



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Growth Management Policy Board

Thursday, February 6, 2025 • 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) – Councilmember 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 January 16, 2025

**6. Action Item (10:20)**

- a. Recommend Certification of the Cities of Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace and Stanwood – *Paul Inghram, PSRC*

**7. Action Item (11:00)**

- a. Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Work Plan and Committee Appointments – *Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC*

**8. Discussion Item (11:20)**

- a. Federal and State Policy Budget Updates – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*

**9. Discussion Item (11:40)**

- a. Draft FY2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program – *Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC*

**10. Information Items**

- a. GMPB Meeting Calendar 2025  
b. VISION 2050 Awards Call for Nominations 2025 Flyer

**11. Next Meeting: March 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Major Topics:

- Plan Certifications
- Household Travel Survey
- Centers Monitoring

**12. Adjourn (12:00)**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### MINUTES

**Growth Management Policy Board**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2025**  
**1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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<https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>]

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Council President Ed Prince, Chair.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince welcomed the board members to the meeting and presented slides acknowledging and thanking outgoing board members and welcoming new members.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram welcomed the board, introduced the topics for the meeting and mentioned a TOOLBOX session coming up on February 7, 2025, focusing on data tools for planners.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held November 7, 2024.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: STATE ACTIONS TO ADDRESS HOUSING**

The board heard from former State Representative Frank Chopp about the actions the state has taken to provide more affordable housing. Rep. Chopp discussed the state's housing work and the work of Home and Hope. The Home and Hope team works with non-profit community partners to reform affordable housing policies and reduce the cost and timelines of housing production. Some strategies for affordable housing include increasing investment in the state Housing Trust Fund, requiring non-profit or public ownership and repurposing under-utilized properties for co-location housing facilities. Board discussion included questions about the Covenant Homeownership program and support for public safety issues around affordable housing.

## **ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION OF THE TOWN OF STEILACOOM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DISCUSS PSRC CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

The Growth Management Policy Board recommended the Executive Board certify the Town of Steilacoom Comprehensive Plan as consistent with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and the transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. The board also heard a status update on PSRC's plan review program and discussed certification issues. The board discussed housing elements of the plans, and PSRC staff answered questions from the board regarding the process .

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Coronado/Bader) to recommend the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions in the Town of Steilacoom 2024 Comprehensive Plan conform to the Growth Management Act and are substantially consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan. The motion passed.**

The recommendation will be brought to the Executive Board for action on February 27, 2025.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2026-2050) DEVELOPMENT**

The board was briefed on the scope of work and key priorities for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The current RTP calls for a "major" update to the next plan that includes environmental analysis and innovative approaches to regional planning. Staff will provide information on the current transportation system in the coming months. Specific topics of interest for future GMPB briefings were discussed, including climate and access to transit. The board made comments regarding modes of commuting and coordination of PSRC with public health agencies to advance health equity in the plan.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: DRAFT REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

The Growth Management Policy Board received a briefing on the draft Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP), which is open for public comment. The draft plan is now available on the RSAP Engagement Hub, which provides information to stakeholders and the general public on how they can participate in the plan. The public comment period on the draft plan runs through February 14, 2025, and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by the General Assembly in May 2025.

**NEXT MEETING**

The board will meet on Thursday, February 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Topics include:

- Comprehensive Plan Certifications
- Regional TOD Committee Work Plan and Committee Appointments

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Attendance Roster – January 16, 2025

