



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, May 8, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Hybrid Meeting - PSRC Board Room – 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, 98101**

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (9:30) - Mayor Rob Putaansuu, Vice Chair

### 2. Communications and Public Comment

Public comment must relate to an action or discussion item on the agenda.

### 3. Report of the Chair

### 4. Director's Report

### 5. Consent Agenda - Action Items (9:45)

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held April 10, 2025
- b. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Covington, Edgewood, Enumclaw, Fircrest, Granite Falls, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Stevens, Milton, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Snohomish

**6. Discussion Item (9:50)**

- a. Legislative Update – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*

**7. Action Item (10:10)**

- a. Project Tracking Exception Requests – *Jennifer Barnes, PSRC*

**8. Discussion Item (10:30)**

- a. Public Survey Results: Safety and Transportation – *Ben Bakkenta, PSRC*

**9. Discussion Item (10:50)**

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Development: Preliminary Revenues and Expenditures – *PSRC Transportation and Data Staff*

**10. Information Items**

- a. Transportation Work Program Progress Tracker
- b. General Assembly Save the Date– May 22, 2025
- c. 2025 Summer Planning Academy (SPA)
- d. TOOLBOX Series Meeting – May 9

**11. Next Meeting: June 12, 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Major Topics for June:

- Regional Transportation Plan Financial Strategy and Investments
- Regional Transportation Plan Outreach and Engagement

**12. Adjourn (11:30)**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Transportation Policy Board**

**April 10, 2025**

**1201 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair. Chair Ralph stated that a video of the meeting would be streamed live as well as recorded. The video would be available for viewing on PSRC's website. A call-in number was provided on the meeting agenda for members of the public to call in by phone and listen to the meeting live.

Roll call determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment provided.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mayor Ralph welcomed Vice Chair Mayor Rob Putaansuu, joining in person.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, reminded the board of the briefings provided over the last three months on the current transportation system and how this information will feed into discussions of the future transportation system and the financial strategy for the draft Regional Transportation Plan. Between May and July, the board will discuss available revenues and proposed expenditures for the draft plan, culminating in direction to staff in July on one or more scenarios to move ahead into modeling and analysis. Ms. McGourty also reminded the board that the TPB Transit Caucus meetings are now being held the Monday before the TPB meeting, for board members who also serve on transit boards.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Transportation Policy Board Meeting held March 13, 2025
- b. Routine Amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c. Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Arlington, Carbonado, Kent, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, North Bend, Orting, SeaTac, South Prairie, Sultan, University Place and Woodway
- d. Recommend Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Bellevue's 150th Avenue SE Mobility Improvements Project

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Putansuu/Barón) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## DISCUSSION ITEM: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Robin Koskey, PSRC, reported on federal updates and activity, including discussions surrounding reauthorization of the federal transportation act. She also reported that the fiscal year 2025 notice of funding opportunity under the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program has been released. Ms. Koskey then provided information on the state legislative session, noting key bills and upcoming cutoff dates. She described the draft operating and transportation budget proposals from the House and Senate. Ms. Koskey shared that the PSRC Executive Board adopted a resolution at their March meeting in support of sustainable transportation revenue. She then briefly discussed various bills related to a variety of transportation-related topics.

## ACTION ITEM: 2025 PROJECT TRACKING: EXTENSION REQUESTS AND CONTINGENCY FUNDING

Kalon Thomas, PSRC, reminded the board of the purpose of PSRC's adopted project tracking policies, to ensure efficient and timely project delivery which minimizes the cost of delays and preserves federal funds coming to the region. These policies address the need to meet annual delivery targets for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds by setting firm obligation deadlines but allow sponsors to request up to a one-year extension under certain parameters. These extensions create a gap in each fiscal year's delivery and require approval by PSRC's boards. Mr. Thomas confirmed that the 2025 project extension requests have been reviewed by PSRC staff in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC) and the four countywide transportation forums for consistency with the adopted project tracking policies prior to being presented to the board. Seventeen extensions are recommended for approval. One extension requested by the City of Seattle was determined to not meet the adopted policies. The city subsequently withdrew the request and will return the funds and is eligible to recompile in future grant competitions.

