



Puget Sound Regional Council

Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Optional: Post-Meeting Q&A from 7:30-8:00 pm

1. Welcome (5:30) – Debbie Lacy & Maria Fergus, Co-Chairs

2. Reports

- a. Meeting Summary for October 3, 2024*
- b. EAC Member Announcements
- c. Staff Announcements
- d. GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries*

3. Discussion Item (5:45)

- a. GMPB and TPB Board Representatives Selection* – *Charles Patton, PSRC*

4. Discussion Item (5:55)

- a. Governor's Smart Communities Award: Equity Pilot – *Josh Brown, PSRC*

5. Discussion Item (6:00)

- a. Regional Safety Action Plan Development* – *Noah Boggess & Gary Simonson, PSRC*

6. Break (6:30)

7. Discussion Item (6:40)

- a. Regional Safety Action Plan Development Cont.* – *Noah Boggess & Gary Simonson, PSRC, & Jacqueline Robinette & Andrés Mantilla, Uncommon Bridges*

8. Zoom Poll (7:25)

9. Next meeting: December 5, 2024

10. Adjourn (7:30)

Optional Post-Meeting Q&A (7:30) – Charles Patton, PSRC

*Supporting materials attached.

Members can access the attendance sheet [here](#) to complete and submit to finance@psrc.org for compensation.

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Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: October 3, 2024

Location: Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the [Equity Advisory Committee webpage](#). Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Welcome

Debbie Lacy, from King County, and Maria Fergus, from Kitsap County, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The co-chairs welcomed everyone and asked Mikayla to begin the roll call for attendance.

Staff Announcements

Noah Boggess thanked EAC members who attended the team building trip to the Wing Luke Museum for the Redlining Heritage Tour and shared a recap of the event. Charles Patton shared that the EAC was awarded the Governor's Smart Communities Award, and that invitations to attend a small ceremony would be sent to members shortly.

Charles and EAC representatives briefed the committee on the work of the Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board, whose meeting summaries were included in the EAC agenda packet on pg. 8-11.

Discussion Item: GMPB and TPB Board Representatives Selection

Charles Patton, Program Manager, reviewed the roles and responsibilities of Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) EAC representatives and alternates. Members also learned about how they will select the EAC representatives and alternates for these boards.

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

Questions? Contact Charles Patton, Program Manager, at cpatton@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Tribal Engagement

Erika Harris, Senior Planner, briefed members on Puget Sound Regional Council's work to engage and coordinate with Tribes in the region.

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

Questions? Contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: PSRC 2025 Recommendations to the State Legislature

Robin Koskey, Director, Government Relations & Communications, updated the Equity Advisory Committee on emerging legislative issues, relaying the process to adopt legislative priorities and to seek feedback on potential legislative policy items.

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

Questions? Contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Quarterly Engagement Activity

EAC members and PSRC staff went into webinar break out rooms for facilitated team building conversations.

Adjourn

At the close of the meeting, members participated in a poll to evaluate the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Members Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Charles Patton, PSRC
Mikayla Svob, PSRC
Noah Boggess, PSRC
Robin Koskey, PSRC
Erika Harris, PSRC
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DISCUSSION ITEM

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To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives

Subject: **GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries**



October 3, 2024

2024 Comprehensive Plan Review Status

Fifty-five out of the 86 local jurisdictions have provided their draft local comprehensive plans for review and 48 comment letters have been sent. While some jurisdictions are expressing concern about meeting the December deadline, this rate is ahead of where the region was for the 2015 update cycle. Highlights we've seen in plans include community engagement techniques, like youth councils and community events, addressing racially disparate impacts and barriers to affordable housing, rezoning to accommodate housing needs, and climate work. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

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

Collaborative Planning with Tribes

The board continued their discussion of Tribal planning and coordination and staff from the Puyallup Tribe shared information from their comprehensive land use plan and suggestions for working with the Tribes. The Puyallup Tribe and other Tribes are interested in collaborating with jurisdictions on their comprehensive plans. Passed during the 2022 legislative session, HB 1717 facilitates Tribal participation in local planning under the Growth Management Act. Tribes typically want to collaborate on transportation, environmental, economic development and infrastructure planning. Board members are encouraged to consider their jurisdiction's approach to coordination with Tribes and share the Tribal coordination guidance document with their staff. [View presentation.](#)

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

Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature

The board was briefed on PSRC's recommendations to the 2025 Washington State Legislature. Mirroring the agency's 2024 recommendations to the State Legislature, PSRC's proposed focus areas are keep the region moving (transportation); increase housing choices and affordability (housing); significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions (climate) and sustain a strong economy (economic development). The Executive Committee will finalize the recommendations based on board feedback, and the Executive Board will review the priorities for adoption at their December meeting. [View presentation.](#)

