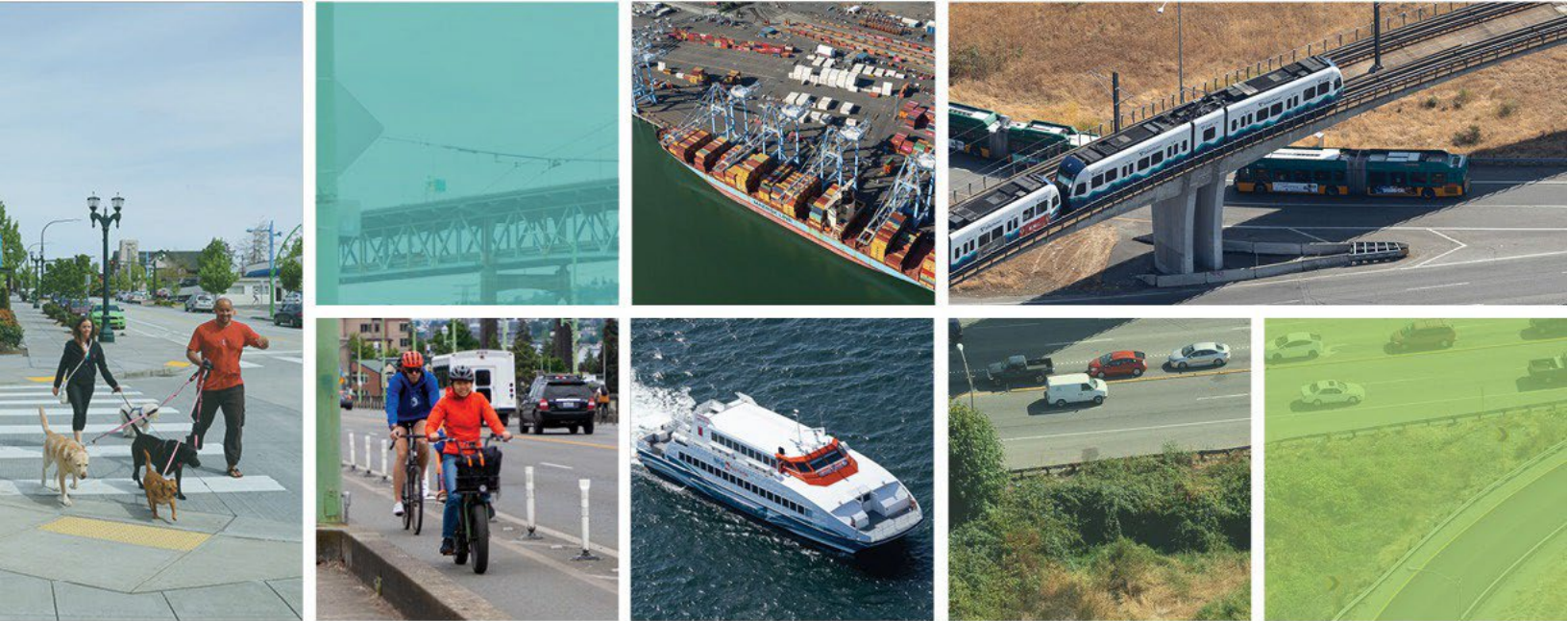


2025-2028

# TIP Regional Transportation Improvement Program



## Appendix I Approvals

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## Adopt the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

The Executive Board adopted the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP includes the projects approved in July as part of PSRC's 2024 project selection process, as well as projects with local, state and other federal funds expected to be utilized during this timeframe. The TIP will now be forwarded on for state and federal approvals, expected in January 2025. [View video](#) and [presentation](#). For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at [jbarnes@psrc.org](mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org) or 206-389-2876.

## Regional Safety Action Plan Development

The board was briefed on the work to date to develop the Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP). This included the key data findings, emphasis areas from the data analysis, the preliminary menu of tools and strategies developed for the plan and next steps. The board also heard feedback from community outreach to date. The plan is scheduled to be adopted in the spring of 2025. [View presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at [gsimonson@psrc.org](mailto:gsimonson@psrc.org).

## Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process

The board was briefed on the preliminary scope of work for developing the next Regional Transportation Plan, to be adopted in May 2026. This included the key elements expected to be included in the draft scope, which at a minimum will address the policy priorities set by the board in previous discussions; the work underway to develop both safety and climate action plans; the evaluation of the financial strategy; and the scenario and sensitivity testing to be conducted at board direction. The Transportation Policy Board will be asked to recommend adoption of the scope in November, followed by Executive Board action in December. [View presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org) or 206-971-3601 or Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org) or 206-971-3053.



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December 10, 2024

Mr. Josh Brown  
Executive Director  
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**Air Quality Conformity Determination  
Puget Sound Regional Council 2025-2028  
Transportation Improvement Program**

Dear Mr. Brown:

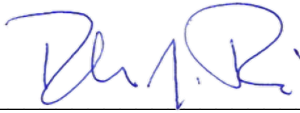
According to the Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1990, transportation plans, programs, and projects cannot create new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) violations, increase the frequency or severity of existing NAAQS violations, or delay attainment of the NAAQS. As such, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (FHWA/FTA) are required to make transportation conformity determinations for both the MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in non-attainment or maintenance areas. Transportation conformity ensures that Federal funding supports transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals, and do not worsen air quality or interfere with the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The Tacoma-Pierce County area is currently designated as a maintenance area for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. PSRC must demonstrate conformity for PM<sub>2.5</sub> until March 12, 2035; however, the “attainment” status indicates a significant improvement made in the Central Puget Sound Region toward bettering our air quality in the State of Washington.

On October 24, 2024, PSRC approved and made a formal conformity determination on the 2025-2028 TIP.

Based on our review of PSRC's conformity determination, as concurred with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Ecology, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, FHWA and FTA find that the PSRC 2025-2028 TIP conforms with the SIP to reduce the severity and number of NAAQS violations.

Please contact Matthew Pahs, FHWA Washington Division, at 360-753-9418, or Ned Conroy, FTA Region 10, at 206-220-4318, if you have any questions.



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Ralph J. Rizzo  
Washington Division Administrator  
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(for) Susan K. Fletcher, P.E.  
Regional Administrator  
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December 3, 2024

Josh Brown, Executive Director  
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Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Brown,

This is notification that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has approved your organization's 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Following a review of your submission, we find this TIP substantially meets the requirements stated in Title 23 United States Code, Section 134 and Title 49 United States Code, Section 5303. The projects in this TIP use federal, state, and local funds, and are financially constrained.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact Anna Ragaza-Bourassa, Tribal and Regional Integrated Planning Manager, at [anna.ragaza-bourassa@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:anna.ragaza-bourassa@wsdot.wa.gov) or (509) 953-9766.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Millar'.

Roger Millar, PE, FAICP, Dist. M. ASCE  
Secretary of Transportation

RM:rc

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January 16, 2025

Julie Meredith  
Secretary of Transportation  
Department of Transportation  
Olympia, Washington

Attention: Kerri Woehler

**Federal Planning Finding and 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement  
Program (STIP) Approval**

Dear Ms. Meredith:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have reviewed the Washington Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) submitted on December 19, 2024 for Federal approval.

In conjunction with the STIP approval, FHWA and FTA conducted a Federal Planning Finding review to determine that the proposed STIP is based on a statewide transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5304, and 23 CFR 450 Subparts A, B, and C. During 2024, FHWA and FTA reviewed the transportation planning process at the statewide and metropolitan planning levels. The enclosed Federal Planning Finding documents the results of our review.

FHWA and FTA find that the projects in the proposed STIP are based on a planning process that meets federal requirements, and, therefore, give joint approval of the Washington 2025-2028 STIP. We also jointly affirm our air quality determination (documented in December 2024), that the State and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) meet air quality conformity requirements under the Federal Clean Air Act.

If you have any questions concerning the 2025-2028 STIP approval or Federal Planning Finding, please contact Matthew Pahs, FHWA, at 360-753-9418 and/or Ned Conroy, FTA, at 206-220-4318.

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