



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Hybrid Meeting

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

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 9:30-11:15 am

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Jason Sullivan, City of Bonney Lake*
- 2. Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for July 18, 2024*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
- 3. Discussion Item (9:45)**
 - a. PSRC's Project Selection Process and Draft 2025-2028 TIP* – *Kelly McGourty, PSRC*
- 4. Discussion Item (10:15)**
 - a. Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Level Setting* – *Craig Helmann, PSRC*
- 5. Discussion Item (10:45)**
 - a. 2025 State Legislative Development* – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*
- 6. Discussion Item (11:00)**
 - a. 2024 Comprehensive Plan Review and Member "Round the Table" on Local Plan Updates* – *Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC*
- 7. Information Item**
 - a. Regional Safety Action Plan Regional Public Meetings
- 8. Adjourn (11:15)**

*Supporting materials attached.

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: July 18, 2024

Location: Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website:

<https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>.

Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Introductions and Announcements

Jason Sullivan, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants were asked to view the meeting attendance on the “chat” feature on Zoom, and phone-in participants were asked to identify themselves verbally.

Reports

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, welcomed committee members and provided short updates on upcoming policy and Executive Board meetings and reviewed the status of ongoing projects in the work program.

He reminded the committee of the presentation on the Open Space trend report given to the RSC in June, and shared that the report has been released and is out for review at [Open Space Conservation](#). Feedback on the draft report should be sent to Erika Harris, Senior Planner, by August 23 at eharris@psrc.org.

Ben shared that the upcoming installment of the Toolbox webinar series is titled, “Commercial to Housing Conversion: Unlocking Residential Potential in Our Region’s Commercial Districts,” and will be held on Friday, August 2, at 10 am. This webinar will feature experts from the cities of Chicago, Seattle, and Tacoma, the consulting firm AECOM, and Main Street America. Registration is now open [here](#), and one AICP CM credit will be available for those who participate.

He reminded members that PSRC boards and committees do not meet in August, and the next RSC meeting will be a hybrid meeting on September 19.

Ben also noted inclusion of a new resource for members in the agenda packet on pg. 10, that provides a calendar for the next six months of upcoming topics for the Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, Economic Development District Board, and Executive Board meetings.

Discussion: Regional Safety Plan Update on Engagement

PSRC staff are working with consultant partners Uncommon Bridges to create and execute an engagement strategy for the Regional Safety Action Plan, which is being developed through funding awarded by the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, briefed the RSC on the engagement plan and work to date and members provided feedback. You can view the presentation [here](#).

For more information, contact Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org.

Discussion: Puget Sound Regional Data Trends

Craig Helmann, Director of Data, provided a background presentation on the latest trends in the Puget Sound region.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

For more information, contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at chelmann@psrc.org.

Discussion: Title VI Demographic Profile

Carol Naito, Program Manager, briefed the committee on PSRC's work to conduct a triannual update to its Title VI demographic profile, a component of the agency's broader Title VI Plan.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

For more information, contact Carol Naito, Program Manager, at cnaito@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Mikayla Svob, PSRC
 Noah Boggess, PSRC
 Craig Helmann, PSRC
 Carol Naito, PSRC
 David Paine, City of Kent
 Eva de la Pena, PSRC
 Grant Gibson, PSRC
 Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
 Lucie Wu, City of Kent
 Maria Tizoc, City of Kent
 Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
 Shawn Phelps, Pierce County

Sohyeon Yun, PSRC
Brock Howell
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ATTACHMENT:

