



Puget Sound Regional Council

Growth Management Policy Board

Thursday, April 3, 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 March 6, 2025

6. Action Item (10:20)

- a. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Arlington, Carbonado, Kent, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, North Bend, Orting, SeaTac, South Prairie, Sultan, University Place, and Woodway – *Paul Inghram, PSRC*

7. Discussion Item (11:05)

- a. Regional Economic Strategy Update – *Jason Thibedeau, PSRC*

8. Discussion Item (11:30)

- a. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program – *Sara Hetrick, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency*

9. Information Items

- a. GMPB Meeting Calendar 2025
- b. VISION 2050 Awards Call for Nominations 2025 Flyer
- c. 2025 Annual General Assembly Flyer
- d. 2025 Summer Planning Academy Flyer
- e. 2025 Regional Household Travel Survey Flyer

10. Next Meeting: May 1, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Major Topics:

- Plan Certifications
- Housing Trends
- Home in Tacoma Ownership Incentives
- Transfer of Development Rights

11. Adjourn (12:00)

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman provided in-person public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince welcomed board members to the meeting and congratulated Councilmember Janice Zahn on her appointment to the state House of Representatives and thanked her for her work on the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram welcomed the board and congratulated Councilmember Zahn on her appointment. He then introduced PSRC's Director of Government Relations and Communications, Robin Koskey, who briefed the board on recent federal and state legislative activities. Mr. Inghram concluded his report by mentioning the VISION 2050 award nominations and General Assembly flyers in the packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held February 6, 2025.

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

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR BELLEVUE, BOTHELL, BURIEN, PORT ORCHARD, AND WILKESON

Director of Growth Management, Paul Inghram, shared with the board information about how PSRC is reviewing the housing elements of local comprehensive plans. The board discussed the expectations for plan certification and meeting state requirements for housing capacity.

The board then considered the draft certification reports for Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Port Orchard and Wilkeson.

The board asked about the amendment to the City of Burien's certification report that provides a comment about additional housing work. While Mr. Inghram stated that the plan does lack clear information about emergency housing capacity, the plan contains a number of aspects that address emergency housing and how the city is working to provide it. The housing element also provides housing capacity at each of the income levels required.

The board asked PSRC staff to give the board more notice on amendments and discussed how to resolve conflicts between PSRC's recommendations and comments by outside entities. Mr. Inghram responded that PSRC coordinates with the King County Affordable Housing Committee and Commerce as staff works on the certification reports but ultimately PSRC reviews for consistency with the regional policies and with the transportation related components of the Growth Management Act, not with countywide policies.

Board members noted that the comprehensive plan is a significant process, especially for a small city. Mr. Inghram clarified that the amendment and all comments would be included in the draft certification report for review by the Executive Board.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Hamilton/Marine) to recommend the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions in the Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Port Orchard and Wilkeson 2024 Comprehensive Plans 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 March 27, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL CENTERS SYSTEM MONITORING

The board heard an update from PSRC staff on early findings from the forthcoming report on Regional Centers System Monitoring. In 2024, the Growth Management Policy Board adopted a scope of work to redesignate existing centers, consider designation of new centers, and review overall progress to meet regional outcomes. Staff highlighted data on regional center outcomes regarding growth, mobility, housing, equity and opportunity, and environment and public health. These themes will also be highlighted in the agency's draft report. PSRC will release a draft Regional Centers System Monitoring report in early spring 2025. The regional centers redesignation process will begin in the summer and fall of 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEM: HOUSEHOLD TRAVEL SURVEY PROGRAM – INSIGHTS ON TRAVEL BEHAVIORS AND RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT

The board learned from PSRC data staff that PSRC administers the Household Travel Survey (HTS) Program to collect activity and travel data from the region's residents every two years. Staff presented highlights from the 2023 HTS data which examined trends from before the pandemic and behaviors relevant to the Regional Growth Strategy. Staff shared insights on travel behaviors and residential displacement with an in-depth examination of regional travel trends, travel by residents in regional growth centers, telecommute patterns and residential displacement. For the 2025 Household Travel Survey, the agency is currently collecting data, and a final data delivery and publication will be available in spring 2026.

