



Puget Sound Regional Council

Executive Board

Thursday, June 27, 2024 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting – PSRC Board Room: 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101

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1. Call to Order (10:00) – Mayor Becky Erickson, President

2. Communications and Public Comment

Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.

3. President's Remarks

4. Executive Director's Report

5. Committee Report

a. Operations Committee – *Executive Dave Somers, Vice President*

6. Consent Agenda - Action Items (10:15)

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held April 25, 2024
- b. Approve Vouchers Dated April 15, 2024, through June 10, 2024, in the Amount of \$2,402,530.61

- c. Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for a Federal Policy and Grant Consultant
- d. Approve Contract Authority for Ongoing Audio-Visual Systems Maintenance
- e. Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for Regional Transportation Plan Public Engagement
- f. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

7. Discussion Item (10:20)

- a. Development of the Regional Safety Action Plan – *PSRC Staff & Consultant Team*

8. Discussion Item (11:20)

- a. PSRC Equity Tracker – *Brian Lee and Mary Richards, PSRC*

9. Discussion Item (11:40)

- a. Comprehensive Plan Review Work Plan and Approach – *Maggie Moore, PSRC*

10. Information Items

- a. Project Selection: Equity Pilot
- b. Toolbox Series – Commercial to Housing Conversion: Unlocking Residential Potential in Our Region's Commercial District, August 2, 2024, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn (12:00)

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June 13, 2024

Development of the Regional Safety Action Plan

The board received a briefing on initial research and data collection efforts for the Regional Safety Action Plan. Last year, PSRC received funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan. The draft scope of work includes an analysis of regional crash data, an inventory of current plans and policies and a review of best practices. The next steps for the analysis include a more detailed review of contributing factors combined with contextual information such as geography to develop typologies and a menu of safety countermeasures. A draft State of the System report will be developed in the summer. This fall, PSRC will conduct outreach and engagement with communities and stakeholders. The Regional Safety Action Plan is scheduled to be adopted in the spring of 2025. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org.

Regional Transportation Plan Financial Strategy

The board received a detailed briefing on the Regional Transportation Plan's (RTP) financial strategy. Information was provided on the federal and state requirements for developing a financially constrained plan. Staff explained the methodology for forecasting currently available revenues into the future, as well as the menu of options developed for potential new revenue sources.

Information was provided on the declining revenue potential from the gas tax, and various tradeoffs were discussed regarding the different new revenue options. Staff will return at a future meeting with information on different revenue scenarios for the next plan, including impacts on system performance, emissions and levels of investment. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601, or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org or 206-971-3286.



June 6, 2024

Comprehensive Plan Review Work Plan and Approach

The Growth Management Policy Board reviewed the process for reviewing and certifying the 2024 comprehensive plan updates. State law requires PSRC to review and certify local comprehensive plans. Plans are due December 31, 2024, so it is expected that PSRC will review most of the plans in early 2025. When certified, jurisdictions are eligible for PSRC's federal transportation funds. Staff highlighted early findings from draft plans at the meeting and will continue to review and comment on draft comprehensive plans. Once comprehensive plans have been adopted, the board will consider certification recommendations to the Executive Board. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Maggie Moore, Senior Planner, at mmoore@psrc.org or 206-464-6171.

Housing Trends for Asian American and Pacific Islander Populations

The board was briefed on the Equity Trend for Asian American Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, which detailed the experiences of AANHPI residents and the disparities in renter cost burden, homeownership rates and income across AANHPI communities. Findings from the trend display that while Asians as a whole have a relatively low poverty rate and the highest median income across all racial groups, there is considerable variation based on ethnicity, country of origin and length of time in the United States. Lower-income Asian and Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander groups experience housing barriers at levels similar to other less advantaged communities of color. The Regional Housing Strategy calls for an increase in housing access and affordability for all and understanding the nuances of housing needs and challenges within diverse communities are essential to meeting these goals. [View presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Eric Clute, Associate Planner, at eclute@psrc.org.

PSRC Equity Tracker

PSRC staff briefed the board on the Equity Tracker project, a tool that uses data to help measure the well-being of different communities in our region. Based on the VISION 2050 goals and policies, the tool tracks progress on our equity-related goals and holds the agency accountable as we work toward a region where race no longer predicts outcomes. The Equity Tracker enhances PSRC's ability to support members and stakeholders in pursuit of their equity objectives and helps elevate equity in agency work. The Equity tracker site is publicly available, with staff continuing to make refinements, followed by updates and additions. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Brian H. Y. Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager for Data Solutions and Research, at blee@psrc.org, or Mary Richards, Associate Planner, at mrichards@psrc.org.



