



Puget Sound Regional Council

Growth Management Policy Board

Thursday, September 5, 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) – Council President Ed Prince, Chair

2. Communications and Public Comment

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

3. Report of the Chair

4. Director's Report

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

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board held July 18, 2024

6. Discussion Item (10:20)

- a. Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County Coordination – *Julia Gold, Tulalip Tribes and David Killingstad, Snohomish County*

7. Discussion Item (11:20)

- a. Transit-Oriented Development Updates: Regional TOD Committee, Lynwood Link and Model Code Partnership– *Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC and Miranda Redinger, Sound Transit*

8. Information Items

- a. GMPB Meeting Calendar 2024

9. Next Meeting: October 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Major Topics for October:

- Plan Certifications Update
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- 2025 State Legislative Agenda Development
- Transportation Planning Safety Update

10. Adjourn (12:00)

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Council President Ed Prince, Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person provided public comment and submitted a written public comment:

- Heidi Siegelbaum

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince noted Tiernan Martin leaving the board and his position with Futurewise and thanked him for his work on the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram welcomed the board and updated the board on highlights from PSRC's regional population trend, the state Joint Transportation Committee release of a Request for Proposal for a transit-oriented development study and gave a brief introduction of the agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held June 6, 2024.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (M. Stuart/Bader) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: OPEN SPACE TRENDS

Staff provided a summary of the research findings and trends of open space conservation and enhancements to monitor implementation of the [Regional Open Space Conservation Plan](#). Board members are encouraged to review the [Open Space Trends Report](#) and share it with staff who work on natural resources, park, trail and open space issues. Suggestions can be sent to Erika Harris by August 23. The board contributed comments including lack of accessible transit and affordable housing for farm workers, the impact of tree canopy on health outcomes, safety issues around trail systems, how to promote tree canopy cover while building housing, concerns with tree canopy and utility right of way and green roofs.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PROTECTING MATURE TREES WHILE ADDING HOUSING

David Moehring, an architect and former Seattle urban forestry commissioner, and Mike Carey, Tacoma Urban Forest Program Manager, discussed how mature trees can be protected even when cities work to accommodate housing. The presenters provided resources that cities and counties can use to embrace both mature trees and more housing and PSRC staff are looking into additional guidance. Board members made comments on addressing struggling existing trees due to the climate, updates of local jurisdictions' tree codes and engaging realtors on how trees add value to property.

DISCUSSION ITEM: TREE EQUITY COLLABORATIVE

The [Washington State Tree Equity Collaborative](#) was presented to the board by Michael Liang from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The Tree Equity Collaborative aims to enhance neighborhood tree canopy cover by building rigorous and inclusive urban forestry programs. Members of the collaborative receive benefits like access to a statewide network for urban forestry professionals and stakeholders, invitations to tree equity learning labs and technical assistance from the Department of Natural Resources and American Forests. Members can also use a [Tree Equity Score Tool](#) which provides information to help prioritize expanding tree cover equitably. The collaborative is looking to expand its membership and board members are encouraged to share information about the Tree Equity Collaborative.

NEXT MEETING

The board will meet on Thursday, September 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Topics include:

- Local Coordination with Tribes
- Transit-Oriented Development Updates

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attendance Roster – July 18, 2024

