



Puget Sound Regional Council

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, March 13, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (**EXTENDED**)

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (9:30) - Mayor Dana Ralph, 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 (9:45)

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held February 13, 2025
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Two Projects: City of Fife's I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project and Kitsap Transit's SR 16 Park and Ride Project

- d. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Port Orchard, and Wilkeson

6. Discussion Item (9:50)

- a. Legislative Update – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*

7. Action Item (10:10)

- a. 2025 Project Delivery Tracking and Supplemental Funding Action – *Jennifer Barnes and Kalon Thomas, PSRC*

8. Discussion Item (10:30)

- a. Regional Safety Action Plan Public Comments and Next Steps – *Ben Bakkenta and Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

9. Discussion Item (11:00)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Development: Current Transportation System – *PSRC Transportation & Data Staff*

10. Information Items

- a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker
- b. VISION 2050 Awards: Call For Nominations 2025
- c. General Assembly Save the Date– May 22, 2025

11. Next Meeting: April 10, 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Major Topics for April:

- Regional Safety Action Plan Recommendation
- Regional Transportation Plan Development

12. Adjourn (12:00)

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MINUTES

**Transportation Policy Board
February 13, 2025
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen to the meeting live.

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman provided public comment to the board.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Mayor Ralph acknowledged Port Orchard Mayor Rob Putaansuu as the new TPB Vice Chair.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, noted that certifications of comprehensive plans will be on the consent agenda throughout 2025, and PSRC Growth Department staff are available in case of questions. Ms. McGourty also reported on the webinar PSRC hosted with the Association of Washington Cities to discuss recent federal activities, which is recorded and available on PSRC's website.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held January 9, 2025
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Lakewood, Mountlake Terrace, Stanwood and Steilacoom

ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Hamilton/Pauly) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Robin Koskey, PSRC, reported on various executive orders and other federal updates that may result in impacts throughout the region, as well as ongoing uncertainty. Ms. Koskey shared information that PSRC is providing to our Congressional delegates regarding federal funds to projects and the risks of delay. Ms. Koskey then provided information on the state legislative session, noting key bills and upcoming cutoff dates. She shared information on the state transportation budget forecast and key transportation-related bills.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Jennifer Keene, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, discussed the work underway to develop a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the Puget Sound Region and described it as a usable guide to implementing identified climate actions at the local level. The CCAP is one of several deliverables under a planning grant provided by the federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

The scope of the CCAP is to update the regional inventory of all significant greenhouse gas sources and sectors, define near-term and long-term emission reduction targets and projections, compile a comprehensive list of potential strategies and actions to achieve greenhouse gas reductions, analyze community benefits and prioritize benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities, and consider workforce development needs to implement the proposed action. The goal of the CPRG program is to foster a collaborative effort around the region to achieve the aligned goals of regional partners.

Ms. Keene described the CCAP Steering Committee and the partnerships forged across sectors and jurisdictions around the region. She described the current emissions inventory and the work to develop and quantify detailed greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies and actions to meet the reduction targets. She then described the community engagement process, including workshops in each of the four counties scheduled in March and April. Ms. Keene described the process timeline and encouraged board members to engage in the process and spread the word about the community workshops.

**DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT:
CURRENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

PSRC staff reported on the work to evaluate the current transportation system and identify gaps to supporting people and jobs throughout the region, beginning with the elements of transit and active transportation. Staff shared key trends and highlights of the current system.

Craig Helmann, PSRC reported that the region's transit system is experiencing continued recovery from the pandemic and people rely upon transit for a variety of needs, not just to go to work. Mr. Helmann shared that the team is looking deeper into transit service needs, evaluating four categories of transit-supportive densities for high-capacity transit, frequent service, all day service and all other local transit. He then provided examples of how the analysis will highlight gaps in service for those areas under the current system, and again once the future system is identified. Mr. Helmann also provided information on ferry ridership recovery and uses.

