

# Regional Safety Action Plan Preliminary Comment Period Summary

Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
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Puget Sound Regional Council



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# Comment Period Overview

- Jan. 9: TPB authorized staff to release Draft Regional Safety Action Plan for comment
- Jan. 15: Draft plan posted to the online Engagement Hub and comprehensive outreach to public and interested stakeholders was conducted
- Public comment period concluded on Feb. 14
- Outreach through internal and external Board and Committee presentations, PSRC and member newsletters, social media, and direct email to interested party lists



# Comments Received

62 commenters

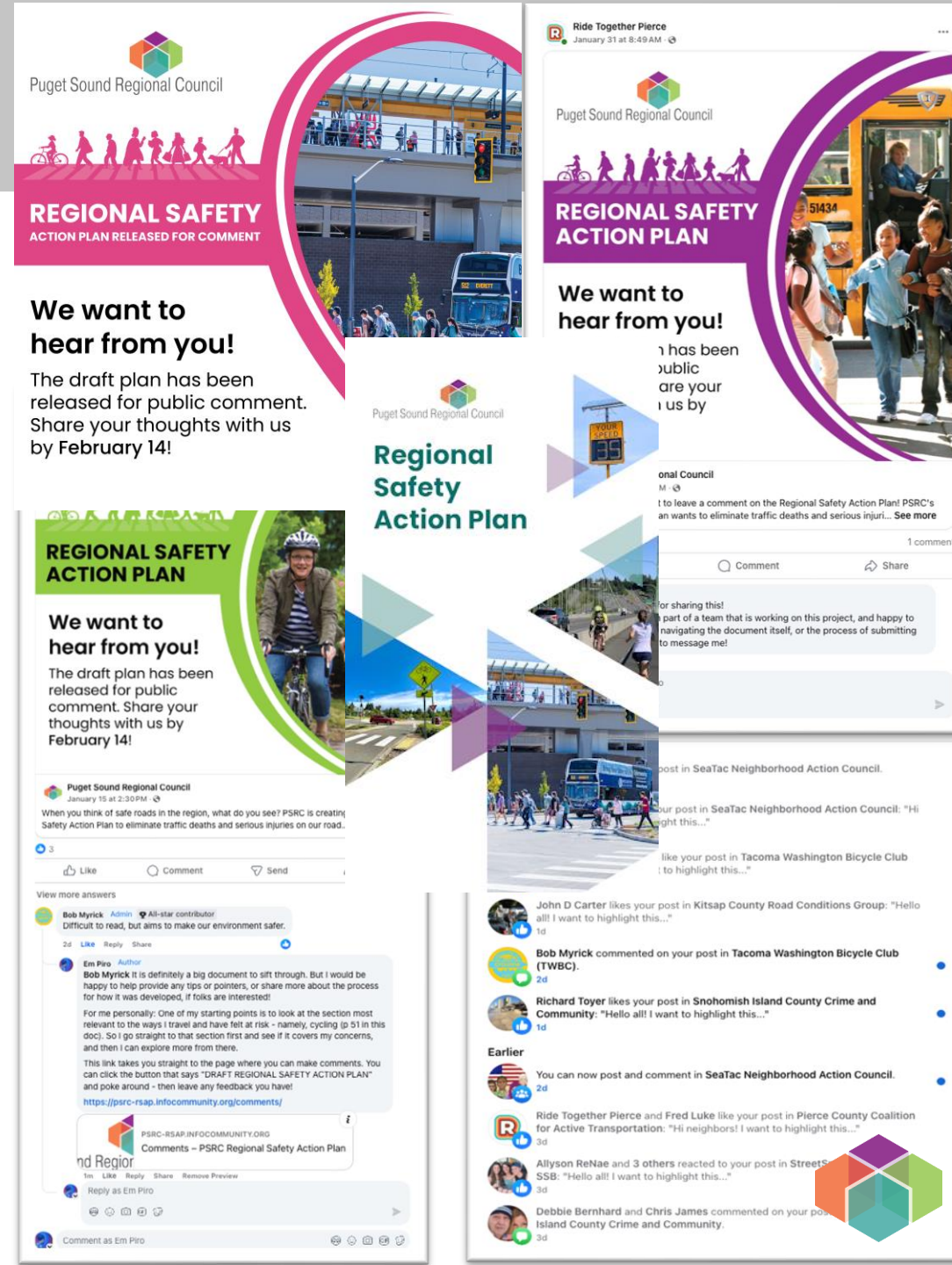
- 50 through Online Hub
- 12 through email