Growth Management Policy Board - July 18, 2024							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Sarah Perry	1	Associate Members			
		Vacant		Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1	COM Paul McIntyre	1
Seattle				Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	John McClellan Alt	
	2	CM Tammy Morales	1	Public Agency Members		COM Chris Stearns	
		CM Maritza Rivera				Marc Daily Alt	
Bellevue		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		Commerce	1	Dave Andersen	
	1	CM Janice Zahn	1			Mark Barkley Alt	
Cities/Towns		CM Dave Hamilton, Alt		Public Health Agencies	1	Dr. Gib Morrow, Kitsap Public Health District	1
	3	MYR Traci Buxton, Des Moines	1			DIR Chantall Harmon Reed, Tac-Pierce Cnty Alt	
		CP Ed Prince, Renton - Chair	1	PSRC Committees			
		CM Melissa Stuart, Redmond	1	Regional Staff Committee	1	Andrea Spencer	
		MYR Kelli Curtis, Alt - Kirkland	1			Arun Sambataro, Alt	1
		CM Pam Stuart, Alt - Sammamish	1	Equity Advisory Committee	1	Shannon Turner	1
Kitsap County		CP Lindsey Walsh, Alt - Issaquah	1			Lisa Espinosa, Alt	
	1	COM Katie Walters		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
Bremerton		COM Christine Rolfes, Alt		Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1	Jennifer Anderson	
	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Brian Holtzclaw	1
Cities/Towns		CP Jennifer Chamberlin, Alt		Natural and Built Environments (exp. Individual)	1	Angela Rozmyn	
	1	CM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl	1			Robert Pantley Alt	
Pierce County		DM Ashley Mathews, Alt - Bainbridge Isl	1			Charlotte Murry	1
	1	CM Robyn Denson				Vacant Alt	
Tacoma		CM Paul Herrera, Alt		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1	Futurewise	1	Alex Brennan	1
Cities & Towns		CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt				Vacant Alt	
	1	CM Nikki Bufford, Fircrest	1	Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1	Patience Malaba	
Snohomish County		MYR Josh Penner, Alt - Orting		Emerald Alliance	1	Jesse Simpson Alt	
	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1			Tracy Stanton	1
Everett		CM Sam Low, Alt				Vacant Alt	
	1	CM Scott Bader	1				
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Federally Recognized Tribes							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians							
	1	Andrew Strobel					
Suquamish Tribe		Jennifer Keating Alt					
	1	Rob Purser					
Statutory Members		Alison O'Sullivan Alt					
Ports							
	1	COM Don Meyer, Tacoma	1				
WSDOT		COM Deanna Keller, Alt - Tacoma					
	1	Jeff Storrar	1				
		JoAnn Schueler, Alt					
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	15				



Puget Sound Regional Council

August 29, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management
Subject: **Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County Coordination**

IN BRIEF

State law and VISION 2050 call for improved planning coordination with recognized Tribes. Staff from the Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County will share with the Growth Management Policy Board their efforts to coordinate on land use, transportation, environmental and other issues. This work is a model for planning coordination between local jurisdictions and Tribes.

DISCUSSION

The central Puget Sound region is a part of a larger area that has been the traditional aboriginal territory of the Coast Salish peoples. The Coast Salish Tribes have lived here since time immemorial and while each Tribe is unique, all share in having a deep historical connection and legacy of respect for the land and natural resources. These sovereign Tribal Nations enrich the region through environmental stewardship, cultural heritage and economic development, and collaborate with local governments to shape the region's future.

PSRC recognizes and respects the full sovereignty of each Tribe and their [traditional lands](#) located within the jurisdictional boundaries of PSRC members. Treaties are the highest law of the land and were made between sovereign Tribes and the United States. As sovereign nations, each Tribe has its own form of government, constitution or charter, laws and planning processes.

VISION 2050 added an increased emphasis on Tribes in the region and supports meaningful, regular and ongoing exchange of information for better informed decision-

making and mutual understanding between Indian Tribes as sovereign nations and PSRC member jurisdictions.

VISION 2050 policy, MPP-RC-4, directs the members of PSRC to coordinate with Tribes in regional and local planning, recognizing the mutual benefits and potential for impacts between growth occurring within and outside Tribal boundaries. In coordination with the Tribes in the region, PSRC has prepared a [handout on coordination with Tribes in comprehensive planning](#). Further, PSRC supports partnerships with Tribes on cultural and natural resource protection, fish and wildlife habitat restoration, economic development, climate change adaptation and mitigation actions and other issues of Tribal interest. To provide information on the past treatment of Tribes, PSRC created a Tribes chapter in the interactive report on the [Legacy of Structural Racism](#). This includes information on [Tribal treaty rights](#).

Passed during the 2022 legislative session, [HB 1717](#) facilitates Tribal participation in planning under the Growth Management Act, including comprehensive plan updates. HB 1717 creates a procedure for Tribes to communicate their intention to participate in comprehensive plan updates and provides a way to formalize the agreement to collaborate. The new law also includes a provision for mediation services for parties to resolve conflicts. These services are coordinated by the [Department of Commerce](#).

This intentional effort to coordinate planning with the Tribes has not always been the case. VISION 2040 provided much less guidance about Tribes, and the coordination with Tribes during local comprehensive plan updates has often been cursory. With the changes in VISION 2050 and state law and a broader recognition of the Tribes in our region, the engagement and coordination between Tribes and local governments is improving.