Jean Kim, PSRC reminded the board that the Coordinated Mobility Plan addresses the specific needs of individuals with mobility and accessibility needs due to their age, income, or ability. The priority populations in the region are growing and specifically there is an increasing population of older adults who are more likely to have a disability. PSRC conducted an inventory survey to inform the next Coordinated Mobility Plan and received information on 44 programs throughout the region. Ms. Kim highlighted that ADA-complementary paratransit services have steadily rebounded in ridership since the pandemic, however, operational costs and gaps in service have increased with higher demand. Ms. Kim then reviewed Mobility On Demand (MOD) which is a group of transportation options such as bike or scooter sharing, ride hailing or microtransit. This is an emerging field with limited data, however MOD options are expanding and are available across the region.

Nick Johnson, PSRC, shared that the inventory of pedestrian and bicycle facilities was also updated and reminded the board that the regional system focuses on those facilities on arterials and regional shared use paths. Mr. Johnson reviewed the levels of coverage of these facilities by county and various regional geographies. He also noted that bicycle facilities are further delineated by type, such as protected, buffered, striped or shared lanes and paved shoulders. Mr. Johnson then reported on the new bicycle level of traffic stress analysis developed with PSRC's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, using factors such as roadway speed, number of lanes, bicycle facility type and the slope of the roadway. Mr. Johnson then provided high level findings of the gap analysis for the current bicycle and pedestrian system.

Board members were supportive of the gap analysis approach and the further delineation of data across regional geographies.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025, and will be extended to noon, with lunch following

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – February 13, 2025.

Transportation Policy Board - February 13, 2025				Item 5.a - Att. A	
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members	✓
King County	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	Associate Members	
		Vacant		Island County	1
		Vacant Alt			1
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Robert Kettle	1		1
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck Alt		Public Agency Members	
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt			1
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, Chair	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah	1		1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1		1
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1		1
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		PSRC Committees	
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1
Kitsap County	1	COM Oran Root	1		1
		COM Christine Rolfes Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1		1
		CM Eric Younger Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1		1
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, Vice-Chair	1		1
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
Pierce County	1	CM Rosie Ayala		WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt			1
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1
		CM Olgy Diaz Alt			1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership exp. 12/31/26	1
Local Transit	1	CM Doug Fagundes, Fife			1
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Non-voting	13
Snohomish County	1	CM Jared Mead			Non-voting members present
		CM Strom Peterson Alt			12
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1		
		CM Jacob Walker, Monroe, Alt	1		
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1		
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt			
Regional Transit	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton	1		
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt			
Federally Recognized Tribes					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.			
		Vacant Alt			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant			
		Robert Barandon Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills			
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman Alt			
Statutory Members					
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1		
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt	1		
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci			
		COM Nicole Grant Alt			
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1		
		Todd Lamphere Alt	1		
Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)					
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant		Abbreviations	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt		CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Dan Griffey, R		CM Councilmember	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt		CP Council President	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Lias, D		COM Commissioner	
		Vacant Alt		DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		Vacant, R		MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R Alt		MYR Pro Tem	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	18	REP Representative	
		Total Voting members present	24	SEN Senator	



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March 6, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

IN BRIEF

Three agencies submitted three projects this month for routine amendment into the Regional TIP. The projects are summarized in Exhibit A. These projects were awarded local, state, and federal funding through various funding processes, such as the Highway Safety Improvement Program. PSRC staff reviewed the projects for compliance with federal and state requirements, and consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board adoption of an amendment to the 2025-2028 Regional TIP to include the projects as shown in Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), PSRC has project selection authority for all projects programming regional funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) - and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307), State of Good Repair (5337), and Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (5339).

While PSRC does not have project selection authority for other types of federal, state, or local funds, the Executive Board does have responsibility for adding these projects to

the Regional TIP. Each project must comply with requirements regarding plan consistency, air quality, and financial constraint. The attached Exhibit A illustrates the action needed to amend the Regional TIP.

The recommended action would approve the TIP amendment request based on a finding of consistency with VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the air quality conformity determination of the Regional TIP. Approval is also based on a determination that funding is reasonably expected to be available to carry out the project. Information describing plan consistency, air quality conformity, and the funding basis for approving the request is further described below.

