



Puget Sound Regional Council

Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 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 January 9, 2025*
- b. EAC Member Announcements & Check In
- c. Staff Announcements
- d. GMPB and TPB Meeting Summaries

3. Discussion Item (5:45)

- a. Co-chair Selection Process* – *Charles Patton, PSRC*

4. Discussion Item (6:00)

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

5. Break (6:30)

6. Discussion Item (6:40)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan & Coordinated Mobility Plan* – *Gil Cerise & Jean Kim, PSRC*

7. Information Item

- a. VISION 2050 Awards: Call for Nominations Flyer*

8. Zoom Poll (7:25)

9. Next meeting: March 6, 2025

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: January 9, 2025

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, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The co-chair welcomed everyone and asked Mikayla to begin roll call for attendance.

Then, Debbie opened space for members to share ideas and resources on community projects local to each jurisdiction.

Staff Announcements

Charles congratulated Jewel Sheperd-Sampson on being unanimously selected to serve as the state committee member for the 26th legislative district. He also thanked Elly Trinh for providing insightful and thoughtful contributions during her three years of service on the EAC.

Charles and EAC representatives briefed the committee on the work of the Transportation Policy Board, who's at-work meeting summary for December 12, 2024, is available [here](#).

Discussion Item: 2025 EAC Calendar

The Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) reviewed the topics calendar for upcoming meetings in 2025 and the associated work program. The calendar included at least one topic from each area of focus at PSRC: data, economic development, growth, and transportation.

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

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

Discussion Item: PSRC State Legislative Agenda

The PSRC Executive Board adopted 2025 Recommendations to the Washington State Legislature in December. Robin Koskey updated the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) on the recommendations and changes that were made.

You can view the presentation [here](#), and the digital handout, WA State Legislative Session and Advocacy Organizations, [here](#).

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

Discussion Item: Quarterly Engagement Activity

Throughout 2025, EAC meetings will feature engagement activities once per quarter to continue to build camaraderie among members. These activities are a continuation of the Quarterly Engagement Activities from 2024, with some adjustments to make them more engaging. The goal of these structured times is to allow EAC members to become more familiar with one another and the work they do outside of the monthly meetings with PSRC.

For the first meeting of 2025, the engagement activity featured the entire EAC cohort, rather than utilizing breakout groups as has been done in the past.

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

Maria Suchoski, PSRC

Elly-Hien Trinh

ATTACHMENT:

A. EAC Member Attendance for the January 9, 2025, Meeting

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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. Frank Chopp discussed the state's housing work and the work of Home and Hope. The Home and Hope team works with the 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. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For additional information about the Regional Housing Strategy and PSRC housing actions, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org or 206-464-7549.

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. [View presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org, Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org, or Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org.

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. [View presentation.](#)

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

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 final plan is scheduled to be adopted by the General Assembly in May 2025. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org or (206) 971-3276.

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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Regional Priority Rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program

The Transportation Policy Board recommended the Executive Board approve the regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program. Twenty-four projects were submitted and reviewed based on evaluation factors drawn from the Coordinated Mobility Plan. The projects recommended provide safety net mobility services for priority populations and demonstrate strong coordination with other transportation programs in areas underserved by public transit. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Jean Kim, Senior Planner, at jkim@psrc.org or 206-971-3052.

Project Tracking Exception Request

The board recommends the Executive Board approve the City of Sumner's request for an exception under PSRC's Project Tracking Policies and allow a transfer of funds from the right of way phase to the construction phase for the Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge project. The request was determined to meet the requirements of the Project Tracking Policies. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Jennifer Barnes at jbarnes@psrc.org or (206) 389- 2876.

Regional Safety Action Plan Release for Public Comment

The Transportation Policy Board authorized staff to release the draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment. Since the Fall of 2023, PSRC has been developing a Regional Safety Action Plan through grant funding from USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. The public comment period will end on February 14. The board will be briefed on the comments received at their March meeting and in April will be asked to recommend approval of the final plan. The plan is scheduled to be adopted by the General Assembly in May 2025. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson at gsimonson@psrc.org or (206) 971-3276.

