



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 9:30-11:15 am

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30) – Kelly Snyder, Snohomish County**
- 2. Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for March 20, 2025*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
- 3. Discussion Item (9:45)**
 - a. Federal and State Government Relations Updates* – Robin Koskey, PSRC
- 4. Discussion Item (10:15)**
 - a. Washington State 2024 Highway System Plan* – Jeremy Jewkes, WSDOT
- 5. Discussion Item (10:45)**
 - a. WA State Department of Commerce Transfer of Development Rights Workshop* – Angela San Filipo, WA State Department of Commerce
- 6. Information Items**
 - a. VISION 2050 Awards: Call for Nominations*
 - b. 2025 Regional Household Travel Survey*
 - c. Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students*
 - d. Save the Date: PSRC Annual General Assembly, Thursday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
 - e. TOOLBOX Webinar: Streamlining Housing with Pre-Approved ADU Plans*
- 7. Next Meeting: May 15, 2025**
- 8. Adjourn (11:15)**

*Supporting materials attached.

Zoom Remote Connection Details

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: March 20, 2025

Location: Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website:

<https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>.

Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Introductions and Announcements

Andrea Spencer, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants were asked to view the meeting attendance on the “chat” feature on Zoom, and phone-in participants were asked to identify themselves verbally.

Reports

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, welcomed committee members.

Discussion: Federal and State Government Relations Updates

PSRC continues to track 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, briefed the committee on recent federal and state activity and policy proposals.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

For more information, contact Robin Koskey, Director of Communications and Government Relations, at rkoskey@psrc.org.

Discussion: Single Family Covenant Research

Shaun Kuo, Assistant Planner, introduced research on single family covenants and their effect on implementation of middle housing. He presented key issues presented by covenants and collected feedback on if and how PSRC could assist local jurisdictions on the issue.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

For more information, contact Shaun Kuo, Assistant Planner, at skuo@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Safety Action Plan – Public Comments and Proposed Amendments & Upcoming TPB and EB April Action

PSRC released the Draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment in mid-January, concluding on February 14, 2025. At the March 20 meeting, the Regional Staff Committee was briefed on high level themes from the comments received and discussed next steps.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

For more information, contact Gary Simonson, Senior Transportation Planner, at gsimonson@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Development

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 March 20, 2025, Sara Hetrick, PSCAA, provided the Regional Staff Committee with a briefing on the status and schedule of this work.

You can view the presentation [here](#).

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Mikayla Svob, PSRC
 Robin Koskey, PSRC
 Jeff Ryan, City of Mill Creek
 Gary Simonson, PSRC
 Nancy Ferber, PSRC
 Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
 Nancy Buonanno Grennan, PSRC
 Brian Lee, PSRC
 Isaiah LaCombe
 Shaun Kuo
 Sara Hetrick, PSCAA
 Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
 Paul Inghram, PSRC
 Katie Enders, PSRC
 Eric Clute, PSRC
 Gil Cerise, PSRC
 Kelly McGourty, PSRC

Pauline Mogilevsky

ATTACHMENT:

A. RSC Member Attendance for the March 20, 2025, Meeting

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

2.a - Att. A

Jurisdiction	Member		Jurisdiction	Member	
King County	2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office	R	Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies		
	McCaella Daffern, King County	R	FHWA	1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner	
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt			Vacant Alt	
	Valerie Kendall, King County Alt		FTA	1 Ned Conroy, Community Planner	
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity/Social Justice, Co-Chair			Danielle Casey Alt	
	Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt		Health	1 Cristina Ciupitu-Plath, Snohomish County	
	Dan Cardwell, Local Services/Utilities, King Co			Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1	
	Susan McLain, Local Services/Subarea Planning Alt			Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 2	
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro	R	Ports	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs	R
	Hester Serebrin, King County Metro Alt	R		Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt	R
Economic Dev.	1 Amie Danielewicz, King Co Exec Office Alt		PSCAA	1 Jennifer Keene, Program Director	R
	Jesse Reynolds, Local Services/Econ Dev Alt			Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Alt	
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, OPCD		Puget Sound	1 Larry Epstein, Deputy Director	
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	R	Partnership	Bebhinn Dechery Alt	R
	Jim Holmes, OPCD Alt		Sound Transit	1 Alex Krieg, Planning & Innovation	R
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt			Vacant Alt	
Bellevue	1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev	R	Tribal	1 Vacant	
	Lacey Jane Wolfe, Alt		Representatives	Vacant Alt	
	Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Alt	R	US EPA	1 Susan Sturges	R
Cities/Towns	3 Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah	R		Erik Peterson Alt	
	Eric Perry, City of Renton		US HUD	1 Gary Gant, Director	R
	Mark Rigos, City of North Bend	R		Vacant Alt	
	John Vicente, City of Kenmore, Alt	R	WA Dept. of	1 Grace Yoo	
	Becky Frey, City of Redmond, Alt	R	Commerce	Keith Swenson	
	Rhonda Ender, City of Carnation, Alt	R	WSDOT	1 April Delchamps, WSDOT	R
Kitsap County	1 Rafe Wysham, Kitsap County	R		Matthew Kenna, WSDOT Alt	
	Scott Diener, Alt		PSRC Committees		
At-Large	1 Heather Wright, Planning Director	R	PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning	R
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt		RPEC	1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair	
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit			Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair	
	Vacant Alt		R = Remote attendance		
Economic Dev.	1 Joe Morrison, KEDA				
	Vacant Alt				
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Community Dev, Co-Chair	R			
	Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt				
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Development, Port Orchard	R			
	Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt				
Pierce County	1 Mike Galizio, Transportation Planning Supervisor	R			
	Alon Bassok, PPW Long Range Planning Manager, Alt				
At-Large	2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning	R			
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Planning, Co-Chair	R			
	Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt				
	Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt				
Transit	1 Andrew Arnes, Pierce Transit	R			
	Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt				
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development				
	Vacant Alt				
Tacoma	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Svcs				
	Vacant				
Cities/Towns	1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup	R			
	Chris Larson, Fife, Alt				
Snohomish County	1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director	R			
	David Killingstad, Planning & Development				
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director, Co-Chair	R			
	Ken Klein, Executive Director				
	Jay Larson, Public Works Supervisor, Alt				
	Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt				
Transit	1 Melissa Cauley, Community Transit	R			
	Sabina Araya, Everett Transit Alt				
Economic Dev	1 Mike Fong, Economic Dev				
	Vacant Alt				
Everett	1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director				
	Alice Ann Wetzel, Long Range Planning Mgr	R			
Cities/Towns	1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director				
	Karl Almgren, Lynnwood, Alt				
Total Members	45	Attended	34		



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Robin Koskey, Director Government Relations and Communications

Subject: **Federal and State Government Relations Updates**

IN BRIEF

PSRC continues to track 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 committee on recent federal and state activity and policy proposals.

BOARD CALENDAR

The Growth Management, Transportation, and Executive Boards will continue to be briefed on state legislative developments at their monthly meetings throughout the 2025 session and on federal developments as critical issues emerge.

DISCUSSION

Federal

PSRC is monitoring the impact of federal funding directives and staff reductions for our region during President Trump's first few months in office. We are also keeping in close contact with members of our federal delegation to relay consequences of actions at the federal level to local governments and our region.

PSRC has created a [form on our website](#) for reporting on impacts of federal actions federal actions for local jurisdictions, including:

- Funding term and/or scope renegotiation or cancellation due to a change in administration priorities.

- Inability to access funding through portals or other federal funding mechanisms.
- Delays or other issues related to reduction in federal staffing.

Please use the form to report any issues you are experiencing so we can share with our members of congress.

State

The Washington State Legislature is in the last stretch of the 105-day legislative session. Budget development, addressing significant budget deficits and revenue have taken center stage as legislators are charged with passing a biennial budget. Over 2,100 bills were introduced so far this session, with legislative priorities identified by what remains in play after bills make it through opposite house cutoff on April 16.

After a robust discussion at the April Executive Board meeting, a resolution was adopted supporting sustainable revenue to ensure critical investments are made in the state transportation system. Board members recognized the need for resources for maintenance and preservation of regional infrastructure, addressing safety on our roadways, restoring full ferry service and completing projects of regional significance.

The Regional Staff Committee will be briefed on federal and state budget and policy developments with regional impact.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning

Subject: **Washington State 2024 Highway System Plan**

IN BRIEF

The Committee will be briefed on the recently adopted 2024 Washington Highway System Plan.