Consistency with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan

The projects recommended for action were reviewed by PSRC staff and have been determined to be consistent with the multicounty policies in VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

The projects in Exhibit A were reviewed and it has been determined that a new air quality analysis and conformity determination is not required because each project falls into one or more of the following categories:

- It is exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- It is an existing project already included in the current air quality modeling.
- It is a non-exempt project not able to be included in the regional model.

Funding Reasonably Expected to be Available

For the projects in Exhibit A, PSRC has confirmed that the funds are reasonably expected to be available.

PSRC's Project Tracking Policies

This amendment includes one request for modification to PSRC's FTA funds. The modification was found to be consistent with PSRC's project tracking policies and was reviewed and recommended by the Transportation Operations Committee (TOC) at their meeting on February 26, 2025.

King County Metro requests to redistribute \$1,864,761 in 5337 High Intensity Fixed Guideway Earned Share funds from the *Atlantic Base Trolley Power System Replacement* to a new project, the *SR 520 Portage Bay Bridge Trolley Infrastructure Replacement*. The redistribution is needed because the Atlantic Base Trolley Power project has been significantly delayed and is now on pause until approximately 2030. The SR 520 Portage Bay Bridge Trolley Infrastructure Replacement needs the funds to help maintain trolley bus service on routes utilizing this infrastructure, and will allow Metro to maintain a schedule that aligns with WSDOT's related SR 520 work.

Since it is a new project, the *SR 520 Portage Bay Bridge Trolley Infrastructure Replacement* has been released for public review. Any public comments received will be provided to the Transportation Policy Board at the March 13 meeting, prior to final approval.

Federal and State Fund Source Descriptions

The following federal and state funding sources are referenced in Exhibit A.

5337 HIFG	FTA High Intensity Fixed Guideway State of Good Repair Program
HSIP	Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program
TIB	State Transportation Improvement Board funding

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

ATTACHMENT

- A. Exhibit A - Project(s) Proposed for Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP

Month: March
Year: 2025

**Project(s) Proposed for
Routine Amendment to 2025-2028 TIP**

Exhibit A

Sponsor	Project Title and Work Description	Funding		PSRC Action Needed			
				Project Tracking	New Project/Phase	UPWP	Other Amend
1. Bellevue	150th Avenue SE Mobility Improvements New project programming preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases to rechannelize southbound 150th Avenue SE with a new 3rd general purpose lane from SE 28th Street to SE 38th Street as well as various new/adjusted turn pockets, signal modifications, rechannelization and ramp extensions/ improvements benefiting the 150th Ave / I-90 interchange.	\$3,990,000	Other TIB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$10,709,516	Local				
		\$14,699,516	Total				
2. King County Department of Transportation (Transit)	SR 520 Portage Bay Bridge Trolley Infrastructure Replacement New project redistributing funds from MET-235: Atlantic Base Trolley Power System Replacement for removal of trolley infrastructure on the 10th Avenue E Bridge over SR 520, installation of trolley infrastructure on the new Roanoke Lid over SR 520, and coordination with WSDOT Portage Bay and Roanoke Lid projects. Project is funded with federal funds using state toll credits as local match.	\$1,864,761	Federal 5337 HIFG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$1,864,761	Total				
3. Seattle	Vision Zero Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) and No Turn on Red (NTOR) Restrictions New project programming preliminary engineering and construction to install leading pedestrian intervals and no-turn-on-red restrictions at intersections citywide.	\$1,978,000	Federal HSIP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$2,083,892	Local				
		\$4,061,892	Total				



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CONSENT AGENDA

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for Two Projects: City of Fife's I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange Project and Kitsap Transit's SR 16 Park and Ride Project**

IN BRIEF

Two agencies have submitted two requests to change the status of Regional Capacity Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan. Per PSRC's adopted procedures, requests to change project status require board action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend Executive Board authorization of a change to the Regional Transportation Plan project status for two projects: City of Fife's *I-5/Port of Tacoma Road Interchange* project and Kitsap Transit's *SR 16 Park and Ride* project.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Transportation Plan contains policies requiring PSRC's Executive Board to approve regionally significant transportation capacity projects before those projects begin implementation phases. Projects in the Regional Transportation Plan are designated as Candidate, Approved, or Conditionally Approved. A Candidate designation means a project has gone through a comprehensive planning process, but that one or more of the following has not yet been completed: environmental documentation and approvals, financial plan, and/or other planning requirements. A project's status is changed to Approved once these requirements have been met. Conditional Approval may be granted if a project has fulfilled most of the approval

criteria but lacks only certain details. For example, if a project awaits only final signatures on its environmental documentation but has completed all other requirements, the Executive Board may grant Conditional Approval. Once the final details have been completed, staff has the authority to grant a project full Approval status administratively, thereby saving the project sponsor several weeks of delay.