203 total comments

- 114 through Hub
- 89 through email

3 commenter types

- Individuals: 38
- Organizations: 3
- Governments: 13
- Other: 8\*

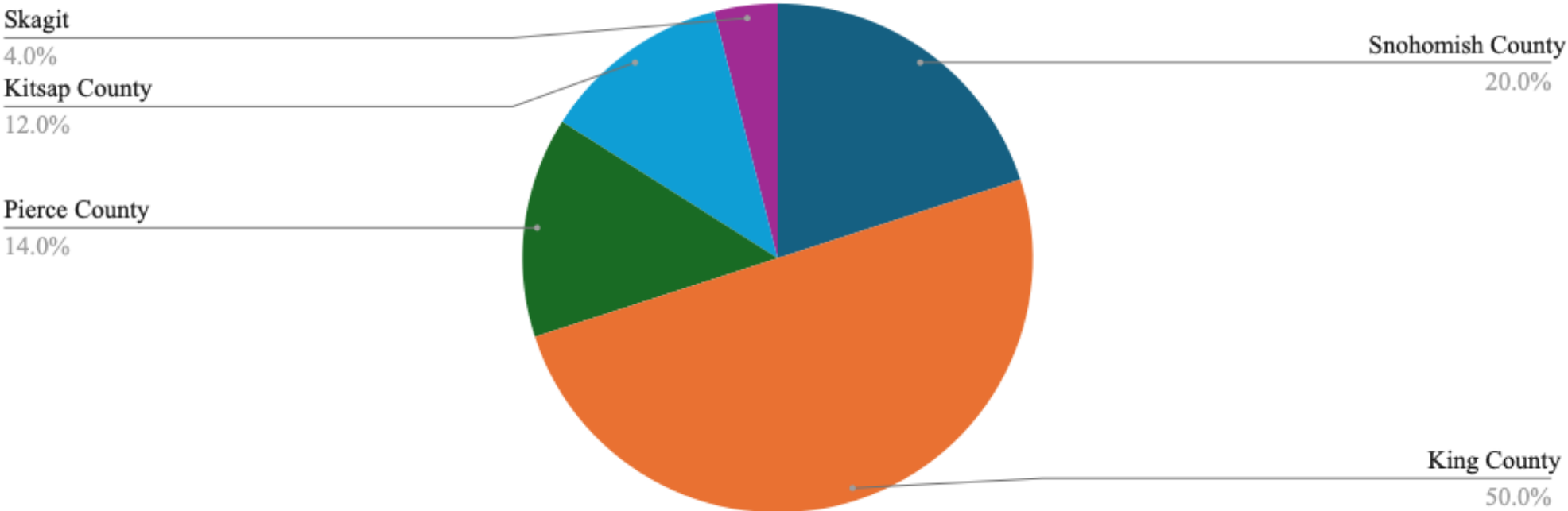


# Governments and Organizations

- Auburn
- Bellevue
- Kent
- King County
- Kirkland
- Northwest Seaport Alliance
- Public Health Depts
- Port of Everett
- Redmond
- Seattle
- Shoreline
- Snohomish County
- Tacoma
- Apex Driving School
- Driver's Edge Driving School
- Move Redmond