Regional Transportation Plan (2026-2050) Development

Continuing work to develop the next Regional Transportation Plan, staff provided an overview of the regional growth strategy and transportation policies in VISION 2050. Visuals were provided showing where people and jobs are located today and expected to be in 2050. Staff introduced work to be shared in the coming months illustrating how the current transportation system serves these locations and how gaps might be identified for further discussion. Staff also provided an updated calendar of board discussions and plan milestones throughout 2025. [View presentation.](#)

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

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February 6, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

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

Subject: **EAC Co-chairs**

IN BRIEF

During its meeting on February 6, 2025, Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) members will learn about the roles and responsibilities of committee co-chairs and about how they will select co-chairs.

DISCUSSION

During its meeting on February 6, 2025, EAC members will learn about the roles and responsibilities of committee co-chairs and about how they will select co-chairs. Members will also be asked about their interest in serving a one-year term as a co-chair for the committee. Responsibilities for the position include:

- Meeting preparation (e.g., participating in meeting dry runs)
- Facilitating discussions (e.g., monitoring the chat for questions)
- Providing leadership (e.g., representing the committee at one to two Executive Board meetings)

Members who express interest in this position will be asked to submit a brief questionnaire (see Attachment A). This will be used to provide some additional information about each candidate, so EAC members can make an informed decision about who they would like to serve as their co-chairs. The responses to this questionnaire will be included in the meeting packet for the March meeting.

NEXT STEPS

The election will be held during the March 6, 2025, EAC meeting using an online polling platform. All votes will be anonymous.

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

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Example Co-chair Candidate Form - Stearns

Attachment A: EAC Co-Chair Candidate Form



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Chris Stearns (he/him)

King County



Chris serves as a councilmember for the City of Auburn. He's been committed to fighting for racial equity and justice as a lawyer representing Indian tribes across the nation and has also served in positions within the federal government devoted to upholding treaty rights and improving services to Indian tribes.

Why do you want to serve as a co-chair (75-word limit)?

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What experiences and/or skills do you have that will help you serve as an effective co-chair (75-word limit)?

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Why are you interested in advancing racial equity and what have you done to help reduce racial inequities (75-word limit)?

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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

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

Subject: **Regional Safety Action Draft Plan**

IN BRIEF

PSRC has completed a draft of the Regional Safety Action Plan, funded through the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. The Equity Advisory Committee has received multiple briefings throughout the previous year regarding the various components of the plan. At the February 6 meeting, the Equity Advisory Committee will be briefed on the draft plan and ongoing public comment period.

The draft plan has been posted to PSRC's online [Engagement Hub](#) and comprehensive outreach to the public and interested stakeholders is ongoing.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) has been under development since Fall of 2023, following the June 2023 Regional Safety Summit and receipt of grant funding from USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. The Equity Advisory Committee has been briefed at regular intervals over the last 15 months on key milestones and findings, including the scope of work for the plan, data and analysis results, best practices, emphasis areas, tools and strategies, and community engagement efforts.

In August 2024, PSRC launched the [RSAP Engagement Hub](#), providing information to stakeholders and the public on how they can participate in the development of the plan. The Hub included an online opinion survey and featured key findings and elements of the plan as they were completed. In addition to the online Hub, a comprehensive suite of outreach and engagement has occurred as part of the development of the draft plan.

This has included four regional public meetings, seven focus groups, 31 stakeholder interviews, and tabling at community events around the region. In addition, regular briefings have occurred to PSRC's boards and committees, as well as external partner agency meetings. Feedback from this outreach has informed development of the draft plan, which is now posted on the online Hub for public review and comment.