Two projects are requesting changes in project status from “Candidate” to “Approved”—the City of Fife’s *I-5 / Port of Tacoma Road Interchange* project and Kitsap Transit’s *SR 16 Park and Ride* project. Additional details of each project are provided in Exhibit A, including the project description and criteria applied to review the projects for the requested status change.

For additional information, please contact Mitch Koch, Associate Planner, at mkoch@psrc.org or 206-464-7537.

ATTACHMENT

A. Regional Capacity Projects Status Change Requests

ATTACHMENT A: REGIONAL CAPACITY PROJECTS STATUS CHANGE REQUESTS

Sponsor	City of Fife	Kitsap Transit
Project Title	I-5 / Port of Tacoma Road Interchange	SR 16 Park & Ride
Project Description	This project will complete the reconfiguration of the I-5/Port of Tacoma Road interchange into a split-diamond with one-way couplet. The Port of Tacoma Road will become a one-way southbound street from 12th Street E to 20th Street E. 34th Avenue E will be reconstructed and extended to a one-way northbound street from 20th Street E to 12th Street E. The I-5 ramps will be reconfigured to complete the diamond couplet. The new 34th Avenue E roadway includes a new bridge crossing over I-5. Within the project area, improvements include sidewalks, turn lanes, and new traffic signals.	This project will include a park & ride along SR 16 between mileposts 20 and 28, near Port Orchard, WA. This park & ride will include at least 150 parking stalls, bus loading areas, pedestrian features, lighting, cameras, bike storage, and shelters. This project is part of a larger investment that includes at least four new or expanded park & ride locations with up to 500 parking stalls along the SR 16 corridor.
Total Project Cost	\$129,187,882	\$8,992,920
Consistency with Regional Policies	This project is consistent with regional policies.	This project is consistent with regional policies.
Benefit-Cost Analysis	A benefit-cost ratio of 2.72 was determined in 2021 based on the U.S. DOT 2021 Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grant Programs.	A cost-benefit analysis is not required because the total project cost is below \$100,000,000.
Environmental Documentation	NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) was issued April 2022. NEPA re-evaluation of Categorical Exclusion (CE) was issued September 2024.	NEPA Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) was issued July 2024.
Other Planning Requirements	The City of Fife and WSDOT have entered into two Right of Way Acquisition agreements. The City of Fife also received an environmental permit from the Department of the Army. The Port of Tacoma approved ROW and funding Interlocal Agreements in October 2015 and 2023. The City of Tacoma approved an Intersection and Traffic Signal Improvements Agreement in November 2017. The City of Tacoma also approved Work Order Review permits for intersections within the project vicinity.	The City of Port Orchard is finalizing building, signage, and construction permits for this project. Kitsap Transit anticipates the permits will be approved in May 2025.
Financial Feasibility	The project is fully funded with \$18,786,516 of local funds, \$85,235,260 of state funds, and \$25,166,106 of federal funds for a total project cost of \$129,187,882 in 2024 year of expenditure dollars.	The project is fully funded with \$2,231,759 of local funds and \$6,761,161 of federal funds for a total project cost of \$8,992,920 in 2024 year of expenditure dollars.
Air Quality Conformity	Approving this project will not change the region's air quality conformity determination.	Approving this project will not change the region's air quality conformity determination.



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CONSENT AGENDA

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Port Orchard, and Wilkeson**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff has reviewed and recommends certification of the 2024 comprehensive plan updates for Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Port Orchard, and Wilkeson.

