



Puget Sound Regional Council

Freight Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Online Meeting Only – See Zoom Remote Participation Instructions Below

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30) – *Doug Cox, PSRC***
- 2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary for February 12, 2025* (9:35)**
- 3. Discussion: Integrating Community Considerations in Freight Investments (9:40) – *Brandy DeLange and Fred Wenhardt, FMSIB***

FMSIB staff will share their recent work to develop guidelines, tools, and best practices in integrating community considerations in freight infrastructure projects.
- 4. Discussion: Safety Strategies for Freight Corridors (10:10) – *Doug Cox, PSRC***

PSRC staff will facilitate a discussion with committee members about transportation safety issues in industrial areas and potential measures and strategies to address them.
- 5. Discussion: Other Business and Announcements (10:50)**
- 6. Information Items:**
 - a. VISION2050 Awards: Call for Nominations 2025***
 - b. Summer Planning Academy (SPA) 2025***
 - c. 2025 Regional Household Travel Survey***
 - d. TOOLBOX session – Pre-Approved ADU Plans***
- 7. Adjourn (11:00)**
- 8. Next Meeting: June 11, 2025**

*Supporting materials attached

Zoom Connection:

- [Join the meeting](#)
- Listen by phone 1-888-475-4499
- Meeting ID: 876 9690 5823 Passcode: 043570

Other Formats:

- Sign language, and communication material in alternative formats, can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling 206-464-7090, TTY Relay 711
 - العربية | Arabic, 中文 | Chinese, Deutsch | German, Français | French, 한국어 | Korean, Русский | Russian, Español | Spanish, Tagalog, Tiếng Việt | Vietnamese, visit: <https://www.psrc.org/contact-center/language-assistance>.



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Freight Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: February 12, 2025, 9:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Meeting)

Welcome and Introductions

Doug Cox, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. Roll call was completed to confirm the members and alternates present.

Action: Approval of Meeting Summary

The December 11, 2024, meeting summary was approved as presented.

Discussion: Existing Freight Conditions for RTP

Doug Cox, PSRC, shared a preliminary summary of the existing freight conditions PSRC has identified and will incorporate into the RTP Existing Conditions report. The three categories discussed were the inventory of freight assets included in PSRC's Transportation System Conditions Map, foundational data from PSRC's modeling, and WSDOT and FMSIB work products. Freight assets include rail corridors, at-grade rail crossings, waterway corridors, ports, intermodal facilities, and truck routes. Note that Washington State Ferry routes are considered truck routes rather than waterways. Geri Poor suggested an edit to the intermodal facilities layer: the "cargo/ airport" symbol north of Sea-Tac International Airport may need to be placed south of the airport to represent Alaska Airlines and Delta Airlines operations locations. RTP update will not include 2025 FGTS data, but Geri Poor suggested we include language that references the 2025 FGTS update for most recent data. A few updates to the rail corridors layer were suggested in Tacoma and Woodinville. Geri Poor also suggested that PSRC considers displaying the port districts as defined by the Army Corps of Engineers, rather than only displaying the Port locations.

The presentation is provided on PSRC's website [here](#).

For more information, contact DCox@psrc.org.

Discussion: PSRC Travel Models

Craig Helmann, PSRC, provided an overview of the travel models that PSRC maintains and discussed opportunities and constraints in their application to freight analysis for the RTP. PSRC uses UrbanSim for land use modeling in the Region. PSRC is one of the few metro-regions that integrates land use and transportation models. PSRC is also a national leader in travel demand modeling, using SoundCast for activity-based

modeling. Lastly, PSRC uses Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) to model emissions in the Region. Truck demand is based on employment and observed truck patterns based on employment. PSRC has also used ATRI and Inrix truck data to model truck origin & destination (OD) data in the Region. Furthermore, PSRC uses local data to help calibrate the model which includes medium and heavy truck counts on arterials and freeways in the Region. The metrics obtained from modeling include network-based metrics (speed, travel time between key ODs, miles traveled, and delay) and truck/trip-based metrics (delay and vehicle miles traveled per trip, trip location).

The presentation is provided on PSRC's website [here](#).

For more information, contact Craig Helmann at CHelmann@psrc.org.

Discussion: 2025 FGTS Data Collection

Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT, and Mitch Koch, PSRC, shared the 2025 Freight and Goods Transportation System (FGTS) data collection schedule and available resources. The FGTS data updated every two years. WSDOT is requesting FGTS classification data for T-1 to T-5 corridors, supporting truck volume data, and estimated tonnage from cities, ports, and MPO/ RTPOs. Truck volume data and estimated tonnage for T-1 and T-2 corridors must be from June 2021 or earlier. Truck volume data and estimated tonnage for T-3 and T-5 corridors must be from June 2021 or earlier as well. The timeline for the process was summarized as follows:

February 10: PSRC sent FGTS data request to cities and ports in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

February 20th: WSDOT hosted a technical webinar for the process.

February- May: PSRC will coordinate with cities and ports to collect data.

June 13th: Deadline for PSRC to submit FGTS data to WSDOT.

The presentation is provided on PSRC's website [here](#).