A. RSC Member Attendance for the July 18, 2024, Meeting

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

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Jurisdiction	Member	Jurisdiction	Member
King County	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office	Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies	
	McCaela Daffern, King County	FHWA	1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt		Vacant Alt
	Valerie Kendall, King County Alt	FTA	1 Ned Conroy, Community Planner
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity/Social Justice, Co-Chair		Danielle Casey Alt
	Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt	Health	1 Cristina Ciupitu-Plath, Snohomish County
	Dan Cardwell, Local Services/Utilities, King Co		Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1
	Susan McLain, Local Services/Subarea Planning Alt		Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 2
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro Gov. Relations	Ports	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
	Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt		Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt
Economic Dev.	1 Amie Danielewicz, King Co Exec Office Alt	PSCAA	1 Jennifer Keene, Program Director
	Jesse Reynolds, Local Services/Econ Dev Alt		Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Alt
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, OPCD	Puget Sound	1 Larry Epstein, Deputy Director
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	Partnership	Bebhinn Gilbert Alt
	Patrice Carroll, OPCD Alt	Sound Transit	1 Matt Shelden, Planning & Innovation
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt		Alex Krieg, Planning & Integration Alt
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev	Tribal	1 Vacant
	Lacey Jane Wolfe, Alt	Representatives	Vacant Alt
	Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Alt	US EPA	1 Susan Sturges
Cities/Towns	3 Diana Hart, City of Kirkland		Erik Peterson Alt
	Jeff Churchill, City of Redmond	US HUD	1 Gary Gant, Director
	Brian Davis, City of Federal Way		Vacant Alt
	Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah Alt	WA Dept. of	1 Chris Green
	Vacant Alt	Commerce	Marie Davis
	Vacant Alt	WSDOT	1 Matthew Kenna, WSDOT
Kitsap County	1 Eric Baker, Policy		April Delchamps, WSDOT Alt
	Jeff Rimack, Alt	PSRC Committees	
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director	PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt	BPAC	1 Vacant
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit		Vacant
	Vacant Alt	FAC	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
Economic Dev.	1 Joe Morrison, KEDA		Vacant Alt
	Vacant Alt	RPEC	1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Community Dev, Co-Chair		Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair
	Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt	SNTC	1 Susan Carter, SNTC Chair
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Development, Port Orchard		Vacant Alt
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt	TDM	1 Jennifer Hass, Community Transit
Pierce County	1 Lauren Flemister, Assistant Director		Sarah Spicer, City of Seattle, Alt
	Mike Galizio, Transportation Planning Supervisor, Alt	R = Remote attendance	
At-Large	2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning		
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Planning, Co-Chair		
	Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt		
	Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt		
Transit	1 Vacant		
	Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development		
	Vacant Alt		
Tacoma	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Svcs		
	Vacant		
Cities/Towns	1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup		
	Chris Larson, Fife, Alt		
Snohomish County	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director		
	David Killingstad, Planning & Development		
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director, Co-Chair		
	Ken Klein, Executive Director		
	Jay Larson, Public Works Supervisor, Alt		
	Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt		
Transit	1 Melissa Cauley, Community Transit		
	Melinda Adams, Everett Transit Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Neepaporn Boungjaktha, Economic Dev		
	Vacant Alt		
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director		
	Alice Ann Wetzel, Long Range Planning Mgr		
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director		
	Vacant Alt		
Total Members	47	Attended	32



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **PSRC's Project Selection Process and Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

The Draft 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be released for public review and comment by the Transportation Policy Board on September 12, 2024. The draft TIP includes the projects approved by the Executive Board in July to receive PSRC's 2027-2028 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds as part of the 2024 project selection process, as well as projects with local, state and other federal funds expected to be utilized between 2025 and 2028. The draft TIP document also includes a positive air quality conformity finding, background on the project selection process, an equity analysis and additional information.

BOARD CALENDAR

The public comment period for the draft TIP is scheduled from September 12 through October 14, 2024. A summary of comments received to date will be provided at the October 10 Transportation Policy Board meeting, when the final 2025-2028 Regional TIP is scheduled to be recommended for Executive Board approval.

DISCUSSION

The Regional TIP is required under federal and state legislation and helps to ensure that transportation projects in the region are meeting regional policies and federal and state requirements. The TIP is a four-year program of projects that must be updated at least every four years. In the central Puget Sound region, a new TIP is created after each project selection process for PSRC's federal funds, which typically occurs

every two years. The Regional TIP must contain all projects utilizing federal transportation funds, as well as any regionally significant projects in the region, regardless of funding source.

Documentation of the 2024 project selection process and the development of the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP has been available on PSRC's website throughout the year. In addition, major action items taken by the boards, such as approval of the *2024 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds* in January and approval of the recommended projects in July, have been featured in PSRC's At Work publication, which is sent to board and committee members, legislators and interested parties.

