



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### 2024 FHWA REGIONAL COMPETITION: PROJECT SPONSOR FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

AGENCY: Port of Bremerton  
PROJECT: Airport Way Phase 2.2

**Question #1:** Please provide more information on how the facilities would connect to other nonmotorized facilities adjacent to this corridor.

**Answer #1:** At the Puget Sound Industrial Center (PSIC) on Airport Way in Bremerton, Washington, connecting facilities to other non-motorized infrastructure is essential for promoting accessibility, safety, and sustainability. Here's how these facilities might connect:

Airport Way will have dedicated bicycle paths. These paths connect to existing bike paths or trails in the surrounding area. Connections might include:

Upon completion, Airport Way will connect to nearby bike trails, recreational areas, and other destinations.

- Connecting routes to Airport Way have bike lanes or shared lanes, allowing cyclists to travel safely to and from the industrial center. As published by Kitsap County Public Works Kitsap Bike Routes 20 (Lake Flora Road), 43 (JM Dickerson Road), and 25 (Glenwood Road). The future PSIC-B Road network south of Lake Flora Road has potential for further expansion of non-motorized access to Belfair.
- A concept route has also been planned running through the south end of the Puget Sound Industrial Center Bremerton as shown on the attached map

Non-motorized facilities such as sidewalks and pedestrian paths are crucial for ensuring safe walking access within the industrial center and to nearby areas. Connections may include:

- Sidewalks along Airport Way provide pedestrian access within the Puget Sound Industrial Center.

The By integrating these non-motorized facilities and connections, Airport Way at the Puget Sound Industrial Center can promote alternative transportation options, reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, and create a more sustainable and accessible environment for employees, visitors, and residents.

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**Question #2:** In the outreach section, you mentioned that “special interest groups” were part of the stakeholder meetings. Can you share more about these groups? What is the

makeup of the “special interest groups?” What is their connection to the EFAs that you identified?

**Answer #2:** The “special interest groups” were comprised of variety of organizations and stakeholders with interests or concerns related to the Puget Sound Industrial Center (PSIC) and its Environmental Focus Areas (EFAs). In the creation of the Subarea plan for PSIC there were two committees created. The Executive Committee and the Technical Working Group consisting of agencies or organizations that are expected to be impacted or benefit from the Manufacturing Industrial Center, or that had the technical expertise and knowledge that could help develop the Subarea Plan. The Technical Advisory Group consisted of the following:

**Local Government and Association:**

Connection to EFAs: These stakeholders play a critical role in enforcing environmental regulations, issuing permits, and guiding development to protect EFAs and ensure compliance with environmental laws.

- Port of Bremerton
- City of Port Orchard
- City of Bremerton
- Kitsap County
- Mason County

**Industry:**

Connection to EFAs: Industry associations may be interested in balancing economic development with environmental stewardship. They may advocate for responsible industrial practices that minimize pollution and preserve natural resources.

- Overton & Associates
- McCormick Land Company
- Alpine Evergreen

**Tribes:**

The groups Tribes were included in the Technical Working Group as PSIC is surrounded by could be concerned with issues such as noise pollution, air quality, and land use impacts on nearby residential areas. They may advocate for measures to mitigate negative effects on the environment and quality of life.

- Suquamish Tribe
- Skokomish Tribe

**Community and Industry Associations:**

Consisting of associations, community groups, or alliances that represent residents and businesses organizations. These groups may be concerned with issues such as noise pollution, air quality, and land use impacts on nearby residential areas. They may advocate for measures to mitigate negative effects on the environment and quality of life. The following groups were included:

- Kitsap Economic Development Alliance
- Sustainable Bremerton

- PSNS/Naval Base Kitsap
- Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council
- Hood Canal Coordinating Council

The makeup of these special interest groups reflects the diverse stakeholders involved in shaping the future of PSIC and its surrounding environment. Their connection to the EFAs lies in their shared interest in preserving natural resources, promoting sustainability, and ensuring that development within PSIC is compatible with environmental goals and community well-being.

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**Question #3:** Please identify the HOP typology associated with your project's location along with the policies that currently exist that fall under the 3 categories (Supply, Stability, and Subsidy) for this typology.

**Answer #3:** The Puget Sound Industrial Center (PSIC) Bremerton is a designated Manufacturing Industrial Center and as such is designed to aid in the creation of family wage paying jobs. PSIC might face challenges related to housing supply, affordability, and maintaining stability in the face of economic growth. Policies in Kitsap County will likely focus on increasing housing supply, preserving affordability, and providing support for low-income residents.

PSIC will, and does, contribute to the housing opportunities in various ways.

**Job Creation and Economic Growth:** PSIC generates employment opportunities and attracts the workforce to the area. This workforce can increase demand for housing and will prompt the development of residential properties to accommodate the workforce. PSIC leads to overall economic growth which will stimulate investment in housing and construction projects. This can include affordable housing initiatives aimed at providing residences for the workforce.

**Supply:** As a MIC, PSIC does not supply housing. However, the region surrounding PSIC typically has a higher housing demand than supply due to population growth, economic expansion, or housing market constraints. In the case of PSIC:

- Housing demand might be high due to the presence of industries and employment opportunities in the area, attracting workers and their families.
- Limited housing supply may lead to affordability challenges and housing shortages.

**Stability:** Due to supply and demand fluctuations, the surrounding areas may face challenges related to maintaining affordability. For the growth of PSIC and employment growth, a stable supply and demand in housing will ensure economic growth.

**Subsidy:** Areas typically have low housing demand and may struggle with affordability due to low incomes or economic challenges. PSIC's growth will be able to supply family wage paying jobs to the area.