As an example of that improvement, the Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County have worked for many years to elevate coordination on issues of mutual interest. The board will hear about this sustained effort to better coordinate from Julia Gold, the Planning Manager at Tulalip Tribes, and David Killingstad, the Long-Range Planning Manager at Snohomish County.

Both entities' long-range plans reflect this collaborative work. Snohomish County has added a [Tribal Coordination Element](#) to its draft comprehensive plan. The Tulalip Tribes is also updating its [comprehensive plan](#) and will include a Tribal rights collaboration chapter and other chapters that guide collaboration with partners.

Questions for the board:

- How has your jurisdiction coordinated with Tribes during your comprehensive plan update process?
- Do you have a good example of successful coordination with a local Tribe?

NEXT STEPS

Board members are encouraged to consider their jurisdiction's approach to coordination with Tribes and share the [Tribal coordination guidance document](#) with their staff.

For additional information, please contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org or 206-464-6360.



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August 29, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Transit-Oriented Development Updates: Regional TOD Committee, Lynnwood Link and Model Code Partnership**

IN BRIEF

At its September meeting, the Growth Management Policy Board will be provided with an update on the Regional TOD Committee and updates from Sound Transit staff on the opening of the Lynnwood Link Extension and planning for the Everett Link Extension, which includes a focus on TOD called the Model Code Partnership.

DISCUSSION

Supporting and encouraging growth near transit is a cornerstone of the VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy because it better leverages regional infrastructure, provides greater transportation options, helps manage growth, provides housing choices and reduces environmental and climate impacts. VISION 2050 seeks development of 65% of housing growth to occur in regional growth centers and near other major expansion of light rail, bus rapid transit and ferry routes. Recently, the region has seen the opening of the 2 line on the Eastside, the Hilltop Tacoma Link in 2023 and several new bus rapid transit lines.

Regional TOD Committee

The Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee, an advisory committee to the Growth Management Policy Board, advances a broad, multi-stakeholder coalition to support equitable transit-oriented development and the region's adopted growth strategy. Staff will provide an update on the committee's work in 2024.

PSRC will be soliciting applications for new members to the Regional TOD Committee at the end of the year. The board will be asked to confirm a new committee roster at the beginning of 2025.

PSRC is organizing two upcoming webinars to highlight work to advance equitable TOD.

- September 27: Transit-Oriented Communities. The session will highlight community amenities and placemaking to build great communities
- November 1: Preventing Commercial Displacement. The session will focus on work to address commercial displacement in the face of neighborhood change

Information on session registration will be available on the [TOOLBOX Series webpage](#).

Sound Transit Updates

Sound Transit's opening of the Lynwood Link Extension is an important milestone to bring light rail into Snohomish County and connect four new stations to the system. Sound Transit staff will update the board on the August 30 opening of the Lynnwood Link Extension.

Sound Transit staff will also provide an update on work to coordinate code changes to support extension of service through multiple Snohomish County jurisdictions. The [Model Code Partnership](#) is funded primarily by a \$2M grant from the Federal Transit Administration Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Pilot Program. Sound Transit is working with the three partner jurisdictions along the corridor and PSRC to analyze the existing regulatory environment and develop potential policy and regulatory language to be considered for local adoption.

The goals of this work are to encourage consistency and best practices across partners; align and improve design standards; advance common interest in TOD; streamline permitting and increase predictability; and update policies, regulations and permitting processes for both Sound Transit facilities and station area development.

The collaborative effort is evaluating how local policies and regulations may affect the design, permitting and construction of light rail facilities and also incorporates considerations for the broader station areas. This includes regulatory language and other tools to facilitate TOD, multimodal transportation, economic development, infrastructure improvements, public/private partnerships, green building, affordable housing and other topics supported by the jurisdictions and encouraged by the Federal Transit Administration.

NEXT STEPS

For additional information, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org or 206-464-6174 or Miranda Redinger, High Capacity Transit Development Manager, at miranda.redinger@soundtransit.org.

2024 PSRC Growth Management Policy Board Meetings

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No meeting in December						

Meetings are held 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. As needed, the Transportation Policy Board and the Growth Management Policy Board meet in joint session to coordinate activities and make decisions/recommendations.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. If a meeting is changed or cancelled, GMPB members and alternates will be notified. Updated meeting dates are listed at <https://www.psrc.org>.