NEXT MEETING

The board will meet on Thursday, April 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Topics include:

- Comprehensive Plan Certifications
- Household Travel Survey
- Centers Monitoring

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – March 6, 2025

Growth Management Policy Board - March 6, 2025							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Sarah Perry		Associate Members			
		Vacant		Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1	COM Paul McIntyre	1
						John McClellan Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Maritza Rivera	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	COM Chris Stearns	1
		CM Mark Solomon	1			Marc Daily Alt	
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck , Alt		Public Agency Members			
Bellevue	1	CM Janice Zahn		Commerce	1	Dave Andersen	1
		CM Dave Hamilton , Alt	1			Mark Barkley Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	CM Ed Prince , Renton - Chair	1	Public Health Agencies	1	Dr. Gib Morrow , Kitsap Public Health District	
		CM Melissa Stuart , Redmond	1			DIR Chantall Harmon Reed , Tac-Pierce Cnty Alt	
		CM Pam Stuart , Sammamish		PSRC Committees			
		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	
Kitsap County	1	COM Christine Rolfes "ROL-fes"	1			Thanh Nguyen , Alt "Than When"	
		COM Katie Walters, Alt		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler		Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1	Brian Holtzclaw	
		CM Eric Younger , Alt				Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	DM Jon Quitslund , Bainbridge Isl		Natural and Built Environments (exp.	1	Angela Rozmyn	1
		MYR Ashley Mathews , Alt - Bainbridge Isl	1			Robert Pantley Alt	
Pierce County	1	CM Robyn Denson	1	Individual	1	Charlotte Murry	1
		CM Paul Herrera , Alt				Vacant Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Sandesh Sadalge (suh-DAHL-gay)	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
		CM Sarah Rumbaugh , Alt		Futurewise	1	Alex Brennan	1
Cities & Towns	1	MYR Ben Coronado , Gig Harbor	1			Kate Brunette Kreuzer , Alt	
		CM Andy Elfers , Alt - Sumner	1	Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1	Patience Malaba	
Snohomish County	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1	Emerald Alliance	1	Jesse Simpson Alt	
		CM Sam Low , Alt				Tracy Stanton	1
Everett	1	CM Scott Bader	1			Vacant Alt	
		MYR Cassie Franklin , Alt					
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Joe Marine , Mukilteo	1				
		CM Mike Dixon , Mukilteo		Non Voting	12		8
Federally Recognized Tribes							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Robert Barandon					
		Vacant					
Suquamish Tribe	1	Vacant					
		Alison O'Sullivan Alt					
Statutory Members							
Ports	1	COM John McCarthy , Tacoma					
		COM Deanna Keller , Alt - Tacoma				Abbreviations	
WSDOT	1	Jeff Storarr				CM Councilmember	
		JoAnn Schueler , Alt				COM Commissioner	
						CP Council President	
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	14			DM Deputy Mayor	



Puget Sound Regional Council

March 27, 2025

ACTION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management

Subject: **Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Arlington, Carbonado, Kent, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, North Bend, Orting, SeaTac, South Prairie, Sultan, University Place and Woodway**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff has reviewed and recommends certification of the 2024 comprehensive plan updates for Arlington, Carbonado, Kent, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, North Bend, Orting, SeaTac, South Prairie, Sultan, University Place and Woodway.

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 Arlington 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **Town of Carbonado 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Kent 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Marysville 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Mill Creek 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Monroe 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of North Bend 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Orting 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of SeaTac 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **Town of South Prairie 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Sultan 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of University Place 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))

- **Town of Woodway 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:

- **Arlington** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 2, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in October 2024.
- **Carbonado** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 9, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in September 2024.
- **Kent** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in November 2024.
- **Marysville** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 9, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in October 2024.
- **Mill Creek** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in November 2024.
- **Monroe** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in October 2024.
- **North Bend** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 3, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in November 2022 and August 2024.
- **Orting** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 11, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in October 2024.
- **SeaTac** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in November 2024.
- **South Prairie** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on November 26, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in September 2024.