June 5, 2024

Boeing in Washington

Susan Champlain, Senior Director of Northwest Region Government Operations at Boeing, updated the EDD board, detailing the work in its regional facilities and the contributions made to the local community. [View video.](#)

For additional information, please contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org or 206-389-2879.

Washington's Information and Communications Technology Sector

The Washington State Department of Commerce's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) led an assessment of the region's ICT sector and commerce plans to help support sector growth. Dr. Joseph Williams serves as the ICT sector lead at Commerce and provided a presentation to the board. Within the ICT sector, Washington's tech sector employs 1.5 million people, 22% of the state's economy. King County is still the hub of the ICT sector but may shift towards the east side of Lake Washington. In terms of workforce, the state is a net importer of talent, some big recruiting problems include housing, childcare, schools and crime but big pulls include an area rich in job options, strong support for immigrant communities and access to healthcare. The top focus areas in the sector include semiconductors, blockchain, AI and cybersecurity. This assessment will help support the sector's growth, including leveraging key federal funding. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org or 206-389-2879.

Industrial Lands Analysis Update

Staff briefed the board on the Industrial Lands Analysis and the key findings from the recently released draft. The 2024 Industrial Land Analysis began development in 2022 when staff began stakeholder outreach to identify regional trends. In 2023, staff provided updates on data and findings from the projects for elected official and local staff to comment on the industrial trends that their communities are experiencing. In late 2023, PSRC worked to validate those findings and gather qualitative and quantitative information to provide context and validate trends identified in the report. Findings from the analysis fell into the categories of supply of industrial lands, positive drivers of demand, incompatible and undesired uses, impacts to communities, maintenance costs, workforce, transit investments and goods movement. The final report will be released in the summer of 2024. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org or 206-389-2879.



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Hybrid Meeting, PSRC Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Becky Erickson, PSRC President. A video of the meeting was streamed live as well as recorded and is available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen live. Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Kunzler provided a public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Becky Erickson thanked members for participating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Dave Somers, PSRC Vice President and Chair of the Operations Committee reported that at today's Operations Committee meeting, the committee recommended approval of vouchers dated March 6, 2024, through April 8, 2024, in the amount of \$1,221,758.55. The committee also recommended approval of a contract for communications system evaluation and a contract for state legislative consultants.

The committee also heard from from Andrew Werfelmann on the 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program. He noted that the Operations Committee oversaw the budget's development. The committee started work on the budget in September of last year. The committee recommends that the Executive Board approve the budget. It also recommends that the Board recommend adoption by the General Assembly in May.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Strakeljahn) to:

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held March 28, 2024
- b. Approve Vouchers Dated March 6, 2024, through April 8, 2024, in the Amount of \$1,221,758.55
- c. Approve Contract Authority for Communications System Evaluation
- d. Approve Contract Authority for State Legislative Consultants
- e. Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- f. Approve Updates to PSRC's FTA Project Tracking Policies
- g. Approve 2024 Project Tracking and Extension Requests

The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Recommend Adoption of Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program

Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC Budget Manager, briefed the board on recommending the General Assembly adopt the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program. The proposed budget of \$44.8 million is detailed in the budget document starting on page 20.

The Operations Committee started budget development in September, reviewing key dates, revenue, expenditure assumptions, and PSRC's financial policies. The committee finalized the draft budget on December 7, 2023. Information about the draft was shared with the Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board, and Economic Development District Board in January 2024.

On April 25, the Operations Committee recommended the adoption of the budget and work program.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Saka/Garrido) to:

1. Approve the Proposed FY 2024- 2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program and recommend adoption by the General Assembly on May 30, 2024; and
2. Recommend that the General Assembly adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2024-01 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Climate Commitment Act Briefing

House Majority Leader Joe Fitzgibbon, Transportation Committee Chair Jake Fey, and Becky Kelley, Senior Policy Advisor on Climate for Governor Inslee, gave an update on the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The CCA is Washington's program to reduce carbon pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by 95% by 2050. There's an initiative, Initiative 2117, to repeal the CCA, which will be voted on in November 2025. For the 2023-2025 biennium, the legislature allocated \$2.1 billion from CCA revenue, with over \$1.2 billion in the 2024 supplemental budget going towards transportation electrification, hybrid ferry construction, clean energy, salmon recovery, and related programs.