# Comment Distribution

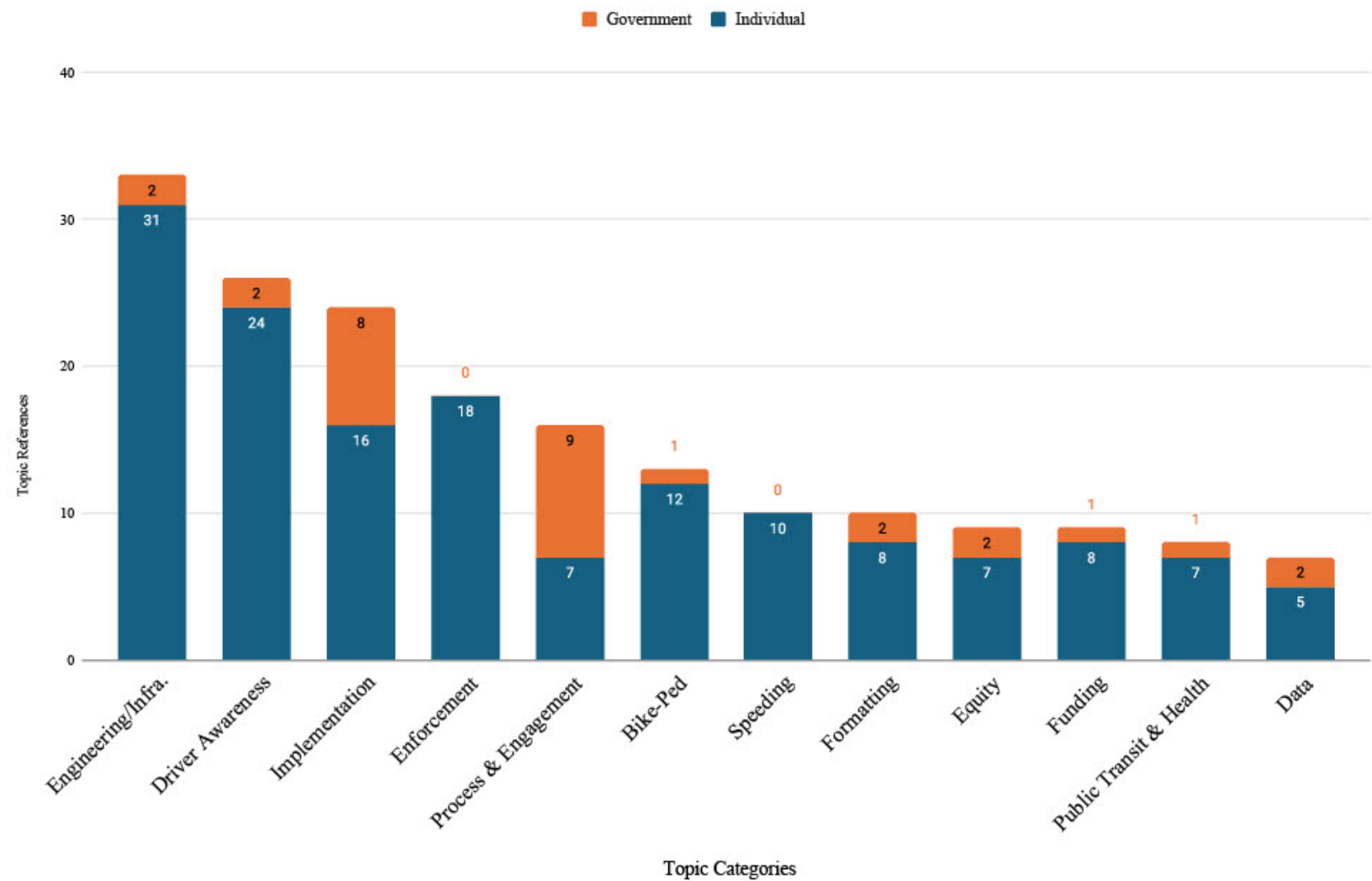
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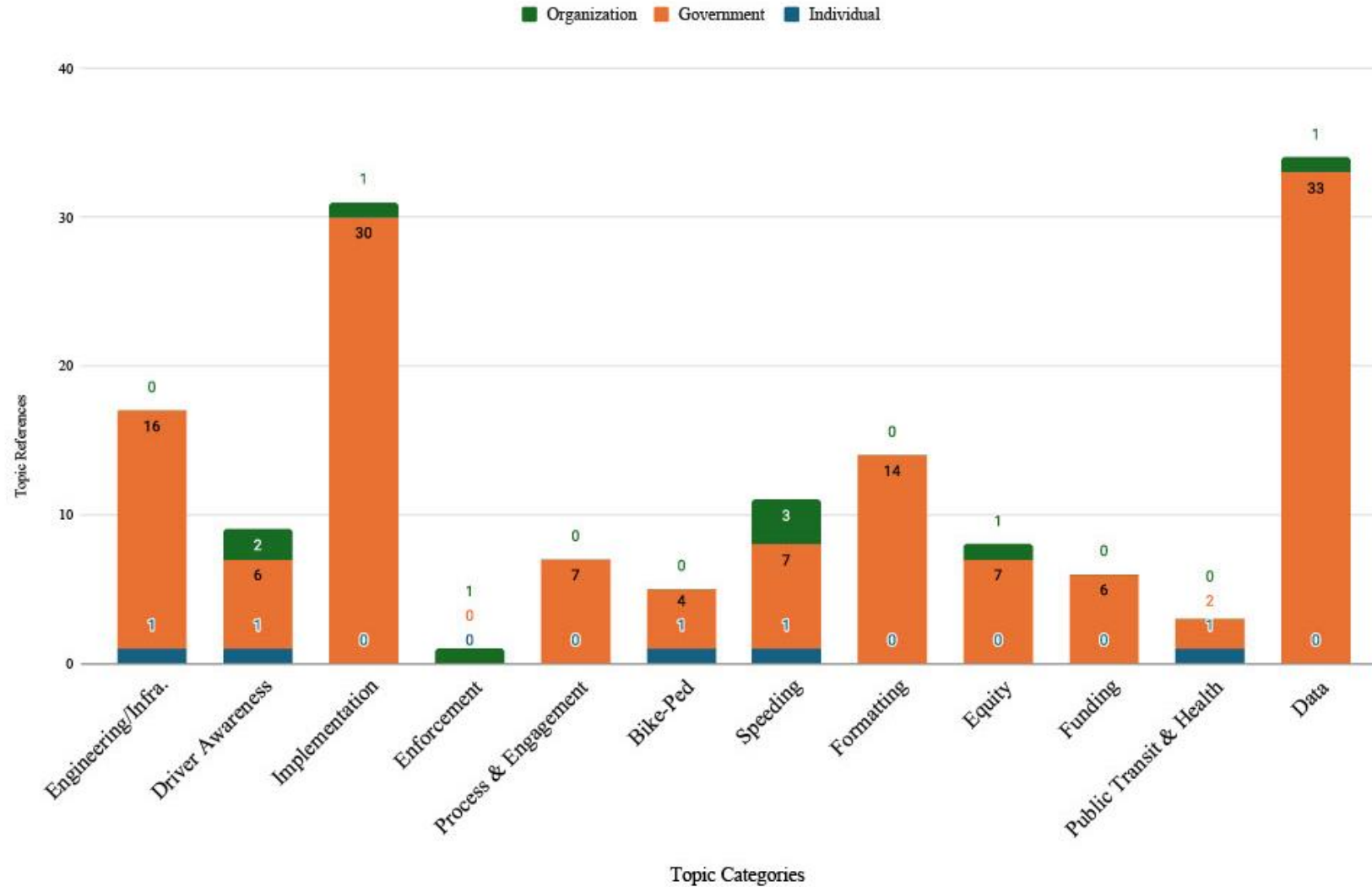
# Comment Themes