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 Bellevue 2024 Comprehensive Plan ([link](#))**
- **City of Bothell 2024 Comprehensive Plan ([link](#))**
- **City of Burien 2024 Comprehensive Plan ([link](#))**
- **City of Port Orchard 2024 Comprehensive Plan ([link](#))**
- **Town of Wilkeson 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:

- **Bellevue** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on October 22, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in July 2024.
- **Bothell** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in May 2024.
- **Burien** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on October 28, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in February and August 2024.
- **Port Orchard** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in October 2024.
- **Wilkeson** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on November 27, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in September 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 Growth Management Policy Board acted to recommend certification at its March meeting. The Executive Board will consider policy board recommendations later this month. Additional local plans will be brought forward to recommend for certification at the board's April meeting.

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



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: **Legislative Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC is tracking federal developments and the work of the Washington State Legislature related to regional budget and policy priorities. PSRC's 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 and is approaching the halfway mark. 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, the transportation budget, ferries and revenue.

Over 1,800 bills were introduced during this session, with the Fiscal Committee Cutoff on February 28. The next cutoff date is March 12, which is the last day to consider bills in the house of origin.

The Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing on relevant bills and budget activities at their meeting on March 13. A status of federal activities will also be provided.

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



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ACTION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: **2025 Project Delivery Tracking and Supplemental Funding Action**

IN BRIEF

A requirement to meet an annual delivery target for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds has been in place since 2013. PSRC's adopted project tracking policies identify the procedures to be followed when there is a risk the target will not be met, including the development of a supplemental funding action. Information provided by project sponsors to date indicates that there will be a gap to the 2025 delivery target and a supplemental funding action required.

Per the PSRC Project Tracking Policies, early action on increasing the federal share of previously awarded projects is being requested to streamline the processing and approval timeframes and expedite use of the funding to help meet the region's delivery target. Additional actions may be required in April, as staff finalizes all relevant project data.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve a supplemental funding action to increase the federal shares for projects awarded PSRC's 2025 FHWA funds, up to the amounts identified in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

PSRC has been monitoring the progress of projects awarded PSRC's federal funds through a project tracking system first implemented in 2000. The adopted project tracking policies are designed to ensure the timely use of PSRC funds and to increase

the delivery of transportation investments that support the region's long-range plans. The project tracking program has evolved over the years to ensure the successful delivery of projects by addressing issues of delayed projects and the potential risk of losing unused funding. This evolution has included responding to the annual delivery target requirement begun in 2013 for all regions of the state. Regions must meet their delivery target for each year's FHWA funds or risk losing the unused portion of funds to other parts of the state.

To recognize the increased emphasis on project delivery, PSRC's project tracking policies provide a firm obligation deadline of June 1 of each year, with the possibility of a one-time extension to the next federal fiscal year. In addition, the policies include the prioritized strategies listed below that are implemented when there are not enough projects able to deliver in a given year, and additional measures need to be taken in order to meet the required annual delivery target.

1. Advance projects from later years.
2. Exchange federal funds for local funds between phases or stages of a single project, or between projects within the same agency.
3. Increase the federal share of awarded projects.
4. Fund immediately-ready-to-go projects from the current adopted contingency lists.
5. Solicit new immediately ready to go projects.

Preliminary Estimate of 2025 Delivery Gap

Per PSRC's project tracking policies, extension requests for projects with 2025 delivery were due on February 15, and are currently under review by PSRC, the Washington Department of Transportation, and the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee and the countywide forums. Request for board action on the one-year extension requests will occur in April. These extensions create a substantial gap to achieving the current year delivery target.

In addition, there are two projects that received an extension last year for which an exception to PSRC policies is being requested. These requests are also under review and will be brought to the board in April; if the exception requests are denied the funds will be returned. Regardless of the outcome, these projects add to the 2025 delivery gap. Several projects have also returned PSRC funding, either due to project cancellations, cost savings, or other reasons, further adding to the 2025 delivery gap.

PSRC has begun the rebalancing process based on the adopted strategies above, including identifying projects with later years' funding that can advance to 2025 and researching projects that may be eligible for an exchange. Based upon the information available to date, the gap to the 2025 delivery target is estimated to be up to \$35 million, and a supplemental funding action to increase the federal share of awarded projects is required.