- **Sultan** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 5, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in October 2024.
- **University Place** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 2, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in July 2024.
- **Woodway** adopted their 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 2, 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.

Housing Requirements

At the February meeting, the board discussed how PSRC is reviewing plans for state housing requirements, including planning for housing for all income levels and for emergency housing. Meeting the state's new housing requirements is one of the biggest challenges jurisdictions have faced during this update. Jurisdictions are required to plan for overall housing targets, to consider the need for low-income, permanent supportive and emergency housing, and to address racially disparate impacts in housing.

Counties and cities have done significant work to address these new requirements and many fully comply. However, some plans raise questions, including those that appear to lack capacity to meet the overall housing target. Others lack capacity for certain types of housing.

Certification

PSRC certifies comprehensive plans that meet the transportation-related requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA), VISION 2050, and the Regional Transportation Plan. PSRC certification reports document each plan's consistency with these policies and the impressive planning work at the local level. Certification reports also provide comments where additional future work is encouraged to fully address state or regional requirements. The policy board's role is to confirm the findings on overall consistency. Plan certification is required to program funds in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and for jurisdictions to be eligible for PSRC-managed transportation funding competitions.

Conditional Certification

If there is a significant gap or concerns about consistency, the board has the option to consider conditional certification. Conditional certification is used when a plan meets a majority of planning requirements for consistency with the multicounty planning policies, the Regional Transportation Plan and the Growth Management Act, but where specific issues should be addressed prior to full certification.

Typically, a plan is conditionally certified when there is an agreement between PSRC and the jurisdiction to complete additional comprehensive planning work to address a specific gap within a set timeframe. In the case of conditional certification, jurisdictions are eligible to compete for transportation funds while conditions are being addressed.

Review Scenarios

As PSRC reviews plans, staff have encountered a range of questions about how plans address the GMA housing requirements. Staff have outlined a few scenarios illustrating types of housing capacity concerns. Board feedback on the recommended approach for each scenario will guide upcoming staff reviews.

Housing Capacity

The jurisdiction lacks the capacity to meet its overall housing target.

In previous certification cycles, the board has seen providing sufficient capacity to meet growth targets as a key certification test. Sufficient capacity to accommodate growth is a longstanding requirement of the Growth Management Act ([RCW 36.70A.115](#)). If a plan shows that the jurisdiction lacks capacity and the jurisdiction is continuing work to address the capacity, the jurisdiction may seek a conditional certification.

The jurisdiction lacks capacity to meet its housing need for lower-income households.

Planning for housing for lower-income households is an important part of VISION 2050 and plays a role in transportation behavior. Lack of housing affordable to a range of incomes forces families to seek housing farther from jobs and services, leading to fewer transportation options and more driving. A new requirement since the passage of HB 1220, the Growth Management Act requires housing elements to "identify sufficient

capacity of land for housing including [...] housing for moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income households.”

Not providing capacity for housing for the jurisdiction’s allocated housing needs below 80% Area Median Income would be a certification issue. However, if the gap in capacity is small or if the jurisdiction’s overall housing target is very small, PSRC staff may recommend full certification and include comments on further work. In these cases, PSRC will also look to see that the jurisdiction demonstrates a good faith effort to address the capacity gap and to adopt appropriate housing strategies.

The housing information is incomplete and the jurisdiction is continuing its housing work post-adoption.

Several communities are continuing housing work post-adoption to address housing needs and to implement middle housing codes, which have a June 2025 deadline. PSRC may recommend including a report comment that the jurisdiction should consider plan amendments to incorporate the new work, provided that the plan demonstrates planning for the overall housing target and housing needs at each income level. At the meeting, staff will seek board direction regarding each of the approaches suggested for these scenarios.

Ongoing Work

PSRC is continuing to coordinate with jurisdictions as they work to adopt their comprehensive plans and the review of adopted plans. Staff will continue to bring forward to the board plans for certification action. Consistent with the notes above, certification reports may include formal comments where additional work is needed but does not rise to a conditional approval.