- Bicycle/Pedestrian
- Data
- Driver awareness
- Enforcement
- Engineering/Infrastructure
- Equity
- Formatting
- Funding
- Health
- Implementation
- Process & Engagement
- Public Transit
- Speeding

# Comment Themes – General Public



# Comment Themes – Member Jurisdictions



# Comment Example – Residents

*“This will give the communities a very good roadmap, and the tools to help make all of our communities safer whether you drive, walk, or bike.”*

*“Monroe: Chain Lake Road cannot handle the traffic from new housing developments.”*

– Snohomish County Residents

# Comment Example – Residents

*“...Our roads in Kitsap have routine speeding because roads are built extra wide and straight so organically drivers go 10–15 mph over. When combined with no enforcement, nothing changes. This is the antithesis of safety to not build roads with speed/safety in mind.”*

– Kitsap County Resident

# Comment Example – Residents

*“These strategies need to address what I call the ‘permissive environment’ for drivers.”*

*“Nowhere in this document is an analysis of the elephant in the room -- personal behavior and responsibility.”*

– King County Resident

# Comments – Member Jurisdictions

- Acknowledge locally developed high injury networks
- Clarify regional and local roles
- Provide tools and data to local jurisdictions
- Address discrepancies in statewide data
- Elevate unique needs and constraints of freight corridors and Manufacturing Industrial Centers
- Technical corrections and clarifications
- Calls for future work