Federal Legislative Update

Leslie Pollner and Lauri Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisors from Holland & Knight, updated the board on federal policy and funding in Washington D.C. In March, Congress passed the FY24 appropriations package, which includes additional funds for ferry programs, \$100 million for affordable housing, and \$1 billion for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program to improve roadway safety. Notable grant opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law include the EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program, due July 25, 2024, and the third round of funding for Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grants, due August 29, 2024.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The agenda packet included the following information items:

- A flyer for the Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for high school students.
- A biography of last month's speaker, Steve Nevey, Assistant Secretary of Washington State Ferries.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Adopted this 27th day of June 2024.

Mayor Becky Erickson, President
Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT:

A. Executive Board Attendance, April 25, 2024

Executive Board Meeting - April 25, 2024

<i>Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:</i>		Present
King County	EXC Dow Constantine	1
	CM Claudia Balducci	
	Vacant Alt	
	Vacant Alt	
Seattle	MYR Bruce Harrell	
	CM Robert Kettle	1
	CM Rob Saka	1
	CM Sara Nelson	
	CM Tammy Morales Alt	
	CM Dan Strauss Alt	
	CM Tanya Woo	
Bellevue	MYR Lynne Robinson	1
	CM Janice Zahn Alt	1
Federal Way	MYR Jim Ferrell	1
	Vacant Alt	
Kent	MYR Dana Ralph	1
	CM Toni Troutner Alt	1
Kirkland	MYR Kelli Curtis	1
	DP MYR Jay Arnold Alt	1
Renton	MYR Armondo Pavone	1
	CM James Alberson, Jr. Alt	
Redmond	MYR Angela Birney	
	CM Vanessa Kritzer Alt	1
Auburn	MYR Nancy Backus	1
	DP MYR Larry Brown Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in King County	MYR Chris Roberts, Shoreline	1
	MYR Jeff Wagner, Covington	
	MYR Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw	1
	MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah Alt	1
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
	MYR Thomas McLeod, Tukwila Alt	
Kitsap County	COMM Charlotte Garrido	1
	COMM Katie Walters Alt	
Bremerton	MYR Greg Wheeler	1
	CM Jennifer Chamberlin Alt	
Port Orchard	MYR Rob Putaansuu	
	CM Jay Rosapepe Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Kitsap County	MYR Becky Erickson, Poulsbo	1
	MYR Joe Deets, Bainbridge Island Alt	1
Pierce County	EXC Bruce Dammeier	1
	CM Ryan Mello	1
	CM Dave Morell Alt	
Tacoma	CM Krstina Walker	1
	MYR Victoria Woodards Alt	
Lakewood	CM Ryan Pearson	1
	MYR Jason Whalen Alt	
Other Cities/Towns in Pierce County	MYR Joshua Penner, Orting	
	DP MYR Dennis King, Puyallup Alt	
Snohomish County	EXC Dave Somers	1
	CM Sam Low	1
	CM Jared Mead Alt	
Everett	MYR Cassie Franklin	
	CM Scott Bader Alt	1
Other Cities/Towns in Snohomish County	MYR Jon Nehring, Marysville	1
	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1
	MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt	
Port of Bremerton	COMM Axel Strakeljahn	1
	COMM Gary Anderson Alt	
Port of Everett	COMM David Simpson	1
	COMM Glen Bachman Alt	
Port of Seattle	COMM Hamdi Mohamed	1
	COMM Toshiko Hasegawa Alt	
Port of Tacoma	COMM John McCarthy	1
	COMM Kristin Ang Alt	
Washington State Department of Transportation	Secretary Roger Millar	
	Julie Meredith Alt	1
Washington State Transportation Commission	COMM Nicole Grant	1
	COMM Jim Restucci Alt	



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 20, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Vouchers Dated April 15, 2024, through June 10, 2024, in the Amount of \$2,402,530.61**

IN BRIEF

Two representatives of the Operations Committee review and sign off on the vouchers. In accordance with RCW 42.24.080, following the Operations Committee's review, the Executive Board approves the vouchers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board approve the following vouchers:

REQUESTED

<u>WARRANT DATE</u>	<u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
04/15/24 - 06/10/24	AP Vouchers	\$ 845,935.33
04/15/24 - 05/31/24	Payroll	\$ 1,556,595.28
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		\$ 2,402,530.61

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, at awerfelmann@psrc.org or 206-971-3292.