Growth Management Policy Board - January 16, 2025							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Sarah Perry		<b>Associate Members</b>			
		Vacant		Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1	COM Paul McIntyre	
						John McClellan Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Maritza Rivera	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	COM Chris Stearns	
		Vacant				Marc Daily Alt	
		Vacant		<b>Public Agency Members</b>			
Bellevue	1	CM Janice Zahn	1	Commerce	1	Dave Andersen	
		CM Dave Hamilton, Alt				Mark Barkley Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	CP Ed Prince, Renton - Chair	1	Public Health Agencies	1	Dr. Gib Morrow, Kitsap Public Health District	1
		CM Melissa Stuart, Redmond	1			DIR Chantall Harmon Reed, Tac-Pierce Cnty Alt	
		CM Pam Stuart, Sammamish	1	<b>PSRC Committees</b>			
		CP Lindsey Walsh, Alt - Issaquah	1	Regional Staff Committee	1	Andrea Spencer	1
		DM Amy McHenry, Alt - Duvall	1			Arun Sambataro, Alt	
		CP Satwinder Kaur "CORE", Alt - Kent	1	Equity Advisory Committee	1	Michelle Stewart	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Christine Rolfes	1			Thanh Nguyen, Alt "Than When"	
		COM Oran Root, Alt		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>			
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1	Brian Holtzclaw	1
		CM Eric Younger, Alt				Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	DM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl	1	Natural and Built Environments (exp.	1	Angela Rozmyn	
		MYR Ashley Mathews, Alt - Bainbridge Isl				Robert Pantley Alt	
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Robyn Denson		Individual	1	Charlotte Murry	
		CM Paul Herrera, Alt				Vacant Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>			
		CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt		Futurewise	1	Alex Brennan	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Ben Coronado, Gig Harbor	1			Kate Brunette Kreuzer, Alt	1
		CM Andy Elfers, Alt - Sumner	1	Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1	Patience Malaba	1
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1			Jesse Simpson Alt	
		CM Sam Low, Alt		Emerald Alliance	1	Tracy Stanton	
Everett	1	CM Scott Bader	1			Vacant Alt	
		MYR Cassie Franklin, Alt					
Cities/Towns	1	CM Mike Dixon, Mukilteo	1				
		MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Alt - Mntlake Terr.		Non Voting	12		6
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Robert Barandon					
		Vacant					
Suquamish Tribe	1	Rob Purser					
		Alison O'Sullivan Alt					
<b>Statutory Members</b>							
Ports	1	COM Don Meyer, Tacoma					
		COM Deanna Keller, Alt - Tacoma				<b>Abbreviations</b>	
WSDOT	1	Jeff Storrar	1			CM Councilmember	
		JoAnn Schueler, Alt				COM Commissioner	
						CP Council President	
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	13			DM Deputy Mayor	



## Puget Sound Regional Council

January 30, 2025

### ACTION ITEM

**To:** Growth Management Policy Board

**From:** Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

**Subject:** **Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace and Stanwood**

### IN BRIEF

PSRC staff has reviewed and recommends certification of the 2024 comprehensive plan updates for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace and Stanwood.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

**The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board should recommend that the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions in the following conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan:**

- **City of Lakewood 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Mountlake Terrace 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Stanwood 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))

The draft certification reports are available at the links provided for the board's review.

### DISCUSSION

A major emphasis of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) is the need to coordinate local, regional and state planning efforts. Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) have worked together to develop an overall process for reviewing local, countywide, regional and transit agency policies and plans for compatibility and consistency.

Consistent with [PSRC's plan review process](#), PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plans and recommends certification of the following adopted comprehensive plans:

- **Lakewood** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on September 16, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in July 2024.
- **Mountlake Terrace** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on October 16, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in September 2024.
- **Stanwood** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on September 26, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in May 2024.

The comprehensive plans were reviewed in accordance with the adopted plan review process using PSRC's [Plan Review Manual](#) and [VISION 2050 consistency tool](#). The plans were found to be substantially consistent with VISION 2050 (the multicounty planning policies) and the Regional Transportation Plan and to conform to transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. PSRC staff coordinated with jurisdictional staff in the review of the plans and the development of the certification reports.

The adopted plan review process calls for the Executive Board to take certification action on comprehensive plans on recommendation from the Growth Management and Transportation Policy Boards. Options for Executive Board action are to:

- Certify that the plan is consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan and conforms to Growth Management Act requirements for transportation planning, or
- Conditionally certify that the plan addresses most provisions of regional plans and policies and the Growth Management Act, with a requirement that a limited set of outstanding issues be addressed prior to full certification, or
- Do not certify.

Based on previous board direction, jurisdictions with plans that are certified or conditionally certified are then eligible to apply for PSRC funding or proceed with any project submitted into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

## NEXT STEPS

The Executive Board will consider GMPB's recommendations later this month. Additional local plans will be brought forward to recommend for certification at the board's March meeting.

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at [pingham@psrc.org](mailto:pingham@psrc.org) or Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, at [lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org).