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

Housing Research Center Concept

PSRC staff discussed with the board the need for a state research center dedicated to housing. PSRC currently provides housing data and information to help support local governments and the state legislature, but there is no central location for housing research operating statewide. PSRC has been doing individual outreach to housing advocates, state legislators, business leaders and developers to explore creating a housing research center in Washington state. [View presentation.](#)

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

A video of the meeting is available on the [Watch Board Meetings page](#). Meeting materials, including agendas and presentations, can be found on the [Growth Management Policy Board: Meeting Materials page](#).



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Recommend Adoption of the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Policy Board recommended the Executive Board adopt the 2025-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 2025-2028 TIP includes the projects approved by the Executive Board 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. Once the Executive Board approves the TIP, it will 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 206-389-2876 or jbarnes@psrc.org.

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Regional Safety Action Plan Development

The Transportation Policy 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.

Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development Process

The Transportation Policy Board continued discussions of the preliminary scope of work for developing the next Regional Transportation Plan, to be adopted in May 2026. The board was briefed on 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 206- 971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org or Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at 206-971-3053 or gcerise@psrc.org.

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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives

Subject: **GMPB and TPB Board Representatives Selection**

IN BRIEF

During its meeting on November 7, 2024, Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) members will revisit the roles and responsibilities of [Growth Management Policy Board \(GMPB\)](#) and [Transportation Policy Board \(TPB\)](#) representatives and alternates. Members will also select the EAC representatives and alternates for these boards.

DISCUSSION

During its meeting on November 7, 2024, EAC members will revisit the roles and responsibilities of Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) representatives and alternates. Responsibilities for the position include:

- Share the views of the EAC during monthly GMPB / TPB board meetings
- Provide short meeting summaries to the EAC (staff will assist with this summary presentation)

Members will select the representatives and alternates via an anonymous poll. The following members have expressed interest in these roles:

- Lisa Espinosa
- Julius Moss
- Thanh Nguyen
- Michelle Stewart
- Annie Tran
- Shannon Turner

Below please find the rules for the selection process:

- The member who receives the most votes will get to choose which board they would like to serve as a representative for
- The member who receives the second most votes will serve as a representative on the other board
- Third most votes, gets to choose which board they would like to serve as an alternate for
- Fourth most, serves as an alternate for the other board

For additional information, please contact Charles Patton, Program Manager, at cpatton@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Gary Simonson, Senior Planner and Noah P. Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist

Subject: **Regional Safety Action Plan Development**

IN BRIEF

Work to develop PSRC's first Regional Safety Action Plan is continuing to advance, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The Equity Advisory Committee received a briefing on the initial data findings and engagement strategy at the July meeting. At the November meeting, the EAC will be briefed on key findings and the preliminary menu of tools and strategies developed for the plan. There will also be a summary of ongoing engagement to date, followed by a facilitated discussion by our consultant partners regarding safety concerns in our communities.

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. Totalling 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.

Responding to the feedback heard at a June 2023 Regional Safety 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. To assist in this work, PSRC has contracted with several consultant partners to complete technical analysis and engagement.

In August 2024, PSRC launched the [RSAP Engagement Hub](#), which provides information to stakeholders and the general public on how they can participate in the development of the plan (including an online survey). The Hub also features key findings and a detailed [State of the Region Report](#) based on the data analysis, as well as an [interactive map of the region's high-injury network](#). This network highlights corridors across the region that have seen the highest concentrations of deaths and serious injuries in recent years.

At the November 7 meeting, PSRC staff will brief the EAC on the key findings and emphasis areas derived from the data analysis, the preliminary menu of tools and strategies being developed for the plan, and provide a summary of what has been heard through the engagement process so far. Following this briefing, representatives from our consultant team will lead a facilitated focus group discussion to gather detailed feedback from the EAC about safety concerns they see in their own communities.

Questions for the Equity Advisory Committee:

- What would an ideal, safe, and accessible commute look like?
- What specific changes would make your commute feel easier and safer?
- What safety features do you wish your community had?"
 - Are there tools, technologies, or supports that would enhance your experience?

NEXT STEPS

Feedback provided by the EAC will help inform next steps in the development of the Regional Safety Action Plan. An additional briefing will be provided to the EAC in early 2025 when a draft plan is developed. The plan is scheduled to be adopted in spring of 2025.

For additional information, please contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org or Noah P. Boggess at nboggess@psrc.org.