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 20, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for a Federal Policy and Grant Consultant**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter a contract in excess of \$10,000. A request is being made to authorize a consultant contract to provide strategic information and advice on federal legislation, policy and grant opportunities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter a consultant contract for federal affairs and funding services. The total budget for consultant work is not to exceed \$270,000 over a two-year period.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 includes funding for these consultant services. Funding for Year 2 FY 2026-2027 is contingent on adoption of the FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program.

DISCUSSION

The passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act have created unprecedented opportunities for federal funding for cities, counties, tribes and Metropolitan Planning Organizations. PSRC staff are receiving many requests from members for information and strategy to access these federal funds and have successfully partnered to bring over \$8 million in federal funds for safety planning work. Beginning in 2023, PSRC and its member jurisdictions have found the benefits of having consultant's advice, expert information and relationship building support better position PSRC and PSRC members to be competitive for federal funding opportunities.

The current contract for federal consultation assistance expires at the end of 2024. Staff are seeking authority for 2025 – 2026. The consultant will provide PSRC with consulting

services to relay information and expertise on federal legislation and programs. They will help maintain deep relationships with federal stakeholders, including the regional federal delegation and federal agency officials. The consultant will assist with access to federal funding and will provide tailored updates to PSRC boards, as well as weekly updates to PSRC staff on federal legislative, budget and grant development.

This work is anticipated to be ongoing over the next two calendar years. We anticipate the consultant will charge a regular monthly fee that will be the same amount each month. The consultant will provide a list of activities performed with each monthly invoice.

For more information contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at (206) 971-3602 or rkoskey@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 20, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Contract Authority for Ongoing Audio-Visual Systems Maintenance**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter into a contract in excess of \$10,000. A request is being made to authorize consultant contracts to provide ongoing, on-call audio-visual equipment and systems maintenance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more contracts for consultant services for ongoing, on-call audio-visual equipment and systems maintenance. The total budget for consultant work is not to exceed \$150,000 over a 3-year period.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 includes funding for this project.

DISCUSSION

PSRC purchased new audio-visual systems as part of its move to its new offices at 1201 Third. Those systems allow PSRC to manage, control and distribute both in-room and remote audio and video signals. The integrated systems are currently under warranty and thus there is no cost to troubleshoot, uninstall and reinstall any equipment part of the original AV systems purchase. Ongoing assistance is needed to trouble-

shoot programming and equipment issues once the warranty period expires, and to maintain and/or repair equipment that PSRC redeployed from its prior offices. It is anticipated that staff will use a vendor contracted with the State of Washington as part of the Department of Enterprise Systems contracts for audio-visual services.

For additional information, please contact Nancy Buonanno Grennan, Executive Deputy Director, at nbgrennan@psrc.org or 206-464-7527.



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 20, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Executive Dave Somers, Chair, Operations Committee

Subject: **Approve Contract Authority for Consultant Services for Regional Transportation Plan Public Engagement**

IN BRIEF

Authorization by the Executive Board is required for the Executive Director to enter into a contract in excess of \$10,000. A request is being made to authorize one or more consultant contracts to provide strategic advice and assist with public outreach and engagement in support of the development of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into one or more contracts for consultant services for public engagement and outreach. The total budget for consultant work shall not exceed \$225,000.

BUDGET IMPACT

The adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 includes funding for these consultant services.

DISCUSSION

Federal law and regulations require PSRC to develop a new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years. With the current RTP adopted in May 2022, the next plan is required by May 2026.

The development of the RTP will be conducted with an emphasis on transparency and education with all interested stakeholders and members of the public. A focus will be

placed on providing clear communication for a diverse audience and robust communication and regular engagement with interested parties with attention to reaching historically underserved populations.

After launching the plan development process in January, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing priorities and key themes for developing the next long-range RTP. Key themes have included the continued focus areas of safety, climate and equity; maintenance and preservation; transit and accessibility; ferries; decarbonizing the system; and recognizing the diverse needs and community contexts around the region.