Supplemental Funding Action

At the March 13 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will be asked to recommend a supplemental funding action to increase the federal shares of projects awarded 2025 funds, up to the amount per project as summarized in Attachment A. Early action is being requested in order to streamline the processing and approval timeframes and expedite the use of these funds in order to support the 2025 delivery target. Per adopted procedures, an equal amount of funding is applied to all projects based on the total amount necessary to fill the delivery gap. The amount per project can be no more than the maximum federal share allowable, and once a project has reached this maximum any remaining funds will be uniformly distributed to the other projects that still have capacity to accept additional federal funds, until the total additional funds needed to fill the gap have been awarded. This methodology is reflected in the amounts per project identified in Attachment A.

While these figures are draft, staff expects this supplemental funding action to be adequate to achieve the 2025 delivery target. However, there are still factors that may impact the final need in the coming months, including any additional return of funds and the outcome of the federal appropriation bill and subsequent final funding allocations. Staff will return to the board in April with a request for action on the projects seeking extensions and exceptions, as well as any further increases to the projects listed in Attachment A if needed.

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

ATTACHMENT

A. Increased Federal Shares for PSRC Funded Projects with 2025 Delivery

ATTACHMENT A: Increased Federal Shares for PSRC Funded Projects with 2025 Delivery

7.a - Att. A

Sponsor	Project Title	Original PSRC Award	Maximum Additional FHWA Funds
Auburn	Auburn Way S (SR-164) - Hemlock to Poplar	\$ 3,605,087	\$ 2,449,913
Auburn	A Street SE Preservation (37th Street SE to Lakeland Hills Way)	\$ 905,000	\$ 660,650
Auburn	1st Street NE/NW and N Division Street Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 80,000	\$ 6,500
Bellevue	Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail (C): 132nd Avenue SE to 150th Avenue SE	\$ 2,370,000	\$ 5,720,170 *
Bellevue	Main Street Off-Street Multipurpose Pathway (108th Avenue to 112th Avenue)	\$ 1,041,000	\$ 1,467,764
Bellevue	NE Spring Boulevard Zone 3, Arterial/Multimodal Network Completion	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 2,335,000
Bothell	228th Street SE from 35th Ave SE to 39th Ave SE Widening Project	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 218,785
Bothell	240th St SE Overlay (Meridian Ave S to Bothell-Everett Highway)	\$ 700,000	\$ 669,064
Edgewood	48th St E Preservation	\$ 600,000	\$ 52,210
Everett	Broadway (California to 18th Ave) Preservation	\$ 696,480	\$ 125,270
Federal Way	BPA Trail - City Center Extension	\$ 567,491	\$ 124,509
Fife	58th Avenue E and Valley Avenue E Roundabout	\$ 510,200	\$ 91,148
Issaquah	Newport Way NW Improvement Project - SR 900 to SE 54th Street	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 647,234
Kent	Benson Corridor (SR 515) 20-minute Neighborhood Plan	\$ 709,364	\$ 69,136
Kent	Meet Me on Meeker: Washington to Thompson	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 95,000
Kent	South 212th Street Preservation (59th Place S to 72nd Avenue South)	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,216,100
Lakewood	112th Street S - S Tacoma Way to Steele Street S	\$ 42,857	\$ 18,667
Lynnwood	Alderwood Mall Parkway Pavement Preservation	\$ 750,000	\$ 631,405
Lynnwood	33rd Ave W (184th St SW to Poplar Wy Bridge)	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,324,100
Marysville	67th Ave NE (Grove St to 88th St NE)	\$ 550,000	\$ 255,714
Monroe	Tjerne Phase III (Woods Creek Road to Old Owen Rd)	\$ 460,000	\$ 15,837
Pierce County	TDM Support for Communities, Businesses, and Commuters	\$ 900,000	\$ 138,000
Renton	Oakesdale Ave SW Pavement Preservation	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 437,015
Shoreline	NE 155th Street Preservation, 1st Ave NE to 15th Ave NE	\$ 150,000	\$ 109,500
Snohomish	Bickford & Weaver Intersection Improvements	\$ 394,480	\$ 394,400
Sound Transit	Light Rail Vehicles	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 5,720,170 *
Steilacoom	Rigney Rd. Preservation Project	\$ 385,540	\$ 65,125
Sultan	US-2 / Main Street Roundabout	\$ 480,000	\$ 39,000
Sumner	Stewart Road ITS Corridor Improvements	\$ 402,289	\$ 26,133
Tacoma	McKinley Ave ITS and Signal Coordination	\$ 195,000	\$ 7,626
Tacoma	Portland Avenue Vision Zero Improvements	\$ 2,119,250	\$ 34,600
University Place	67th Avenue Improvements Phase 3	\$ 297,500	\$ 5,250
University Place	40th Street	\$ 146,665	\$ 26,335
Wash State Ferries	Terminal Electrification - Seattle and Bainbridge Island Terminals	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 3,082,500
WSDOT	SR 167/SR 512 to Ellingson Road Vicinity - SB Congestion Management	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 5,720,170 *
WSDOT	SR 167/I-5 to SR 161 Stage 2	\$ 3,580,000	\$ 1,000,000
Total			\$ 35,000,000

