



Puget Sound Regional Council

Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Optional: Post-Meeting Q&A from 7:30-8:00 pm

1. Welcome (5:30) – *Julia Jannon-Shields & Shannon Turner, Co-Chairs*

2. Reports

- a. Meeting Summary for April 3, 2025*
- b. EAC Member Announcements & Check In
- c. Staff Announcements
- d. Policy Board Meeting Summaries*

2. Discussion Item (5:45)

- a. PSRC Summer Planning Academy* – *Noah Boggess, PSRC*

3. Discussion Item (5:55)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan and Coordinated Mobility Plan* – *Jean Kim & Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

4. Break (6:30)

5. Discussion Item (6:40)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan and Coordinated Mobility Plan Cont.* – *Jean Kim & Kelly McGourty, PSRC*

6. Discussion Item (7:15)

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Outreach Subcommittee* – *Uncommon Bridges*

7. Information Items

- a. 2025 Regional Household Travel Survey*
- b. Save the Date: PSRC Annual General Assembly, Thursday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
- c. TOOLBOX Webinar: Streamlining Housing with Pre-Approved ADU Plans*

8. Zoom Poll (7:25)

9. Next meeting: June 5, 2025

- b. Note: The July meeting of the EAC is rescheduled for July 10 – please update your calendar!

11. Adjourn (7:30)

Optional Post-Meeting Q&A (7:30) – Charles Patton, PSRC

*Supporting materials attached.

Members can access the attendance sheet [here](#) to complete and submit to finance@psrc.org for compensation.

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- To join the webinar, please click the following link: <https://psrc-org.zoom.us/j/89810326174?pwd=LhCZXo5yqluqWS5JDollv7Xpqp0Ema.1> and enter Passcode: 760579.
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Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: April 3, 2025

Location: Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the [Equity Advisory Committee webpage](#). Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Welcome

Shannon Turner, from Kitsap County, and Julia Jannon-Shields, from King County, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The co-chairs welcomed everyone and asked Mikayla to begin the roll call for attendance. Julia and Shannon thanked the prior co-chairs, Maria Fergus and Debbie Lacey, for their leadership.

Staff Announcements

Noah briefed members on upcoming EAC engagement activities and shared that PSRC is planning another trip for members to visit the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial on July 12. More information about the memorial is available [here](#).

Charles shared a 2025 Topics Calendar for the upcoming EAC work program. The presentation is available [here](#).

Charles and EAC representatives briefed the committee on the work of the Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board.

Discussion Item: Regional Housing Strategy Implementation

David Dixon, Associate Planner, and Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, briefed the committee on PSRC's [Regional Housing Strategy](#) and work program, including a review of local comprehensive plans and strategies for embedding racial equity in housing policy. They shared how recent legislation requires jurisdictions to address racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing through their comprehensive plans and facilitated a discussion on how the Equity Advisory Committee can inform PSRC's ongoing work to support equitable housing throughout the region. Key themes that emerged in the feedback included:

Housing Affordability

- Requiring new apartment buildings to include affordable housing, rather than including it as an option
- Poorly setting up affordable housing can sometimes further segregation and isolation, possibility to look to community land-ownership models instead
- Affordable housing is often smaller units that don't accommodate families or multiple generations living together

- What does the transition look like for folks accessing affordable housing to homeownership?

Land Use and Access to Opportunity

- Exploring differences between where dense housing is allowed and high opportunity areas
- Investments should be made in disinvested communities to ensure the next generation has the resources they need to succeed.
- More thought put into housing developments, i.e. ensuring that schools are nearby
- Barriers to homeownership for people with disabilities

Policy and Government Accountability

- Call on leadership to act during times when there is greater political expediency to share testimony and actions to rectify housing discrimination
- Concern for local governments to be held accountable in addressing racially disparate housing policies in their local comprehensive plans
- Tax policies and programs that ensure that all communities have access to information on how to pass their homes down to future generations

Legacy of Racism and Housing

- What can we do to ensure the reality of this history of structural racism is shared and not lost?
- Restrictive covenants still exist, and the onus is put upon the homeowner to remove these, often including a fee. How do we encourage local governments to be more proactive in removing these?

Community Engagement and Inclusion

- Community engagement and all the blatant and subtle ways that people feel included/excluded in the public process, i.e. overly formal setting, gatekeeping through jargon language, or other hostile residents

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

Questions? Contact David Dixon, Associate Planner, at ddixon@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Quarterly Engagement Activity

This item was postponed for later in the spring.

Questions? Contact Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org with questions or comments.