Consistent with PSRC's Public Participation Plan, the Draft 2025-2028 Regional TIP is scheduled to be released for a public comment period prior to adoption by the Executive Board. In addition to detailed project information, the draft TIP includes documentation of the project selection process for PSRC's federal funds, the positive air quality conformity finding, an equity analysis, the financial plan, and other data. In addition, an interactive web map is available with information on each project, and the ability to view the projects geographically within the context of other data such as the location of regional centers, designated freight routes, equity focus areas, and other information. The full suite of information is available on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/transportation-improvement-program>.

At the September 19 Regional Staff Committee meeting, staff will provide an overview of PSRC's 2024 project selection process, including the significant strengthening of safety and equity considerations. Staff will also provide a summary of the full suite of projects and funding included in the Draft TIP.

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



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050): Level Setting**

IN BRIEF

Over the past several months, the Transportation Policy Board has been discussing priorities and key themes for developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), to be adopted in May 2026. In September staff will provide information and trends on key inputs and assumptions in the current plan, to set the stage for development of the next RTP.

BOARD CALENDAR

This presentation is being provided to the Transportation Policy Board at their September 12 meeting. The board has been discussing key priorities and analysis needs of the RTP since February, and meetings through the rest of 2024 will lead towards adoption of a scope of work for the RTP in December.

DISCUSSION

The current RTP, adopted in 2022, describes the investments and actions needed to create a safe, clean and efficient transportation system essential to the region's quality of life, health and economy. The RTP identifies the investments and actions necessary to support VISION 2050 and the regional growth strategy, the centerpiece of which is an integrated local and regional high-capacity transit network. Assumptions and inputs in the RTP therefore encompass a wide variety of factors and topics, including population and employment growth, current and future travel modes and implementation of policies and goals such as decarbonizing the transportation system.

In support of the development of the next RTP, at the September meeting staff will provide a baseline level-setting of current conditions and trends on some of these key inputs and assumptions. Relevant data will also be available on the RTP Dashboard on PSRC's [website](#).

For additional information, please contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at 206-389-2889 or chelmann@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications

Subject: **PSRC 2024 Recommendations to the State Legislature**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff have begun work to support the adoption of recommendations to the Washington State Legislature in advance of the 2025 legislative session. PSRC staff will brief the Regional Staff Committee on the process to adopt legislative priorities and seek feedback on potential legislative policy items.

BOARD CALENDAR

This item will be a discussion item at October's Growth Management Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, and Executive Board meetings.

DISCUSSION

Last fall, the Executive Board adopted Recommendations to the 2024 Washington State Legislature after consultation with the Economic Development District Board, Growth Management Policy Board Transportation Policy Board and the Equity Advisory Committee.

PSRC staff propose following a similar framework to the recommendations adopted last year (2024 Recommendations to the State Legislature attached) based on adopted regional plans and policies in the following focus areas:

- Transportation - Keep the Region Moving
- Housing - Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
- Climate - Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Economic Development – Sustain a Strong Economy

Timeline

Staff briefed the Equity Advisory Committee on the background and process to create PSRC's legislative priorities in July. Input on this initial list of recommendations was sought from the Economic Development District Board and will be sought from the Executive Board in September. The Equity Advisory Committee, Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board were briefed on the priorities in October.

NEXT STEPS

Staff proposes the Executive Committee will finalize recommendations based on all feedback and the Executive Board adopt the recommendations to the state legislature at the December meeting.

For additional information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations & Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-798-4462.

ATTACHMENT

- A. Recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature

Recommendations to the 2024 State Legislature



Puget Sound Regional Council

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) supports adoption of state legislation that advances solutions to achieve a thriving, racially equitable and sustainable Puget Sound region through leadership, visionary planning, and collaboration.