For more information, contact DCox@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Safety Action Plan Public Comment

Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, was curious about public comment opportunities for the Regional Safety Action Plan. Geri was specifically curious why the Plan does not include a section designated to safety within MICs given the unique traffic patterns and safety concerns in areas with high freight activity. Geri will provide a joint letter on behalf of the Ports to PSRC with these concerns.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster for the member or alternate representing each agency/jurisdiction at the meeting; additional alternate(s) present are listed below.

Interested Parties and PSRC Staff Present

Aaron Garland, WSDOT; Tom Hood, City of Everett; Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT; Scott McCollister, WSDOT; Tino Jonga, Fehr & Peers

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Doug Cox, Alexa Leach, Craig Helmann, Jennifer Barnes, Mitch Koch, Brice Nichols, Kalon Thomas

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

Freight Advisory Committee Attendance Roster

Date: February 12, 2025 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Remote/Online Only

NOTE: Members are invited to sit at the table and vote. Alternates may sit at the table and vote when the member is absent. Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting.

| Jurisdictions | ✓ | Name | | ✓ | Name, Jurisdiction |
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| Counties | | | Manufacturing Industrial Centers | | |
| King County (1) | | John Vander Sluis | Cascade (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jim Kelly, Arlington |
| | | <i>Grace Carlson (Alt.)</i> | | | <i>Ryan Morrison, Arlington (Alt.)</i> |
| Kitsap County (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | David Forte | Paine Field / Boeing Everett (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jesse Hannahs, Marysville |
| | | <i>Melissa Mohr (Alt.)</i> | | | <i>Tom Hood, Everett (Alt.)</i> |
| Pierce County (1) | | Clint Ritter | PSIC - Bremerton (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Chris Dimmitt, Bremerton |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Peter Lewis-Miller (Alt.)</i> | | | <i>Vicki Grover, Bremerton (Alt.)</i> |
| Snohomish County (1) | | Joseph Bervell | Ballard - Interbay (1) | | Chris Eaves, Seattle |
| | | <i>Jay Larson (Alt.)</i> | | | <i>Joanna Valencia, Seattle (Alt.)</i> |
| Ports | | | Duwamish (1) | | (represented by Seattle) |
| Port of Bremerton (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Arne Bakker | | | <i>(represented by Seattle) (Alt.)</i> |
| | | <i>James Goodman (Alt.)</i> | North Tukwila (1) | | VACANT |
| Port of Everett (1) | | Adam LeMieux | | | <i>Vacant (Alt.)</i> |
| | | <i>Laura Gurley (Alt.)</i> | Kent (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | David Paine, Kent |
| Port of Seattle (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Geri Poor | | | <i>Rob Brown, Kent (Alt.)</i> |
| | | <i>Kyra Lise (Alt.)</i> | Sumner Pacific (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Michael Kosa, Sumner |
| Port of Tacoma (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ryan Medlen | | | <i>Ryan Windish, Sumner (Alt.)</i> |
| | | <i>Deirdre Wilson (Alt.)</i> | Port of Tacoma (1) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Brennan Kidd, Tacoma |
| WSDOT (1) | | | | | <i>Greg Vigoren, Fife (Alt.)</i> |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jason Beloso | Frederickson | | (represented by Pierce County) |
| | | <i>Wenjuan Zhao (Alt.)</i> | | | <i>(represented by Pierce Co.) (Alt.)</i> |
| Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) (1) | | | Freight-Intensive Areas | | |
| | | Brandy DeLange | SeaTac (1) | | Florendo Cabudol, SeaTac |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>Fred Wenhardt (Alt.)</i> | | | <i>Zack Shields (Alt.)</i> |
| Tribal Agencies | | | Auburn (1) | | Jacob Sweeting, Auburn |
| Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (1) | | VACANT | | | <i>Vacant (Alt.)</i> |
| | | <i>Vacant (Alt.)</i> | Non-Voting (4) | | |
| Puyallup Tribe (1) | | VACANT | | | Denise Plumb, United Parcel Service (UPS) |
| | | <i>Vacant (Alt.)</i> | | | Eric Jessup, WSU, Freight Policy Transportation Institute |
| Suquamish Tribe (1) | | VACANT | | | Jared Faker, Intl. Longshore and Warehouse Union #23 |
| | | <i>Vacant (Alt.)</i> | | | VACANT |
| Tulalip Tribe (1) | | VACANT | | | |
| | | <i>Vacant (Alt.)</i> | | | |

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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



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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TOOLBOX SERIES

Streamlining Housing with Pre-Approved ADU Plans



Date: Friday, May 9, 2025

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Format: Zoom

Join us for the next TOOLBOX session as we explore the successes and challenges of pre-approved ADU programs in the central Puget Sound region. Speakers will share insights on implementation strategies, program successes, and lessons learned.

One AICP CM credit will be available for those who participate on May 9.

SPEAKERS

- Washington Department of Commerce
- City of Renton
- City of Seattle
- City of Poulsbo
- Kitsap Regional Coordinating Committee

Each work session will feature a panel presentation focused on sharing information, resources, and tools with planners in the central Puget Sound region.

Sessions are open to the public. Materials and video from past sessions can be found on the PSRC website.



Learn more about the TOOLBOX Series
or register to attend at
<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/toolbox>