Adjourn

At the close of the meeting, members participated in a poll to evaluate the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Members Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Charles Patton, PSRC

Mikayla Svob, PSRC

Noah Boggess, PSRC

David Dixon, PSRC

Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC

ATTACHMENT:

A. EAC Member Attendance for the April 3, 2025, Meeting

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April 3, 2025

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

The board recommended the Executive Board certify the 2024 comprehensive plan updates for Arlington, Carbonado, Kent, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, North Bend, Orting, SeaTac, South Prairie, Sultan, University Place and Woodway. The board also discussed housing requirements for plan certification. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

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

Regional Economic Strategy Update

The board was briefed on the Regional Economic Strategy as well as the timeline and process to develop the analysis. The Economic Development District Board has to develop the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy every five years. Staff is taking a two-phased approach to develop the updated Regional Economic Strategy. The first phase focuses on the development of a summary

background of the region's economic conditions and a SWOT analysis. Staff will perform this outreach and analysis during the spring and summer of 2025 to develop a regional economic analysis. [View presentation.](#)

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

Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Development

The Growth Management Board was briefed on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's work to develop the Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, funded through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program. The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan is due to EPA December 2025 and will inform the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan, which is to be adopted in 2026. [View presentation.](#)

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

A video of the meeting is available on the [Watch Board Meetings page](#). Meeting materials, including agendas and presentations, can be found on the [Growth Management Policy Board: Meeting Materials page](#).



April 10, 2025

Legislative Update

The board was briefed on federal and state policy and budget proposals by Robin Koskey Director, Government Relations and Communication. State legislators continue to grapple with how to address budget shortfalls as they get closer to the end of the legislative session. Funding through the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All program is available for planning and implementation grants to address roadway safety. [Applications](#) are due June 26, 2025. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at Rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-798-4462.

2025 Project Tracking: Extension Requests and Contingency Funding

The Transportation Policy Board recommended the Executive Board approve actions related to 2025 project tracking and delivery. This included 17 projects requesting one-year extensions for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration funds and three projects on the approved contingency lists recommended to receive returned funds. [View presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at jbarnes@psrc.org or 206-389-2876

Regional Safety Action Plan Recommendation

The board reviewed [the revisions and corrections](#) to the draft Regional Safety Action Plan proposed by staff based on public comments received. The board recommended the adoption of the Regional Safety Action Plan as revised to the Executive Board. Final adoption of the plan will be at the General Assembly on May 22, 2025. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601, or Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org or 206-971-3286.

Regional Transportation Plan Development: Current Transportation System

Staff briefed the board on data collected on maintenance, preservation and operations of the existing transportation system. This information will feed into overall discussions on the Regional Transportation Plan financial strategy, which will begin in May. At that time the board will be presented information on estimated revenues and expenditures for the draft plan, including proposed projects. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206- 971-3601 or Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053.

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May 1, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Noah P. Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist

Subject: **PSRC Summer Planning Academy**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff are planning for the third year of the summer youth engagement program called Summer Planning Academy (SPA). The program has been revised for this second iteration. The application period is currently open through May 19.

DISCUSSION

In summer 2023, staff conducted a youth engagement program called PSRC Summer Planning Academy. Following the success of the first year, the program has been renewed indefinitely. The structure of the SPA 2025 will closely mirror the previous iteration in 2024, with a few changes to scheduling, recruitment, and content. PSRC staff will discuss these changes with the EAC and ask for feedback.

This effort is an ongoing product of the Hiring and Retention working group of the Regional Equity Action Plan. The goals of a structured youth engagement program include:

- Introducing individuals to the planning process and profession at an early age.
- Engaging young people on a regular basis to provide input on PSRC's policies and programs.
- Promoting equity in the region by actively recruiting and engaging youth from diverse backgrounds including Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities, low-income residents, and people with disabilities.

The program is open to any rising high school student in the four-county region. SPA will begin on July 30 and run for two weeks on Wednesdays and Fridays. Each day will

educate students on planning topics in the region, introduce them to panelists and speakers that are contributing to this work, and include site visits to relevant locations across the four counties.

The four curriculum topics being covered are Intro to Planning, Transportation, Environment, and Housing. Equity in Planning will be woven throughout the entire Academy. Additionally, students will work in small groups to complete a community assessment in one of Seattle's Regional Centers to showcase in future college and job applications.

Following successful completion of SPA students will be eligible for a \$500 scholarship. The application for SPA is open through May 19. Please reference PSRC's SPA website for more information and the online application.

QUESTIONS FOR THE EAC

1. Are there groups or individuals we should contact to recruit more students that fit the program goals?
2. Do you have suggestions for session content or speakers?
3. Any other questions or points of feedback regarding SPA?

NEXT STEPS

The application for SPA is open through May 19, 2025. Please reference [PSRC's SPA website](#) for more information and the online application.

For additional information, please contact Noah P. Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students Flyer

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.



