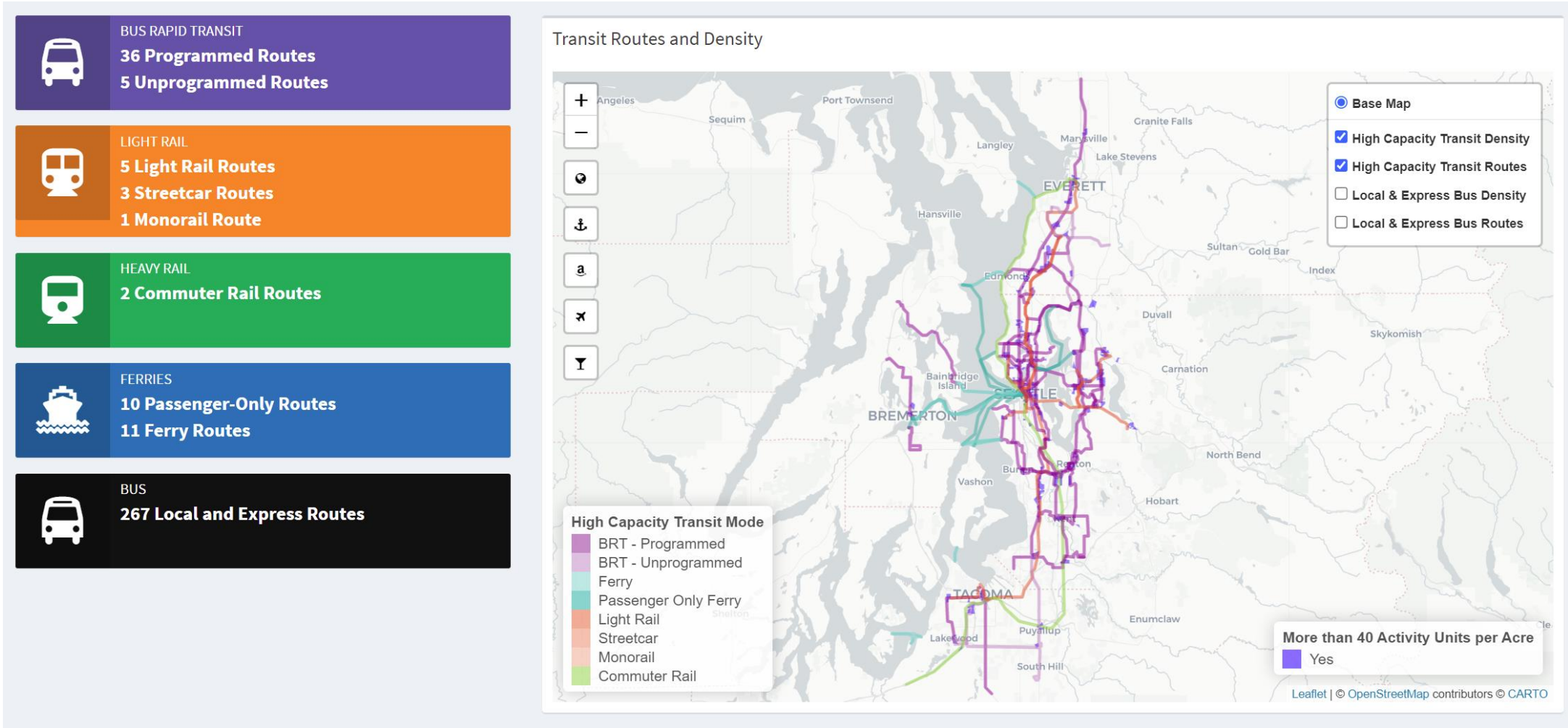


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# 2050 Regional Transit Network



# ***Regional Transportation Plan: Transit-Related Elements***

- Coordinated Mobility Plan
  - Specialized Transportation (includes ADA paratransit)
  - Needs for people with accessibility and mobility needs
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Mobility On Demand (MOD)
  - Includes Microtransit services
- Intercity Transit (Rail and Bus)



# ***Regional Transportation Plan: Transit Inputs***

- Current (Base-year) transit network: use GTFS
- Future year transit networks
  - 2050
  - Interim year(s)
- Regional Capacity Project (RCP) list
  - Should be consistent with future year transit networks
- Financial inputs
  - Revenues
  - Expenditures





# ***Considerations Relating to Transit***

- Existing Conditions/Transit trends
  - What are agencies finding in data related to post-COVID travel behavior?
  - What can transit agency survey efforts tell us?
- Planning for the Future
  - Are transit agencies planning updates to long range plans in the next few years (2024-2026)?
  - Are there changes to technical capabilities to share 2050 network updates and interim year network updates?



# ***Considerations Relating to Transit***

- Understanding differences in modeling framework
  - Example: PSRC model vs. Sound Transit model
- Transit agency assessment of financial constraint for their future transit network updates
  - In past years, we have seen variations in how transit agencies assess financial constraint
  - PSRC seeks consistency in future transit networks and Regional Capacity Projects
- Financial Strategy inputs
  - Costs associated with ADA paratransit into the future



# ***Considerations Relating to Transit-related elements***

- Coordinated Mobility Plan
  - Understanding mobility needs of affected populations and linking them to equity
  - Demographic shifts and effects on mobility needs
- Mobility On Demand
  - Incorporation of Microtransit and other services
- TDM
  - How to assess impacts of these programs?





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# ***Thank You!***

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