Councilmember Saka requested reconsideration of the Seattle project and to postpone action on the extension request until the May board meeting. The motion was made and seconded. (Saka/Kettle)

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Daughtry/Walker) to recommend the Executive Board approve the remaining 2025 project extension requests. The motion passed.**

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, reminded the board that federal funds which are voluntarily returned or de-obligated prior to the annual delivery rebalancing period may be awarded to projects on the current contingency list. Ms. Barnes noted that the returned funds are only awarded to contingency projects within the same project category as the original award and are offered in ranked priority order. When accepted, the funds must be obligated within the same fiscal year. She reported that three contingency projects are able to accept \$2.2 million of the \$13.2 million in available 2025 returned funds. Ms. Barnes noted that the remaining \$11 million of returned funds was included in the supplemental funding action approved during the March meeting to fill the gap in achieving the 2025 annual delivery target.

**ACTION: The motion was made and seconded (Putansuu/Barón) to recommend the Executive Board award \$2.2 million of returned funds to the contingency list projects. The motion passed.**

#### **ACTION ITEM: REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATION**

Ben Bakkenta, PSRC, summarized the public comments received on the draft Regional Safety Action Plan that were reviewed with the board in March. Comments were delineated and categorized by topic and noted as being either general plan comments requiring no further action, technical corrections or clarifications, or comments requiring board review. PSRC staff provided the board with an updated document identifying the staff response to each comment and specific proposed edits to the draft plan. Mr. Bakkenta summarized the proposed technical corrections and then reviewed in more detail the proposed edits identified for board review.

Mr. Bakkenta reviewed the grouping of comments for board review and the PSRC staff proposed edits to the plan. These include: 1) calls for future PSRC work related to driver behavior and education, speeding and enforcement and ongoing monitoring, guidance and best practices; 2) recognizing local and state planning and high injury networks in the plan; 3) recognizing issues with impairment data and the potential for underreporting; 4) acknowledging the unique needs of freight corridors and areas when applying safety strategies; and 5) incorporating state, regional and local high injury networks and safety planning into PSRC's project selection process and the Regional Transportation Plan.

The Transportation Policy Board was asked to recommend adoption of the Regional Safety Action Plan to the Executive Board, with final adoption scheduled at the General Assembly on May 22.

**ACTION:** The motion was made and seconded (Walker/Mayhew) to recommend adoption of the Regional Safety Action Plan to the Executive Board, including the proposed technical corrections and revisions. The motion passed.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT: CURRENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Miles Stepleton, PSRC, described the regionwide data collection process PSRC conducted to quantify the maintenance, preservation and operations needs for the RTP. The data has shown that costs are rising and needs are increasing. Mr. Stepleton then described the available data and key trends for various categories of assets, including city and county roads, state highways, bridges, culverts, transit and ferries. He also referenced other assets with increased maintenance and preservation costs such as stormwater facilities, bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure and traffic control technology. Mr. Stepleton concluded by noting that costs associated with maintenance and preservation continue to increase throughout the region and that expenditures do not match the increasing needs. He reminded the board that the RTP financial strategy has historically assumed that the backlog of the region's maintenance and preservation needs are met, and the system is maintained and operated in a state of good repair through the life of the plan.

Members had questions related to available revenue sources for maintenance and preservation and impacts to the system if needs are not fully met.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Attendance Roster – April 10, 2025.