*Project has additional capacity to accept PSRC FHWA Funds. All other projects have achieved their maximum federal share.

**More information on the status of the WSF Terminal Electrification project is being gathered to determine applicability.



Puget Sound Regional Council

March 6, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board
From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: **Regional Safety Action Plan Public Comments and Next Steps**

IN BRIEF

PSRC released the Draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment in mid-January, concluding on February 14, 2025. At the March 13 meeting, the Transportation Policy Board will be briefed on high level themes from the comments received and begin a discussion of next steps.

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 Transportation Policy Board was briefed regularly 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 January 2025, the Transportation Policy Board authorized the release of the plan for public comment. Opportunities for public comments included an online engagement hub, email to PSRC, direct mail or PSRC board meeting. Notice was provided to PSRC mailing lists, on PSRC's website, through social media, and by partner networks. The public comment period closed on February 14, 2025.

Comments were received from approximately 60 members of the public, PSRC member jurisdictions, and other organizations. Comments will be delineated and categorized by topic and noted as being either general plan comments, technical corrections or clarifications, or comments requiring board review. A spreadsheet of the comments is posted on PSRC's website at <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-safety-action-plan>.

Once comments are categorized and responses prepared, this spreadsheet will be updated.

Staff and the public engagement consultant team, Uncommon Bridges, are reviewing all comments and will summarize high level themes at the March 13 Transportation Policy Board meeting. A preliminary discussion of next steps will be held, including how the Regional Safety Action Plan will inform development of the Regional Transportation Plan and other PSRC programs.

The board will be asked to recommend approval of the final Regional Safety Action Plan at their meeting in April, with final adoption scheduled for the May 22, 2025 General Assembly meeting.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601, or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org or 206-971-3286.



Puget Sound Regional Council

March 6, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Transportation Policy Board

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan Development: Current Transportation System**

IN BRIEF

In the first quarter of the year staff will be presenting information to the Transportation Policy Board on various elements of the current transportation system, including identification of key trends and gaps in the system as it relates to supporting where people and jobs are today and into the future. An interim report on the current system is planned to be published by the end of April.

The March board briefing will focus on additional details of the current street and highway system, freight network, and technologies that make the transportation system more efficient and reliable.

DISCUSSION

Work to develop the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will continue throughout 2025 and the board will be briefed each month on various plan elements. Information on the current transportation system will be provided in the first quarter, identifying key trends and notable gaps in the system, with the goal of publishing an interim report by the end of April. Information on the current system will then feed into the development of the draft plan and identification of future investments to the system through 2050.

The March board briefing will provide key findings on the current transportation system related to the roadway network, freight system and transportation system technologies. Staff will share information on the inventory and data collection efforts for these elements, and related data from PSRC's travel model regarding the current system will also be provided for context.

In April, staff will present information on maintenance and preservation activities and needs across all modes. In May, the board will begin discussions of future planned investments and the financial strategy, to move forward into modeling activities in the summer.

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.