Staff also anticipates recommending conditional approval for some upcoming plans where jurisdictions seek an opportunity to complete additional work.

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 April meeting.

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



Puget Sound Regional Council

March 27, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management Planning
Subject: **Regional Economic Strategy Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC is working to develop an economic analysis in 2025 that will be used to inform the development of the Regional Economic Strategy update in 2026. Staff will lead a discussion with the Growth Management Policy Board on the timeline and process to develop the analysis.

DISCUSSION

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (EDD) is responsible for updating the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) every five years. A CEDS is designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of a region, building off other regional planning efforts. Implementation of the CEDS is accomplished by a broad set of regional stakeholders, highlighting important ongoing economic development programs and initiatives as well as identifying new opportunities for implementation. Adoption of a regional CEDS enables local jurisdictions and eligible organizations to qualify for funding under U.S. Economic Development Administration programs.

The CEDS is required to include an economic analysis with a summary background of the economic conditions and a SWOT analysis for the region. In addition, it also must identify strategies and implementation efforts to address the identified challenges and opportunities.

The EDD Board adopted the current CEDS, referred to locally as the Regional Economic Strategy, at its December 2021 meeting. The strategy covers the period from

2022-2026. The EDD is required to adopt an updated 5-year CEDS by the end of 2026. Staff are taking a two-phased approach to the development of the updated Regional Economic Strategy. The first phase will take place in 2025 and focus on development of a summary background of the region's economic conditions and a SWOT analysis. This analysis will serve as a foundational resource for the development of an implementation plan and evaluation framework in 2026.

The EDD Board is responsible for the development and adoption of a CEDS for the central Puget Sound region. Staff will leverage a broad stakeholder engagement process to gather input on the challenges and opportunities that the region's economy is facing, and work with the EDD Board's Executive Committee to develop a recommended analysis to the EDD Board for review. This work will also be informed by other regional data and analysis.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will perform outreach and analysis during the spring and summer of 2025 to develop a regional economic analysis.

For more information contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org or 206-389-2879.



Puget Sound Regional Council

March 27, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board

From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management Planning

Subject: **Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Development**

IN BRIEF

Work is underway to develop the regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, led by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) and funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. At the meeting on April 3, 2025, PSCAA staff will provide the board with a briefing on the status and schedule of this work.

DISCUSSION

Climate is a significant element of VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and PSRC's project selection processes. PSRC has collaborated with partner agencies around the region to further advance work related both to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate impacts.

PSRC's focus as the Metropolitan Planning Organization is emissions from on-road transportation, with emission reduction strategies that address land use, transportation choices, pricing and technology. However, the state and regional climate goals are reflective of emissions from all sectors of the economy, including energy, agriculture and others. As such, both VISION 2050 and the current RTP call for PSRC to continue working with partner agencies to develop a climate implementation strategy for achieving the region's climate goals and to monitor progress.

In the spring of 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program (CPRG). The CPRG program provided funds to states and large urban areas to develop near- and long-term climate action

plans. PSCAA is leading the planning efforts on behalf of the region, in collaboration with PSRC, the four counties and several cities. The near-term Priority Climate Action Plan was submitted to EPA on March 1, 2024. The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is due by December 2025 and development efforts are currently underway. More information may be found on PSCAA's [website](#).

NEXT STEPS

PSCAA staff are providing briefings on development of the CCAP to PSRC boards and committees in March and April. In addition, PSCAA is holding community workshops in each of the four counties; more information on these workshops may be found in the attachments. Further discussions will be held with the Transportation Policy Board in the coming months to identify how the CCAP will inform development of the next RTP, to be adopted in 2026.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at (206) 971-3601 or kmcgourty@psrc.org.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. CPRG Community Workshops Flyer
- B. Art Contest Flyer

Share your experiences and input about **climate pollution** in the **Puget Sound region!**

Join one of our workshops and influence the region's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

**Snohomish County**

Thursday, March 13, 2025

5:30–7:30PM

Everett Community College

Kitsap County

Thursday, March 20, 2025

5:30–7:30PM

Bremerton Government Center

King County

Thursday, April 3, 2025

5:30–7:30PM

El Centro de la Raza

Pierce County

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

5:30–7:30PM

Clover Park Technical College

Doors open at 5 PM for each workshop.