## Puget Sound Regional Council

January 30, 2025

### **ACTION ITEM**

**To:** Growth Management Policy Board

**From:** Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

**Subject:** **Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee Work Plan and Committee Appointments**

### **IN BRIEF**

The Regional Transit Oriented Development Committee (RTODC) serves as an advisory committee to the Growth Management Policy Board. Per the membership terms established by the committee charter, PSRC sought applications for new committee members starting in December 2024. The board will hear an update on the committee's 2025 work plan and will be asked to confirm the updated membership roster.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**Approve the 2025-28 Regional TOD Committee membership roster as shown in Attachment A.**

### **DISCUSSION**

RTODC serves as an advisory committee to the GMPB. The committee's charter, adopted by the GMPB in May 2021, outlined the role of the committee to advance VISION 2050 regional TOD work:

- The committee will act as a technical working group focused on performance monitoring, documentation of promising practices and general support of local efforts to take equitable TOD from theory to practice.
- The committee will be comprised of 21 technical experts from across the region.
- The Growing Transit Communities Compact continues to inform membership. Members may be selected through an application and appointment

process.

- Ad hoc subcommittees may be formed to assist with event planning and other convenings to engage interested parties.
- The committee focuses on implementing TOD-related goals set forth in VISION 2050:
  - Advance and monitor the VISION 2050 growth goal for 65% population and 75% of employment growth near high-capacity transit.
  - Support equity in TOD areas and address displacement of residents and businesses.
  - Affordable housing efforts align with transit investments.

Of the 21 open seats, six are filled by appointment and 15 are selected through an application process with final decision by the Growth Management Policy Board.

PSRC held a call for applications for members from December 5, 2024, through January 8, 2025.

This round, seats for cities and counties generated a lot of interest. The charter sets seven seats for local governments, and staff from 20 cities and counties submitted applications. PSRC staff reviewed applications based on their response to application questions and worked to balance jurisdictions of different sizes, modes of high-capacity transit and locations across the region. The proposed roster provides a balance of types of communities and provides an opportunity for new organizations and jurisdictions to be involved with the committee.

The proposed 2025-28 committee roster is provided in Attachment A.

### **Committee Work Plan**

The committee held four quarterly meetings and hosted a two-part TOD event in 2024. Key efforts are listed below.

Provide direction on regional planning work:

- TOD bill analysis
- Connecting People to Transit
- Regional Safety Action Plan
- Regional Transportation Plan update

Learn from others about promising practices:

- Presentations on economic opportunity and equitable development near transit, comprehensive plan updates, and statewide TOD policy
- Standing “Committee Round Robin” agenda item

Convene TOD stakeholders for information sharing and networking:

- Two-part equitable TOD webinar series focused on commercial displacement and building connected communities

- Quarterly [Talkin' TOD newsletter](#)

The committee discussed the 2025 work plan at its December 2025 meeting. The discussion focused on how to “put the committee to work” to support state, regional and local efforts such as the implementation of VISION 2050.

Board members will have an opportunity at their February meeting to provide feedback on the committee’s work program.

The draft 2025 Regional TOD Committee Work Plan is provided as Attachment B.

## **NEXT STEPS**

The committee will seat new members and begin implementation of the work plan at its next meeting on March 21, 2025.

For additional information about the Regional TOD Committee, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at [LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:LUnderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org) or 206-464-6174.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. 2025-28 Proposed Membership Roster
- B. 2025 Regional TOD Committee Work Plan

**2025 Regional TOD Committee - Preliminary Roster**

	Seat	Member / Alternate	Jurisdiction/Organization
Permanents Seats & Appointments	WSDOT	Cole Kopca / alt TBD	WSDOT
	Sound Transit	Mara D'Angelo / Kristin Hoffman	Sound Transit
	Transportation Operators Committee (2)	<i>Transit representatives to be confirmed by Transportation Operators Committee in February</i>	
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	GMPB (2)	Dylan Sluder / Russell Joe	Master Builders Assoc of King & Snohomish Counties
	GMPB (2)	Patience Malaba / Jesse Simpson	Housing Development Consortium
Application-Based Seats	Developers and Real Estate (3)	Simon Uppal / alt TBD	Cairncross & Hemplemann
	Developers and Real Estate (3)	Mark Weed / alt TBD	Main Street Equity Partners
	Developers and Real Estate (3)	Rachel Miller / Ian Crozier	MAKERS
	Housing Organizations (3)	Claire Vanessa Goodwin / Dorsol Plants	South King Housing and Homelessness Partners
	Housing Organizations (3)	Grace Kim / Shweta Sinha	Schemata Workshop
	Housing Organizations (3)	Victor Caesar / Laurie Olson	Housing Authority of Snohomish County
	Community, Equity, Environment (2)	Brock Howell / Tina Vlasaty	Everett Station District Alliance / Puget Sound LISC
	Community, Equity, Environment (2)	Erika Bartlett / Cristina-Ciupitu Plath	Tacoma-Pierce / Snohomish Health Departments
	City/County (7)	Justin Panganiban / Laura Benjamin-LaPitz	City of Bellevue
	City/County (7)	Jason Greenspan / Christian Geitz	City of Bothell
	City/County (7)	Chris Larson / Taylor Jones	City of Fife
	City/County (7)	Kristen Holdsworth / De'Jai Mitchell	City of Kent
	City/County (7)	Karl Almgren / Sarah Cho	City of Lynnwood
	City/County (7)	Zachary Shields / Jenn Kester	City of SeaTac
	City/County (7)	Jim Rogers / Colin Poff	Kitsap County