Transportation Policy Board - April 10, 2025				5.a - Att. A			
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Jorge Barón	1	<b>Associate Members</b>			
		Vacant		Island County	1	COMM Melanie Bacon	
		Vacant Alt				COMM Jill Johnson, Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Rob Saka	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	MYR Andy Ryder, Lacey	
		CM Robert Kettle	1			Marc Daily	1
		CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Alt		<b>Public Agency Members</b>			
Bellevue	1	CM Dave Hamilton	1	Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Jared Nieuwenhuis, Alt				Brandy DeLange, Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent, <b>Chair</b>	1	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	1	CM Joe Bushnell	
		MYR Mary Lou Pauly, Issaquah				Christine Cooley, Alt	1
		CM Peter Kwon, SeaTac	1	Public Health	1	Jessica Jeavons, Seattle-King County	1
		CM Susan Honda, Federal Way Alt	1			Dennis Worsham, Snohomish Co. Alt	
		DEP MYR Jay Arnold, Kirkland Alt	1	WA Tran. Improvement Board	1	Vacant	
		CM Matt Mahoney, Des Moines Alt	1			CM Sam Low, Snohomish Co. Alt	
Local Transit	1	CM Rod Dembowski		<b>PSRC Committees</b>			
		Vacant Alt		Equity Advisory Cmte.	1	Shannon Turner	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root	1			Julius Moss, Alt	
		COM Christine Rolfes, Alt		Regional Staff Cmte.	1	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Kelly Snyder, Snohomish Co. Alt	1
		CM Eric Younger, Alt		Regional Project Evaluation Cmte.	1	Doug McCormick, Snohomish Co.	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Leslie Schneider, Bainbridge Isl	1			Shane Weber, Bremerton Alt	
		CM Doug Newell, Poulsbo Alt		Transit Operators Cmte.	1	Peter Heffernan, King County	1
Local Transit	1	MYR Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	1			Alex Krieg, Sound Transit Alt	
		CM Anna Mockler, Bremerton		<b>Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor</b>			
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Rosie Ayala	1	WA Trucking Associations exp. 12/31/26	1	Sheri Call	
		CM Bryan Yambe, Alt				Jeff DeVere, Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Kristina Walker	1	Seattle Met. Chamber of Commerce exp. 12/31/26	1	Lorelei Williams, WSP USA	1
		CM Olgy Diaz, Alt				Amy Grotefendt, Enviroissues Alt	
Cities & Towns	1	CM Tim Ceder, Milton		<b>Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment</b>			
		MYR Pro Tem Edward Wood, University Place Alt		Puget Sound Partnership exp. 12/31/26	1	Bebhinn Dechery	
Local Transit	1	CM Doug Fagundes, Fife				Larry Epstein, Alt	
		DEP MYR John Hines, Tacoma		Non-voting	13	Non-voting members present	8
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead					
		CM Strom Peterson, Alt					
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo	1				
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt					
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jan Schuette, Arlington	1				
		CM Jacob Walker, Monroe, Alt	1				
Local Transit	1	CM Kim Daughtry, Lake Stevens	1				
		CM Jan Schuette, Arlington Alt					
<b>Regional Transit</b>	1	CM Ed Prince, Renton					
		MYR Kim Roscoe, Fife Alt					
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	CM John Daniels, Jr.					
		Vacant Alt					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant					
		Robert Barandon, Alt					
Suquamish Tribe	1	CM Luther (Jay) Mills					
		CHRMN Leonard Forsman, Alt					
<b>Statutory Members</b>							
Ports	1	COM Toshiko Hasegawa, Seattle	1				
		COM Cary Bozeman, Bremerton Alt					
WA Trans. Commission	1	COM Jim Restucci	1				
		COM Nicole Grant, Alt					
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1				
		Todd Lamphere, Alt	1				
<b>Legislative Transportation Cmte. (Not Counted for Quorum)</b>						Abbreviations	
House Transportation Cmte.	2	Vacant				CHRMN Chairman	
		REP Jake Fey, D Alt				CM Councilmember	
		REP Dan Griffey, R				CP Council President	
		REP Andrew Barkis, R Alt				COM Commissioner	
Senate Transportation Cmte.	2	SEN Marko Lias, D				DEP MYR Deputy Mayor	
		Vacant Alt				MYR Mayor	
		Vacant, R				MYR Pro Tem	
		Vacant, R Alt				REP Representative	
						SEN Senator	
Voting	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	19				
		Total Voting members present	23				