To see how these and other transportation themes resonate with the public and inform PSRC's boards and regional decision makers, consultants will support the collection and analysis of broad public opinion and information about perceptions of the transportation system, individual and community needs and other concerns through a variety of means, including surveys, focus groups, public meetings, interviews, social media and direct engagement. Tasks and activities will reflect the Best Practice for Equitable Engagement established by PSRC as detailed in the [2023 Public Participation Plan](#).

The total cost under this procurement shall not exceed **\$225,000.00**.

For additional information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org or 206-971-3286, or Noah Bogges, Senior Public Engagement Specialist at nbogges@psrc.org or 206-464-6170.



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 20, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Executive Board

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Adopt Routine Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Three agencies submitted five projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state and federal funding through various funding processes, such as the Motor Vehicle Account funds managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan. At its meeting on June 13, the Transportation Policy Board recommended adoption of the amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Executive Board should adopt an amendment to the 2023-2026 Regional TIP to include the projects shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the

action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

This month's amendment includes no project tracking actions.

Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

FTA Discretionary	Other discretionary/competitive FTA awards.
MAW	State funds from the Move Ahead Washington account.
MVA	State funds from the Motor Vehicle Account.
NHPP	National Highway Performance Program provides federal funds for the condition and performance of the National Highway System.
RAISE	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and

Equity discretionary grant program.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at jbarnes@psrc.org or 206-389-2876.

ATTACHMENT

A. Projects Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2023-2026 TIP

Month: June

Year: 2024

Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to 2023-2026 TIP

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding	PSRC Action Needed			
			Project Tracking	New Project/ Phase	UPWP Other	Amend
1. Pierce Transit	System-Wide Bus Shelters Modernization and Related Passenger Amenities Upgrade New project programming an other phase to replace 200 bus shelters, which will include solar-powered interior lighting.	\$2,500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$625,000				
		\$3,125,000				
		Total				
2. Shoreline	State Route 523 (N/NE 145th St) Aurora Ave N to I-5, Phase 3 New project programming right-of- way and construction phases to resurface the roadway, add a buffered sidewalk, add new channelization and queuing at SR 99, install ITS infrastructure, make ADA and Bus Zone improvements throughout.	\$5,676,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$8,275,413				
		\$13,951,413				
		Total				
3. WSDOT Northwest Region	SR 18/Issaquah Hobart Rd to Deep Creek Vicinity - Widening New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of- way, and construction phases to widen SR 18 to a four-lane highway with a median and concrete barrier, and construct bicycle and pedestrian improvements. This is a multi-year project, and the programming reflects the planned expenditure schedule within the span of the current regional TIP.	\$100,429,732	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$75,332,807				
		\$175,762,539				
		Total				
4. WSDOT Olympic Region	SR 3/Ostrich Creek - Remove Fish Barrier New project programming preliminary engineering and right- of-way phases to remove a fish passage barrier and replace it with a fish passable structure.	\$4,072,742	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$156,830				
		\$4,229,572				
		Total				
5. WSDOT Olympic Region	SR 162/SR 410 Interchange - Roundabouts New project programming preliminary engineering and construction phases to construct two roundabouts on SR 162 that intersect with the SR 410 on- and off-ramps, and a shared-use path crossing of SR 410.	\$7,830,215	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$2,675,632				
		\$10,505,847				
		Total				



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 20, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: **Development of the Regional Safety Action Plan**

IN BRIEF

Work to develop PSRC's first Regional Safety Action Plan is underway, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. Staff has been engaging with the Transportation Policy Board and the Executive Board regarding the scope of work and planned outreach and engagement opportunities. At the June meeting, the board will be briefed on the results of the initial research and data collection efforts and provide feedback on next steps.

DISCUSSION

The current Regional Transportation Plan directs PSRC to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan including actions, targets and performance indicators. It also directs PSRC to seek resources for regional and local planning and projects and to use the Regional Safety Action Plan to help inform future regional and local planning.

In the last year, PSRC was awarded two planning grants through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, newly established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021. Totaling nearly \$8 million, these grants are funding the development of a Regional Safety Action Plan, as well as subawards to 15 local jurisdictions in the region – large and small – to develop roadway safety action plans tailored to their local needs.

To better understand expectations and goals for the Regional Safety Action Plan, PSRC held the first Regional Safety Summit on June 29, 2023. Approximately 140 participants gathered at the Seattle Convention Center to discuss transportation safety issues, challenges and opportunities facing the region. The purpose of the summit was to bring

together stakeholders – including elected officials, transportation experts, engaged citizens, agency staff and others – to foster a shared understanding of the state of road safety in the region and to advance the conversation on how we can best move the region forward to achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways.