# Comment Summary Document

Staff Responses =

- No action - 159
- Technical correction - 19
- Board review - 25

PSRC Regional Safety Action Plan Public Comments								
Commenter ID	First Name	Last Name	County	Responder Ty	Source	Comment	Response Class	Response
A	RICH	MEREDITH	Snohomish County	Individual	Hub	There is some good information in the draft plan and draft summary. Most of the treatments are labeled "safer" instead of "safe", which the correct way to describe safety improvements. However, there are still a couple of places in both documents that still identify "safe" when describing pedestrian crossing treatments. The strategies and treatments described in the plans can make crossings "safer", but they do not necessarily make them safe. Please consider revising the body of the text in both documents to reflect my suggestions.	Technical Correction	PSRC staff will review the recommended change and take action where appropriate.
AA	Don	Vanney	Snohomish County	Individual	Hub	This will give the communities a very good roadmap, and the tools to help make all of our community's safer whether you drive, walk, or bike.	No Action Taken	Comment has been reviewed and staff recommend no changes to the plan.
Apex Driving School- Montlake Terrace			Snohomish County	Organization	Direct Outreach	<p>"I have been working on this issue of 'individual decision making' for years, trying to get the state to properly address.</p> <p>Safety Starts with Behavior Roadway safety issues like speeding and distracted driving are heavily dependent on the individual making decisions that affect other people. We need to find a way to grow our safety culture regionally.</p> <p>However, the individual's decision making is based upon their personal knowledge, and we as a state just take that for granted."</p> <p>As just one example of many, "reckless driving". Here is the homework for 'Reckless Driving': - I emailed to some of the representatives on the state legislative transportation committee: Washington Traffic Safety Education Required Curriculum Standards – to be published by DOL in March 2025 "C. Explain Washington State laws, consequences, and best practices concerning rules of the road 1. Reckless driving Class 9 0 - To comply with Washington traffic laws and regulations, you must be able to: "instructors will provide lessons that ensure students are able to I am trying to get DOL to write more substantial requirements in driver education for driving schools to teach, instead of just relying upon expectations the driving school will look up the laws and teach from them. "I wrote this in just a few hours;</p>	Board Review	PSRC is considering a future safety work program that may include and address policies, enforcement, and education.
						Schools must teach the following elements: -1C. Any person who drives any vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving. RCW 46.61.500 -2C. Violation of reckless driving is a gross misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to three hundred sixty-four days and by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars and the license or permit to drive of any person convicted of reckless driving shall be suspended by the department for not less than thirty days. RCW 46.61.500 -3C. The provisions of reckless driving shall apply upon highways and elsewhere throughout the state. RCW 46.61.005 -4C. Exceeding speed limit evidence of reckless driving. The unlawful operation of a vehicle in excess of the maximum lawful speeds and under the circumstances described shall be evidence of		

<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-safety-action-plan>

# Comments / Staff Proposals for Board Review

- Future work program (5; 27; 186)
  - Driver behavior and education
  - Speeding and enforcement
  - Ongoing monitoring, guidance, best practices, updates
- Local data and High Injury Networks (20; 31; 41; 60; 62; 117; 125; 181–182)
  - Add language recognizing local and state safety planning and High Injury Networks.

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- **Impairment Data** (24-27; 116)
  - Add discussion of issues with impairment data and potential for underreporting
- **Freight Corridors and Manufacturing Industrial Centers** (159-166)
  - Add language to discuss unique characteristics and needs of freight corridors and MICs when applying safety strategies
- **RSAP and RTP Implementation** (35; 129)
  - Incorporate into Project Selection policy framework and RTP consistency review criteria

# How is Safety Currently Addressed?

## Project Selection

- In 2024, point values for the safety evaluation criterion were significantly increased
- The Safe System Approach and implementation of proven safety countermeasures foundational to the criteria
- Priority for improving safety for vulnerable users of the system and equity focus areas
- Asks for a statement of commitment to planning and implementation in alignment with the Safe System Approach



# How is Safety Currently Addressed?

## Regional Transportation Plan

- Safety is a priority element of the plan, and addressed throughout every element and mode
- The Safe System Approach is foundational, and current plan called for the work being done for the RSAP
- Process to submit Regional Capacity Projects into the plan includes addressing safety
  - Nine policy measures addressed by every project
  - Plan consistency framework updated for next plan



# Next Steps

- Implement edits to Plan document
- Transportation Policy Board recommendation **April 10**
- Executive Board recommendation **April 24**
- General Assembly adopts Final Plan on **May 22nd**



Thank  
You!