## Puget Sound Regional Council

May 1, 2025

### CONSENT AGENDA

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Covington, Edgewood, Enumclaw, Fircrest, Granite Falls, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Stevens, Milton, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Snohomish**

### IN BRIEF

PSRC staff has reviewed and recommends certification of the 2024 comprehensive plan updates for Covington, Edgewood, Enumclaw, Fircrest, Granite Falls, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Stevens, Milton, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Snohomish.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

**The Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board should recommend that the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions in the following conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan:**

- **City of Covington 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Edgewood 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Enumclaw 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Fircrest 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Granite Falls 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Kenmore 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Kirkland 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Lake Stevens 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Milton 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Redmond 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))

- **City of Sammamish 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Shoreline 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **Town of Skykomish 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))
- **City of Snohomish 2024 Comprehensive Plan** ([link](#))

The draft certification reports are available at the links provided for the board's review.

## DISCUSSION

A major emphasis of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) is the need to coordinate local, regional and state planning efforts. Within the central Puget Sound region, local governments and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) have worked together to develop an overall process for reviewing local, countywide, regional and transit agency policies and plans for compatibility and consistency.

Consistent with [PSRC's plan review process](#), PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plans and recommends certification of the following adopted comprehensive plans:

- **Covington** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in July 2024.
- **Edgewood** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in November 2024.
- **Enumclaw** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on February 24, 2025. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in August 2024.
- **Fircrest** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in April 2024.
- **Granite Falls** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on January 15, 2025. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in November 2024.
- **Kenmore** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 9, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan from February 2023 to October 2024.
- **Kirkland** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 10, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in August 2024.
- **Lake Stevens** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on October 22, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in August 2024.
- **Milton** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on January 21, 2025. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in December 2024.

- **Redmond** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on November 19, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in June 2023, August 2023 and January 2024.
- **Sammamish** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 3, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in September 2024.
- **Shoreline** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on December 16, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in November 2024.
- **Skykomish** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on February 12, 2025. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in December 2024.
- **Snohomish** adopted its 2024 comprehensive plan update on November 19, 2024. PSRC staff provided comments on the draft plan in September 2024.

The comprehensive plans were reviewed in accordance with the adopted plan review process using PSRC's [Plan Review Manual](#) and [VISION 2050 consistency tool](#). The plans were found to be substantially consistent with VISION 2050 (the multicounty planning policies) and the Regional Transportation Plan and to conform to transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. PSRC staff coordinated with jurisdictional staff in the review of the plans and the development of the certification reports.

The adopted plan review process calls for the Executive Board to take certification action on comprehensive plans on recommendation from the Growth Management and Transportation Policy Boards. Options for Executive Board action are to:

- Certify that the plan is consistent with multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan and conforms to Growth Management Act requirements for transportation planning, or
- Conditionally certify that the plan addresses most provisions of regional plans and policies and the Growth Management Act, with a requirement that a limited set of outstanding issues be addressed prior to full certification, or
- Do not certify.

Based on previous board direction, jurisdictions with plans that are certified or conditionally certified are then eligible to apply for PSRC funding or proceed with any project submitted into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

## NEXT STEPS

The Growth Management Policy Board acted to recommend certification at its May meeting. The Executive Board will consider policy board recommendations in June. Additional local plans will be brought forward to recommend for certification at the board's June meeting.

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



## Puget Sound Regional Council

May 1, 2025

### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** Legislative Update

### IN BRIEF

PSRC continues to closely track the work of the Washington State Legislature to develop the 2025-2027 budget, as well as ongoing federal developments related to regional priorities. Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, will provide an update on current activities.

### DISCUSSION

The final day of the 2025 Legislative session was Sunday, April 27. The legislature passed and submitted to the Governor operating, capital and transportation budgets.