New member

**2025 DRAFT Regional TOD Committee****MEETINGS & EVENTS**

<b>March Committee Meeting: Investing in TOD</b>		
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Type of Agenda Item</i>	<i>Connection to PSRC/Outside Work</i>
New Member Welcome & Committee Round Robin	Peer Networking	
Regional Centers Monitoring	Work Session	Regional Centers Framework
2025 State Legislative Session	Information Sharing	PSRC Legislative Agenda
2026 Regional Transportation Plan	Work Session	Regional Transportation Plan
Transit Access	Work Session	Regional Transportation Plan
<b>June Committee Meeting: Evaluating Opportunities for TOD</b>		
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Type of Agenda Item</i>	<i>Connection to PSRC/Outside Work</i>
2025 State Legislative Session	Information Sharing	PSRC Legislative Agenda
Statewide TOD Study	Information Sharing	
Displacement Research	Promising Practices	
2026 Regional Transportation Plan	Work Session	Regional Transportation Plan
<b>September Committee Meeting: Connecting People to Transit</b>		
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Type of Agenda Item</i>	<i>Connection to PSRC/Outside Work</i>
2026 Regional Transportation Plan	Work Session	Regional Transportation Plan
Transit Access	Work Session	Regional Transportation Plan
Committee Round Robin	Peer Networking	
<b>Fall TOD Event – Format TBD</b>		
<b>December Committee Meeting: Planning for Growth Near Transit</b>		
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Type of Agenda Item</i>	<i>Connection to PSRC/Outside Work</i>
Regional Centers Framework	Work Session	Regional Centers Framework
2026 Regional Transportation Plan – <i>Draft Plan</i>	Work Session	Regional Transportation Plan
Housing Incentives and Tools Survey	Information Sharing	
Committee Round Robin	Peer Networking	

**TOPICS OF COMMITTEE INTEREST – TO BE INCORPORATED AS SCHEDULE ALLOWS OR AT ANNUAL EVENT:**

- Bus rapid transit and displacement pressure
- Commercial uses and TOD
- Comprehensive plan implementation
- Design standards
- Incentivizing initial development / pilot projects
- Ridership / travel behavior in TOD areas
- Parking reform
- REDI Fund
- Ownership opportunities in TOD areas

**TALKIN' TOD NEWSLETTER**

- Continue with issues between quarterly committee meetings

**PRINCIPLES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- Put committee to work – each meeting to include work session
- Use breakout groups and Miro board when possible to increase engagement and interaction among members
- Structure discussions to call out different roles of committee members – housing professionals, local staff, CBOs, etc.
- Tap other committee members to facilitate discussion when appropriate



## Puget Sound Regional Council

January 30, 2025

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Growth Management Policy Board

**From:** Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

**Subject:** **Federal and State Policy and Budget Updates**

### **IN BRIEF**

PSRC is tracking federal developments and the work of the Washington State Legislature related to regional budget and policy priorities. Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey, will brief the board on recent federal and state activity and policy proposals.

### **DISCUSSION**

On January 13, the Washington State Legislature kicked off a long 105-day legislative session. Governor Ferguson was sworn into office on January 15. The first new executive in 12 years and over 30 new or new-to-role legislators mean a time of transition and change in Olympia. Legislators will pass a biennial budget in the face of a budget deficit, and key issues are expected to include education, public safety, housing affordability, rent stabilization and homelessness and the transportation budget, ferries and revenue. Over 1500 bills were filed by the beginning of the second week of the session.