Responding to the feedback heard at the summit, as well as the components required by USDOT under the provisions of the SS4A planning grant, PSRC developed a draft scope of work for a Regional Safety Action Plan. The Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board provided feedback on the scope of work in September 2023, and consultant teams were brought on board in 2024 to help develop the plan: the technical analysis is being led by WSP USA, and outreach and engagement is being led by Uncommon Bridges.

The Regional Safety Action Plan will follow the USDOT Safe System Approach for equitable and impactful progress on achieving the safety goals across the four-county region. The initial tasks under the scope of work include a detailed analysis of regional crash data, particularly those resulting in serious injuries or deaths, an inventory of current plans and policies in place around the region and a review of best practices.

At the June 27 meeting, PSRC staff will be joined by the consultant team to provide information on this first set of tasks for the Regional Safety Action Plan. This will include preliminary information on current regional trends and a discussion of how the data will be further analyzed and used in the development of the plan. Ultimately, a State of the Region report will be developed and released prior to completion of the full plan, and data will become available to jurisdictions for their use at the local level.

Information will also be provided on the state of the practice, both regionally and nationally. This will include a review of local safety plans and policies, and a summary of feedback gathered from agency partners on the types of safety strategies being deployed around the region.

Feedback provided by the Executive Board at the June 27 meeting will help guide next steps in the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan. Additional briefings will be provided to the board before the end of the year as a draft plan is developed. The plan is scheduled to be adopted in spring of 2025.

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 20, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **PSRC Equity Tracker**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will provide a briefing on the [Equity Tracker](#) project, a significant undertaking within the [Regional Equity Strategy](#), and present a demonstration of this resource.

DISCUSSION

PSRC is developing an Equity Tracker centered on VISION 2050. It uses data to help measure wellbeing for different communities in our region. This resource tracks progress on equity-related VISION 2050 goals and policies and helps hold PSRC and others accountable as we work toward a region where race no longer predicts life outcomes and people have improved choices and opportunities.

The Equity Tracker complements existing PSRC Data and Equity resources, which support agency work programs and help center equity in regional plans and strategies. As a pillar of the Data and Research component of the Regional Equity Strategy, the Equity Tracker helps elevate equity in agency work. Further, it enhances PSRC's ability to support members and stakeholders in pursuit of their own equity objectives.

PSRC is taking an iterative approach to develop the Equity Tracker and started with a bounded set of priorities for the initial version. Staff envision subsequent versions will include additional features and functionalities.

Co-creation with the Equity Advisory Committee

Staff have been engaging with members of the [Equity Advisory Committee](#) (EAC) about the Equity Tracker project since 2022. Staff and the committee met multiple times to

discuss key design elements, gather and review feedback from members on drafts and report on development progress.

The EAC is a cross-sector working group composed of residents as well as governmental and community-based organizations in the central Puget Sound region. This co-creation process helps center the product with an equity lens.

The board will hear an update on the Equity Tracker project and will have the opportunity to provide input on the project.

NEXT STEPS

Version one of the Equity Tracker site is publicly available. PSRC staff will continue to make refinements, followed by updates and additions.

For additional information, please contact Brian H. Y. Lee, Ph.D., Program Manager for Data Solutions and Research, at blee@psrc.org, or Mary Richards, Associate Planner, at mrichards@psrc.org.



Puget Sound Regional Council

June 20, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Executive Board

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: **Comprehensive Plan Review Work Plan and Approach**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will brief the board and seek feedback on the process for reviewing and certifying 2024 comprehensive plan updates at the end of 2024 and into 2025. Staff aim to prepare the board for the large number of plans to be certified and answer any questions on the process for review and certification early.

DISCUSSION

Each of the region's 82 cities and towns and four counties are updating their local comprehensive plan to continue shaping their community and planning for growth. Comprehensive plans are 20-year plans for growth, intended to create a meaningful, community-driven vision for local communities, and to collectively plan to address interconnected regional issues. State law requires PSRC to review and certify local comprehensive plans.

Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and PSRC have worked together to develop an overall process ([Adopted Policy and Plan Review Process](#)) for reviewing and certifying local, countywide, regional and transit agency policies and plans. PSRC reviews local comprehensive plans for consistency with [VISION 2050](#), the [Regional Transportation Plan](#) and aspects of the Growth Management Act.