The 2025-2027 Transportation Budget relies on new revenue including increased gas tax, vehicle weight, filing fees and sales and use taxes in [Senate Bill 5801](#), as well as a sales tax transfer in [Senate Bill 5802](#). The \$15.5 billion budget balances over 4 years. While most large transportation projects will move forward, projects funded by Move Ahead Washington that were not under contract are delayed to the future.

Transportation Budget summary budget documents:

- [Narrative Summary](#)
- [Revenue Summary SB 5801](#)
- [Other Resources Summary SB 5801](#)

The Transportation Policy Board will be provided a briefing on key details of these budgets and their current status. Key updates on federal activities will also be provided.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at [Rkoskey@psrc.org](mailto:Rkoskey@psrc.org), 206-798-4462.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

May 1, 2025

### ACTION ITEM

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** Project Tracking Exception Requests

### IN BRIEF

Two agencies awarded PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds are requesting an exception per PSRC's [Project Tracking Policies](#). The requests, from the City of Bothell and Kitsap County, are for additional time to deliver their projects beyond previously approved deadlines. All exception requests require PSRC board approval. PSRC staff has reviewed these requests in collaboration with the chairs of the Regional Project Evaluation Committee, the chairs of the four countywide transportation forums, and staff from the Washington State Department of Transportation (the "chairs group") and recommend approval.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the requests for an exception under PSRC's Project Tracking Policies for the City of Bothell's *Bothell Way NE Multimodal Improvements* project and Kitsap County's *Ridgetop – Mickelberry to Myhre, Phase 1* project as described in Attachment A.

### DISCUSSION

PSRC's project tracking program was first implemented in 2000 to monitor the delivery of projects awarded PSRC's federal funds and has evolved over time to reflect new and emerging circumstances. The Project Tracking Policies have been revised over the years to ensure the successful delivery of projects by addressing issues caused by project delays and the potential risk of losing unused funding. The policies include strict deadlines for project delivery each year but allow a sponsor to request a one-time

extension if a project is delayed due to unexpected circumstances outside of the agency's control.

The adopted project tracking policies also include provisions for when agencies may request an exception. Exception requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may be approved if the following parameters are met: (a) the phase in question remains fully funded, (b) the phase in question can be implemented within six months of board action, and (c) there is a compelling need for the exception. In general, exceptions may be granted when the reason is outside the control of the sponsoring agency.

### **Project Exception Requests**

Two agencies are requesting an exception per the adopted project tracking policies for two projects awarded PSRC's FHWA funds. These projects were originally awarded 2024 funding and were granted a one-year extension to deliver in 2025. The projects are the City of Bothell's *Bothell Way NE Multimodal Improvements* project and Kitsap County's *Ridgetop – Mickelberry to Myhre, Phase 1* project.

For both projects, the exception request is for additional time above and beyond the one-year extension already granted, due to unforeseen and lengthy delays related to Biological Assessment reviews by the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Additional details for both requests are provided in Attachment A.

PSRC staff have reviewed this request in collaboration with the chairs group, and concluded the following:

- Both requests meet the Project Tracking Policies requirement that all phases remain fully funded.
- Both requests meet the Project Tracking Policies requirement for a compelling need. Each agency submitted its Biological Assessment more than a year in advance of the approval date needed, and the extended federal review timeline is outside their control. The policy and process changes that triggered the lengthy NMFS review period were not yet in place at the time the project schedules were developed, nor at the time of their funding awards.
- Under typical timelines for the extended NMFS review period, both projects are on track for their applicable phase to be implemented within six months of board action, should the exception request be granted. However, the current uncertainty in federal staffing levels is unprecedented and was not anticipated at the time that the six-month delivery timeline was established in PSRC's exception policies.