Keep the Region Moving

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan lay out a foundation for completing regional transportation investments and future work to strengthen connections to and between the region's centers. PSRC supports:

- Sustaining the transportation investments made with Move Ahead Washington during the 2021 legislative session
- Developing an equitable road usage charge (RUC) system through the work of the Washington State Transportation Commission to generate necessary revenue to eventually replace the gas tax, fund the state's long-term transportation needs, including multimodal connections and introduce revenue flexibility
- Funding and policies to restore, improve and modernize the Washington State Ferries system to ensure reliable cross-sound service and reduce environmental impact
- Maintaining agreed upon state and local funding split decisions as agreed upon by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) workgroup

Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy identifies coordinated strategies, policies, and actions to expand housing options, create greater affordability, and promote fair and equal housing access to address the housing affordability crisis in our state. The PSRC region needs to build 800,000 more homes by 2050 and 20% of these homes need to be affordable to people earning less than half of the Area Median Income. Action is needed to address racially discriminatory housing policies and increase homeownership for Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) households. PSRC supports legislation and funding to in three action areas:

- **Supply:** Build more housing of different types as soon as possible
- **Stability:** Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs
- **Subsidy:** Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very low-income households and unhoused residents

Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan outline how state, regional, and local partners can act in coordination to reduce emissions in the region and prepare for climate impacts. PSRC supports state legislation to respond to the urgent environmental, health, economic and equity threat of climate change in alignment with the essential components of regional long-range planning:

- Transit-focused land use
- Multimodal transportation choices
- Pricing the transportation system
- Decarbonization of the transportation system, including improvements to freight and passenger vehicles and fuels

Sustain a Strong Economy

VISION 2050 and the Regional Economic Strategy plan for economic growth and opportunity that creates widespread prosperity and living-wage jobs to help sustain the region's economy. PSRC supports continued investments in:

- Workforce development programs to meet the needs of employers and a growing economy
- Critical infrastructure to support economic development, including broadband
- Clean energy industry technology like Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), offshore wind, fusion, hydrogen and other emerging technologies

For more information, please contact:

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Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. PSRC is composed of nearly 100 members, including the four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies and Tribal governments within the region.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner

Subject: **2024 Comprehensive Plan Review and Member “Round the Table” on Local Plan Updates**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will brief the committee on progress to review draft comprehensive plans ahead of the December 2024 deadline and certify plans in 2025. Committee members will also be asked to share updates from their local comprehensive plan development process.

BOARD CALENDAR

Staff will continue to provide regular status updates on draft review to the Growth Management Policy Board and the Executive Board. PSRC staff anticipates significant engagement with the boards throughout 2025 as plans are brought for certification action.

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. State law requires PSRC to review and certify local comprehensive plans.

At the September meeting, staff will provide the committee with an update on the plan review process, highlight early findings from draft plans and discuss the certification process. Committee members will also be asked to share updates on their work to develop local comprehensive plans.

Committee members may be interested in an upcoming webinar from the Department of Commerce on the final approach to finalizing comprehensive plans. [Commerce's flyer](#) provides more information on the September 30th workshop.

For more information, contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at 206-464-6174 or LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org.



REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS

Roadway Deaths and Serious Injuries Continue to Rise

Traffic related deaths in the central Puget Sound region have almost doubled since 2010, reaching nearly one death every day.

People Throughout the Region Are Working On Solutions

Cities and towns are identifying ways to make roads safer, using a Safe System Approach, which calls for Safer People, Safer Vehicles, Safer Speeds, Safer Roads, and better Post-Crash Care.

We Want to Hear From You!

Please join PSRC for a public meeting to let us know how we can take action to make your community's roadways safer. You can expect food, entertainment, and interactive ways to give your input on traffic safety needs in your area.

KITSAP COUNTY

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Kitsap Filipino-American Association
1240 Sheridan Road, Bremerton, WA 98310
To RSVP, visit [Kitsap County Eventbrite](#).

PIERCE COUNTY

Tuesday, September 24, 2024
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Tacoma Art Museum
1701 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402
To RSVP, visit [Pierce County Eventbrite](#).

KING COUNTY

Thursday, September 26, 2024
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

El Centro de la Raza
2524 16th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144
To RSVP, visit [King County Eventbrite](#).

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Tuesday, October 1, 2024
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Everett Station
3201 Smith Ave, Everett, WA 98201
To RSVP, visit [Snohomish County Eventbrite](#).

Other ways you can help shape the region's plan to address transportation safety:

- Find us at a local community event
- Visit our Online Engagement Hub

For more
information, visit
<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/safety>