



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

**Growth Management Policy Board**  
**Thursday, March 6, 2025**  
**1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to <https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>]

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