BOARD CALENDAR

This topic is intended to provide RSC members with greater familiarity with the Highway System Plan and is not yet scheduled for a PSRC board briefing.

DISCUSSION

The [2024 Highway System Plan](#) is Washington's roadmap for preserving, maintaining, operating and improving our state highways for the next 20 years. It was developed following state statutes and with input from Washington residents, tribal members, WSDOT leaders and transportation partners.

WSDOT develops a separate long-range plan for the marine highways of the Washington State Ferry system. WSDOT also develops plans for other types of transportation, such as freight, rail, aviation, active transportation and public transportation. The updated Highway System Plan supersedes the most recent 2007 edition.

The Highway System Plan makes realistic program funding recommendations for 20 years in preservation, maintenance, capacity, and operational improvements to the state highway system, and meets other state and federal requirements.

NEXT STEPS

At the April meeting, Jeremy Jewkes, Statewide Planning Manager at Washington State Department of Transportation, will provide an overview of the plan, its relationship to other WSDOT plans and programs, and describe its relationship to WSDOT priorities, programs and project development.

For additional information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org or (206) 971-3286.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Erika Harris, AICP, Senior Planner
Subject: **Transfer of Development Rights Workshop**

IN BRIEF

Commerce staff will brief the Regional Staff Committee on a workshop to help jurisdictions to develop and update Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs and Land Conservation and Local Infrastructure Programs (LCLIP).

BOARD CALENDAR

The Growth Management Policy Board will be presented with this information at their May 1 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Through a grant from the National Estuary Program, Commerce will provide resources to local governments to successfully promote and implement TDR and LCLIP in the Puget Sound region.

TDR is a market-based mechanism that supports voluntary transfer of development rights from areas where a community would like to discourage development (sending areas) to places where the community would like to focus new growth (receiving areas). If a developer purchases development rights from a rural landowner in a sending area, they can use those rights to build a development with increased units, floor area, height or similar metric in an urban receiving area.

LCLIP provides a financial incentive for cities to participate in TDR. LCLIP allows cities to receive a portion of future county property tax revenue from areas that receive development rights through TDR. Cities use this revenue to fund infrastructure to support

the increased growth associated with this transfer of development rights. If more cities implement TDR and LCLIP programs, more conservation could occur. The conservation potential of LCLIP is 650,000 acres across Pierce, King and Snohomish counties if all eligible cities participate. Per RCW 39.108.010, cities with combined population and employment of 22,500 or greater located within Pierce, King or Snohomish counties are eligible for LCLIP.

VISION 2050 has policies and actions to reduce development pressure in rural and resource areas and conserve valuable open space areas. VISION's Regional Growth Strategy focuses on growth in centers and transit station areas. It identifies TDR as a tool to help accomplish these goals.

Commerce is providing resources to help local governments develop and update TDR and LCLIP programs. The resources are intended to reduce the time required for jurisdiction staff to develop and implement the programs. The project is providing direct technical assistance to help up to 6 jurisdictions develop TDR and LCLIP programs. The project is also developing a toolkit and guidebook to help local governments assess social, cultural, environmental and economic factors needed for TDR/LCLIP implementation. The guidance is almost complete, and a workshop is planned for June 11 to go over the guidance and answer questions. A link to sign up for the workshop will be on [Commerce's TDR webpage](#) soon and we will share registration information at the May meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Sign up to attend the workshop and contact the WA State Department of Commerce or PSRC if you have any questions.

For additional information, contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@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





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.



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.

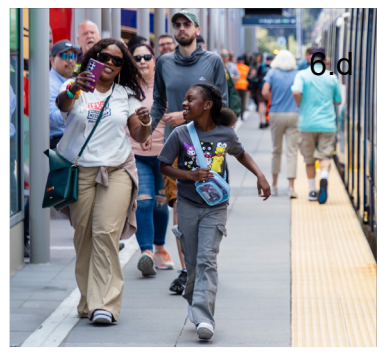
SPA is a leadership development opportunity offered free of charge to students interested in planning a better future for our region. The program encourages students to think creatively about how better planning can help people lead better lives.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Puget Sound Regional Council

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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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>



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