At the February 6 meeting, the Equity Advisory Committee will be briefed on the release the draft [Regional Safety Action Plan](#) for public review and comment. The draft plan is currently posted to the online Engagement Hub and the public comment period is open until February 14th. Any comments will be considered for inclusion into the plan, which is slated to go before the Transportation Policy Board for approval in April. The final plan is scheduled to be adopted by the General Assembly in May 2025.

For more information, please contact Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, at gsimonson@psrc.org or Noah P. Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Gil Cerise, Program Manager – Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan & Coordinated Mobility Plan**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff worked with the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) to develop a [Racial Equity Impact Assessment](#) tool as part of the Regional Equity Strategy. At its February meeting, staff will brief the committee on how PSRC plans to apply the tool to the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the associated Coordinated Mobility Plan.

DISCUSSION

In 2021, PSRC staff began discussing the need to develop a Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA). Intended to help explicitly consider the impacts on racial equity in planning and policy decisions, the assessment is identified as a need in VISION 2050 and the Regional Equity Strategy. Staff worked with the EAC in 2022 to develop the REIA structure, along with guidance and other resources designed to help users understand the purpose and intent of each assessment element. The assessment includes six distinct steps, each with multiple questions, and is designed to ensure that racial equity is considered throughout the policy and plan development process.

As we have previously shared with the committee, PSRC has been working with the Transportation Policy Board to identify regional priorities and focus areas to guide the development of the next RTP, scheduled for adoption in May 2026. The RTP sets transportation investment priorities and goals for cities and counties in the region through 2050. Primary themes have included the continued focus areas of safety, climate, and equity; maintenance and preservation; transit access; ferries; decarbonizing the system; and recognizing the diverse needs and community contexts across the region. In addition to these key topics, the Coordinated Mobility Plan (Coordinated Plan), a component of the RTP, serves as the comprehensive strategy for

identifying and addressing transportation challenges experienced by people with mobility and accessibility needs. These are individuals who have transportation challenges due to their age, income, or ability, including older adults, youth, people with low incomes, people with disabilities, and people with limited English proficiency. The Coordinated Plan encompasses not only specialized transportation services that are targeted to serve populations mentioned above, but also public transit services and accessible sidewalks and bicycle infrastructure. The current Coordinated Plan emphasizes the need to address intersectional equity and potential burdens of communities of color in conjunction with age, income, and ability. PSRC conducts equitable engagement to identify transportation needs of underserved communities and prioritize strategies to address the needs for the plan.

To address the equity theme in RTP more effectively, staff will apply the REIA to the RTP, including the Coordinated Mobility Plan, exploring questions such as:

Early Engagement

- What equitable engagement was conducted?
- What key transportation issues emerged from this engagement, especially from historically marginalized and underserved communities?

Quantitative Data

- What are the key demographics of the region?
- Where are the areas with higher concentrations of equity focus populations (Equity Focus Areas or EFAs) in the region?
- What disparities exist in the region?
- How has structural racism informed regional disparities?

Qualitative Data

- What transportation priorities were identified by EFAs?
- What transportation challenges are experienced by EFAs?
- What are the potential unintended consequences of the RTP investments?

Strategies for Disparities

- How will the priorities and challenges identified by EFAs be addressed?
- What are some strategies to remediate past harms caused by the region's legacy of structural racism?
- How will unintended consequences be addressed in the RTP?

At the committee meeting, PSRC will share more information on incorporating the REIA into the RTP and plans for conducting equitable engagement for the Coordinated Mobility Plan.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will launch key RTP engagement processes in February 2025, via the Coordinated Mobility Plan engagement to populations with mobility and accessibility challenges, and a broadly distributed public opinion survey. PSRC will continue to engage the board, committees, and the public throughout the development of the RTP and the application

of the REIA.

For additional information, please contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053 or Jean Kim, Senior Planner, at jkim@psrc.org or 206-971-3052.

VISION 2050 AWARDS



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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

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.

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

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