**Scan the QR code
to register**

or by going to
pscleanair.gov/workshops

Your input will help inform how actions that reduce climate pollution within our neighborhoods can best be designed and implemented. You do not need previous knowledge of climate pollution to participate.

Live interpretation is available; please add your preferred language when registering.

Creative Climate Action Art Contest

Help us combine art and science to foster greater understanding and engagement for climate in the Puget Sound region

Share Your Passion for Art and the Environment

Choose any visual medium, such as painting, photography, sculpture, upcycled materials, fiber arts, digital media, woodworking, ceramics, or anything else you can think of to create original artwork in one of three climate action categories:

- Time to Act
- World Worth Saving
- Solutions in Action

Winners in each category will receive \$50.

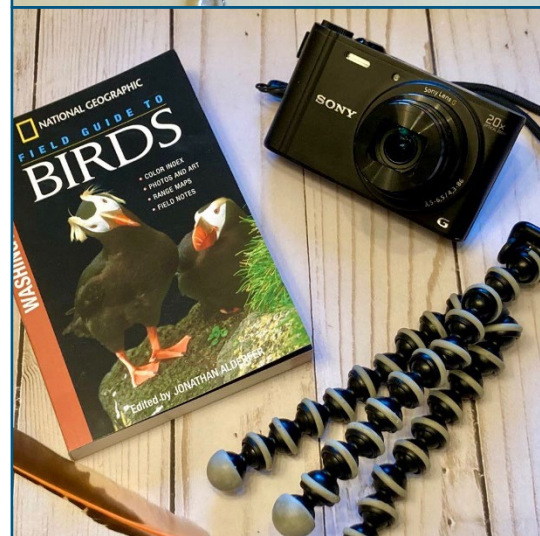
Entry Guidelines

- You must live in King, Kitsap, Pierce, or Snohomish counties to enter the contest.
- Submit your entry as a digital image or scan of your original artwork.
- Entries by youth 17 and under will be judged separately in each category.
- Entries are limited to three per person.

Enter the Contest

Learn more and enter at pscleanair.gov/ArtContest by midnight on June 25, 2025.

Your artwork may be used in the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, on the Agency's web site, and in presentation materials.



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

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





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SAVE THE DATE

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2025 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

 **Location TBD**

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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Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students

Are you curious about how cities grow, change, and develop? Have you ever wondered how governments decide where train lines should go? Do you have ideas about how to make our communities better places for everyone? If so, you should apply for the Summer Planning Academy (SPA)!



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The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is looking for high school students from King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties who want to learn about urban planning in our region and share ideas about how to make the central Puget Sound region a better place to live, work, and play.

SPA is a leadership development opportunity offered free of charge to students interested in planning a better future for our region. The program encourages students to think creatively about how better planning can help people lead better lives.

Upon successful completion of SPA, students are eligible to receive a **\$500** scholarship. SPA sessions will take place in Downtown Seattle on July 30, August 1, 6, and 8.

To learn more about PSRC, SPA, and to apply, go to www.psrc.org/our-work/summer-planning-academy or scan the QR code.



Questions? Email us at spa@psrc.org.

2025 REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD TRAVEL SURVEY

PSRC's Household Travel Survey gathers day-to-day information from households in the central Puget Sound region: how we travel, where we go, how long it takes us – even where we choose to live and whether we get home deliveries. The data helps communities throughout the region plan for transportation improvements, new housing and job growth.

The data collection for the 2025 survey is underway through June. PSRC is partnering with Pierce County this year.

The survey is only open to people who receive invitations in the mail. Please take part if you receive one and encourage community members to participate.



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