PSRC Transportation Work Program - Progress Reporting

Progress Chart (Timeline as of March 6, 2025)

Status	
	Preparing
	In Progress
	Complete
	Tentative

Project	Status to-date
Regional Transportation Plan	
Alignment of RTP and Funding Cycles	TBD - pending further board discussions
Update RTP Project Plan Consistency Framework	Consultant contract in progress; work expected to be complete by March 2025
Board work group to determine 2026 RTP scope of work	RTP Steering Committee, February-September 2024; board action completed November / December 2024
TPB direction on scope of work for 2026 RTP	February through December 2024
RTP development	Q2 2024-Q2 2026
Financial Strategy Refinement	Board discussions Q2 2024 - Q2 2025
PSRC Funding	
2026 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds	Work to develop the next Policy Framework will begin in Fall 2025
FHWA/FTA Project Selection: Board Action	Board action July 2026
Annual FTA Adjustments Process	Pending, Spring 2025
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project Selection	Pending, Fall 2025
Transportation Alternatives Project Selection	Pending, Fall 2025
Consolidated Grant Program Regional Rankings	Board action January 2025
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	
2025 -2028 TIP Development	Complete
Conduct Equity Analysis of draft 2025-2028 TIP	Complete
Release of 2025-2028 TIP for Public Comment	Complete
Board Action on 2025-2028 TIP	Complete, October 2024
Monthly TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Project Tracking/Rebalancing	Ongoing
Climate: GHG Analysis and Planning	
2030 Transit Networks and Service	Complete
PSRC 2030 Network Modeling and Analysis	Complete
Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project	Complete
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Clearinghouse	Operational/Ongoing, initial launch complete, maintenance and updates ongoing
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Outreach	Ongoing
Develop Climate Implementation Strategy with Partners	CPRG planning work underway with partners, Preliminary Climate Action Plan submitted to EPA March 1, 2024, Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due December 2025
PSRC Board Progress Briefings	Ongoing
Regional Safety Plan	
Explore Grant/Funding Opportunities	Complete
Apply for Safe Streets for All Grant	Round 1 complete; Round 2 complete
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Complete, included in the draft Regional Safety Action Plan
Convene Stakeholders	Complete - Regional Safety Summit held June 29, 2023
Develop Scope of Regional Safety Plan	Complete; board review September 2023
Develop Regional Safety Plan	Draft plan complete, released for public comment January 2025; General Assembly adoption May 2025

Performance Measures and Dashboard	
<i>Align with Equity Tracker, other related monitoring efforts</i>	
Identify Measures	Complete
Develop Dashboard Outline for Board Feedback	Complete
Assemble Data	Initial set complete; ongoing and continuous
Publish Draft Dashboard	Complete
Refinement and Updates	Ongoing
Annual Board Briefings	Briefing February 2024 and annually thereafter; information being captured in the RTP current system briefings in 2025
Active Transportation Plan Repackaging	
Repackage Active Transportation Plan	Complete
ADA Transition Plan Technical Assistance	
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Preliminary research complete; moving to monitoring role
Board Briefing and Discussion	TPB briefing June 2023
Annual Transit Integration Report	
Report Development	Complete
Publish Report	Released November 2023
Big Ideas/Transformational Planning	
Regional Convenings to Support Effort	TBD - pending further board discussions
Future of HCT Regional Convening	TBD - pending further board discussions
Data Collection, Analysis, Performance Metrics	
Data collection, maintenance of viz tool and improvements	In Progress
Equity, EJ analysis methodology improvements	Q4 2024-Q1 2025
RTP Financial Strategy	
Collaborate with Partners on Implementation Steps	Early board discussions complete; draft plan figures to be prepared for May-June discussions of investment levels.

VISION 2050 AWARDS



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Puget Sound Regional Council

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 be accepting nominations directly from its [membership](#). Others seeking to nominate projects can do so through the member jurisdiction in which the project is located. PSRC will help connect potential nominees with local governments to help with the nomination process. Please contact [Michele Leslie](#) with questions.

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






SAVE THE DATE

Puget Sound Regional Council

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

 **Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

 **Seattle Convention Center | Summit Building**
900 Pine Street, Seattle, WA 98122

PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 22, 2025**, to vote on major decisions, establish the budget, and elect new officers. Please save the date!

All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes have votes at the Assembly and are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open in **early April**.

For questions, please contact **Sheila Rogers** at **(206) 354-6560** or email srogers@psrc.org.



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