With the adoption of VISION 2050, PSRC updated the [Plan Review Manual](#) to reflect updated regional policies and provide details on how plans and policies are reviewed and certified. The manual provides guidance and VISION Consistency Tools for aligning plans and policies with VISION 2050 and requirements in state law.

PSRC's review of plans takes place in two stages. PSRC staff review draft plans before adoption, which includes reviewing for consistency with the [VISION 2050 Consistency Tool](#), meeting with local staff and providing comments on areas for improvement. Once a plan is adopted, PSRC staff will review for consistency and provide a draft report with a certification recommendation, along with comments for future work. The Growth Management Board and Transportation Policy Board will make certification recommendations to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will make the final decision on certification for local comprehensive plans.

Certification is a key milestone for many communities, as it signals the completion of the periodic update process and makes them eligible for PSRC's federal transportation funds. PSRC works to provide communities with as much support as possible to help guide them to certification. However, the certification process sometimes raises thorny policy questions. This meeting's review of the certification process is to help ensure that the board is ready to address all aspects of certification later this year and into 2025.

PSRC staff met with the Growth Management Policy Board at their June 2024 meeting to seek feedback on the plan review and certification process. The board asked questions to clarify the local planning process and certification. The board also provided updates on their local planning work to update their local comprehensive plans.

At the June meeting, staff will provide the Executive Board with an update on the plan review process, highlight early findings from draft plans and discuss the certification process. The board will be encouraged to ask questions on the process for certification and share potential certification issues that may need to be addressed.

NEXT STEPS

PSRC staff continue to review and comment on draft comprehensive plans. Once the comprehensive plans have been adopted, the board will consider taking action on plan certification. The board will be asked for any feedback on the proposed process.

For additional information, please contact Maggie Moore, Senior Planner, at mmoore@psrc.org or 206-464-6171.



Puget Sound Regional Council

INFORMATION ITEM

June 20, 2024

To: Executive Board
From: Josh Brown, Executive Director
Subject: **Project Selection: Equity Pilot**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff completed an overview of the Project Selection Equity Pilot so members could learn more about the process for developing the program and potentially replicate it in their respective jurisdictions.

BACKGROUND

Equity Pilot

PSRC conducts a project selection process to distribute federal transportation funds every two years. The process and the criteria used to evaluate every project is based on policies and outcomes detailed in [VISION 2050](#) and the [Regional Transportation Plan](#). These include elements such as accessibility, multimodal mobility, safety, equity and climate, as well as financial and project readiness considerations.

In addition to substantial improvements to how equity was incorporated into the existing project selection process, as part of the 2022 *Policy Framework* approximately \$6 million of PSRC's FHWA funds were set aside for an Equity Pilot Program. The EAC was asked to co-create this program, developing the parameters by which projects would be selected for funding, with an overarching focus on improving equity with transportation investments.

Overview Document

After receiving an update on the Equity Pilot, the Executive Board requested a short overview of the program so members could learn more about the process for developing the program and potentially replicate it in their respective jurisdictions. In April, staff completed the [summary document](#) and posted it on the PSRC website. The document includes details on how staff collaborated with the EAC, the lessons learned from the Pilot, and how the experience improved the current project selection process.

For more information, please contact Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives, at cpatton@psrc.org.



TOOLBOX SERIES

Commercial to Housing Conversion: Unlocking Residential Potential in Our Region's Commercial Districts

Date: Friday, August 2, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Format: Zoom



SPEAKERS

- Lyle Bicknell, City of Seattle/University of Washington
- Debbie Bingham, City of Tacoma
- Hunter Gillaspie, AECOM
- Michael Powe, Main Street America
- Cindy Roubik, City of Chicago

DESCRIPTION

Join PSRC as we explore the opportunities and challenges associated with converting vacant and underutilized commercial spaces in our region to housing. Experts from the cities of Seattle, Tacoma, and Chicago, as well as consulting firm AECOM, will share insights on large-scale office-to-residential conversions. Additionally, Main Street America will offer perspective on the smaller adaptive reuse projects taking place in the downtown cores of medium and small communities across the country.

Gain valuable knowledge on the planning and policy foundations necessary to successfully transform these commercial properties into livable residential spaces. One AICP CM credit will be available for those who participate live via Zoom on August 2.



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