President Trump taking office has also created significant and impactful changes as a result of executive orders and other actions.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at [Rkoskey@psrc.org](mailto:Rkoskey@psrc.org), 206-798-4462.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature



# Recommendations to the 2025 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 Safely

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 is drafting a Regional Safety Action plan to help address the troubling increase in deaths and serious injuries on our roadways and to support the Washington State Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Target Zero. We urge transportation policies and investments prioritizing a Safe Systems Approach to eliminate or reduce the severity of crashes in our communities. PSRC supports:

- Sustaining the transportation investments made with Move Ahead Washington and the Climate Commitment Act and exploring stable new revenue sources to address declines in existing revenue, ensure projects of regional significance are built and fully fund maintenance and preservation.
- 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.

## Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy identifies strategies 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 620,000 more homes by 2044 and 50% 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.

To help address urgent housing needs in our state, PSRC supports creating a **housing research center** at the University of Washington to provide timely analysis and data driven research to help guide policymakers to adopt bold strategies to create more affordable homes.



PSRC also supports legislation and funding 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 through:

- 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, including electrification of the transportation system.
- 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:

**Robin Koskey**

Director of Government Relations & Communications  
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206-798-4462



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.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

January 30, 2025

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Growth Management Policy Board

**From:** Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

**Subject:** **Draft FY2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program**

### **IN BRIEF**

Last month the Growth Management Policy Board was given an Information Item informing the board that the Draft Fiscal Years 2026-2027 budget was available online for review. PSRC is in the process of developing the agency's FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The PSRC budget outlines transportation, economic and growth planning activities for the fiscal years 2026-27. The Growth Management Planning portion of the biennial budget is included as task 100.

### **DISCUSSION**

The PSRC Operations Committee has primary responsibility for developing the budget and work program for both PSRC and EDD. Between September and December 2024, the Operations Committee reviewed revenue and expenditure assumptions as well as PSRC's financial policies. At its December 5, 2024, meeting, the Operations Committee reviewed the full draft FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The draft PSRC biennial budget includes estimated revenues and expenditures of \$41.7 million and is available for review by members online:

[Budget | Puget Sound Regional Council](#)

### **NEXT STEPS**

The Executive Board, Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board and Economic Development Board will have the opportunity to review the Draft Budget and Work Program and forward comments to Operations Committee for consideration by March 16. Comments will be compiled and reviewed by the Operations Committee

on March 27, 2025. The final budget is scheduled for approval by the Executive Board in April and adoption by the PSRC General Assembly in May.

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann at (206) 971-3292 or [awerfelmann@psrc.org](mailto:awerfelmann@psrc.org).

## 2025 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>.



# VISION 2050 AWARDS

## Call for Nominations 2025

The Puget Sound Regional Council is seeking nominations for the VISION 2050 Awards Program through April 18, 2025.

The VISION 2050 Awards celebrate progress to enhance the region's communities and natural environment while advancing equity and opportunity for all. The awards recognize innovative work to create a better future for central Puget Sound.

We welcome nominations in the following categories:

### On the Ground

Projects that show VISION 2050 in action today, including housing, mixed-use development or redevelopment, expanding access to opportunity, open space preservation, and transportation investments.

### Planning Ahead

Comprehensive or subarea plans, economic development plans, climate action plans, equity initiatives, design guidelines, outreach programs, and other similar efforts that are shaping a positive future for the region.

### Working Together

Cross-jurisdictional or public/private partnerships focused on solutions or working together to tackle tough problems and advance VISION 2050. Examples include multijurisdictional work on housing affordability, environmental and climate initiatives, corridor transportation planning, or other similar efforts to face long-term regional challenges.

### The region's vision for 2050

is to provide exceptional quality of life, opportunity for all, connected communities, a spectacular natural environment, and an innovative, thriving economy. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at [www.psrc.org](http://www.psrc.org)

## Eligibility

PSRC will only accept nominations directly from its [membership](#). Firms seeking to nominate projects can do so through the member jurisdiction in which the project is located.

Nominations must be for projects, programs, plans or partnerships within the four-county region of King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties that help achieve VISION 2050. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at [psrc.org/vision](https://psrc.org/vision).

All nominated projects must be completed and open, plans must be adopted by their jurisdictions, programs must be in operation and partnerships must be formally working together.

## Submit a Nomination!

Nominations must be submitted online through the [VISION 2050 Awards Nomination Form](#)

Learn more at: [www.psrc.org](https://www.psrc.org)

Scan the code for  
the nomination form



## Schedule

- April 18, 2025 – Nominations due
- April–May 2025 – Awards Selection Committee composed of PSRC board members will select the award winners
- Summer 2025 – Awards presented on location around the region