Puget Sound Regional Council

May 1, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan & Coordinated Mobility Plan**

IN BRIEF

PSRC has been gathering information on the current transportation system over the last 18 months to support development of the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), scheduled to be adopted in May 2026. A scope of work identifying key priorities for the plan was adopted by the Executive Board in December 2024.

Staff provided briefings to the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) in June 2024 and February 2025 that included a high level overview of the plan development, information on the Coordinated Mobility Plan which identifies strategies to address transportation challenges experienced by people with mobility and accessibility needs, and how the Racial Equity Impact Assessment will be applied to the RTP.

A status of current and upcoming work will be provided at the May 1 EAC meeting, with a particular focus on upcoming outreach and engagement opportunities.

DISCUSSION

The process to develop the next RTP has been underway with data collection and policy discussions with PSRC's boards since early 2024. Since January the Transportation Policy Board has been briefed on elements of the current transportation system, identifying key trends and notable gaps in the system, with the goal of publishing an interim report by the end of April. Information on the current system will then feed into the development of the draft plan and identification of future investments to the system through 2050. From May through July, the board will begin discussions of these future planned investments and the plan's financial strategy, to move forward into modeling activities in the summer.

As discussed in February, the Coordinated Mobility Plan is a component of the RTP that identifies and addresses transportation challenges experienced by people with mobility and accessibility needs. These are individuals who have transportation challenges due to their age, income, or ability, including older adults, youth, people with low incomes, people with disabilities, and people with limited English proficiency. As part of developing the Coordinated Mobility Plan, outreach is conducted to identify the transportation needs of underserved communities and prioritize strategies to address them.

In addition to the outreach conducted for the Coordinated Mobility Plan, a public outreach plan for the RTP is under development. As with past planning processes, the anticipated outreach efforts will include an online engagement hub, regional public meetings in each of the region's four counties, attending community events, focus groups, an online survey and key stakeholder interviews.

At the May 1 EAC meeting staff will provide information on upcoming work for the RTP and the Coordinated Mobility Plan and discuss the opportunities to engage with members of the public for their feedback in developing the plan. Below is an example of a specific question we plan to pose to begin these conversations:

What are your top priorities for the transportation system?

- Reliable, well-connected transit service for local neighborhoods
- Expanded, faster transit service between major destinations across the region
- High speed rail connecting to places in and outside the region
- More direct and faster ferry options
- Complete network for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Reliable, well-maintained roads and highways
- Widespread electric vehicle charging stations
- Expanded air travel connecting to places in and outside the region
- Deliveries are fast and secure
- More specialized transportation options for riders with accessibility needs

NEXT STEPS

The online engagement hub is anticipated to be launched in early May, and a timeline of RTP milestones and upcoming outreach events will be included. PSRC will continue to work with the board and staff committees as these processes unfold and a draft plan is developed by the end of 2025 for public comment.

For additional information, please contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org or 206-971-3053 or Jean Kim, Senior Planner, at jkim@psrc.org or

206-971-3052.



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May 1, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Noah P. Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist & Charlotte Jernick, Project Manager-Uncommon Bridges

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff are working with consultant partners Uncommon Bridges to create an engagement strategy for the Regional Transportation Plan. The Equity Advisory Committee will be briefed on the engagement plan and will have an opportunity to participate in a subcommittee to assist with guiding development of the engagement strategy with particular focus on the Regional Public Meetings.

DISCUSSION

Plan development for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan is underway. To provide assistance with community outreach and engagement, PSRC have contracted consultant partners Uncommon Bridges to assist in this work. The overall scope of engagement includes a public survey, stakeholder interviews, focus groups, and six Regional Public Meetings.

The consultant team, alongside PSRC staff, would like to involve the EAC early and often throughout the development of this engagement plan. Uncommon Bridges would like to engage a monthly subcommittee of EAC members to help co-create this engagement throughout the implementation of the plan. This process is underway now, with major engagement activities running through the Spring of 2026.

Uncommon Bridges has created a survey to gauge your interest in assisting with this subcommittee and to begin collecting suggestions for locations and vendors for the Regional Public Meetings, which will be held in September and October.

[Please use this link to complete the survey.](#)

Questions for the EAC

1. Are you interested in joining the RTP Engagement Subcommittee?
2. Do you have recommendations for locations or vendors for the Regional Public Meetings?

NEXT STEPS

Uncommon Bridges will follow up with interested EAC members to begin holding monthly planning meetings.

For additional information, please contact Noah P. Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org, or Charlotte Jernick at charlotte@uncommonbridge.com.



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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REGISTER NOW!

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2025 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

 **Seattle Convention Center | Summit Building**
900 Pine Street, Seattle, WA 98122

PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 22, 2025**.

All mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions and tribes have votes at the Assembly and are encouraged to participate.

Detailed agenda coming soon.

[Register here.](#)

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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