For these reasons, the chairs group recommends that a full year additional extension (to June 1, 2026) be granted to these projects. This would allow projects to still deliver in federal fiscal year 2026 but remove the need to revisit delivery timelines again at mid-year if reductions in federal staffing levels further impede the review period.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Barnes at [jbarnes@psrc.org](mailto:jbarnes@psrc.org) or (206) 389-2876.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Summary of Project Exception Requests

## **ATTACHMENT A: SUMMARY OF PROJECT EXCEPTION REQUESTS**

Each of the following two projects were granted a 1-year extension for phases originally awarded in 2024 but are unable to obligate by June 1, 2025. Therefore, an exception is requested per PSRC's adopted Project Tracking Policies, based on the summary details provided below.

### **1. City of Bothell - Bothell Way NE Multimodal Improvements**

#### **Project Scope**

Widen Bothell Way NE from 2 lanes to a 4- 5 lane section. The project includes intersection improvements, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, street lighting, retaining walls, landscaping, storm drainage and wetland mitigation. Phase 1 limits are from Reder Way to NE 192nd Street in King County; Phase 2 limits are from 240th Street SE to County Line in Snohomish County; and Phase 3 limits are from County Line to NE 192nd Street in King County.

#### **Phases with Exception Request**

Phase 1 Right-of-Way \$4,900,000 PSRC FHWA Funds

Phase 2 Right-of-Way \$1,650,000 PSRC FHWA Funds

(Note: An accompanying 1-year extension request for Phase 3 Right-of-Way was approved by the Board in April.)

#### **Reason for Request**

The City is requesting an exception due to delay in receiving NEPA approval, resulting from the extended timeline required to complete consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for projects that trigger tire anti-degradant (6PPDQ) mitigation.

Both Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) staff have reviewed the biological assessment (BA) for this project and initiated formal Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation with NMFS and US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 2024. A biological opinion from NMFS and a letter of concurrence from USFW was provided in early March 2025 but now the city has additional NEPA work required to respond to the NMFS comments. When completed, this will require additional review and approval by WSDOT. Given ongoing uncertainties related to the timeline for receiving approvals, an additional one-year extension is requested.

### **2. Kitsap County – Ridgetop, Mickelberry to Myhre, Phase 1**

#### **Project Scope**

Widen the roadway to 4 travel lanes with divided median, access control, and intersection turn pockets. Reconstruct and widen sidewalks with upgraded ADA facilities. Add bike lanes in both directions. Reconstruct the intersections at Mickelberry and Myhre and add a mid-block intersection. Add a 2nd eastbound lane and uphill bike lane in the vicinity of the new Sid Uhnick Drive alignment.

**Phase with Exception Request**

Right-of-Way \$4,872,500 PSRC FHWA Funds

**Reason for Request**

The County is requesting an exception due to delay in receiving NEPA approval, resulting from the extended timeline required to complete consultation with the NMFS for projects that trigger tire anti-degradant (6PPDQ) mitigation.

WSDOT and FHWA staff have reviewed the biological assessment for this project. WSDOT initiated formal ESA consultation with NMFS and USFWS in April 2024 after completing their review of the project. Given ongoing uncertainties related to the timeline for receiving approvals, an additional one-year extension is requested.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

May 1, 2025

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Public Survey Results: Safety and Transportation**

### **IN BRIEF**

A public opinion survey was conducted in March to hear from residents around the region about their thoughts on road safety and their priorities related to the transportation system. EMC Research conducted the statistically valid survey on behalf of PSRC, interviewing 2,000 individuals. Staff will brief the board at the May 8 meeting on key takeaways from the survey and next steps.

### **DISCUSSION**

As part of the grant PSRC received from USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, funds were allocated for public outreach and engagement, including conducting a statistically valid public opinion survey. This survey was conducted by EMC Research between March 3-12. Interviews were conducted with 2,000 people represented across all four counties. The survey was conducted via telephone and online formats, and both English and Spanish languages were offered.

The survey asked participants to express their opinions and priorities related to the transportation system and road safety. It also gathered information on each participant's primary mode of travel and demographic data.

At the meeting on May 8, staff will provide an overview of the survey results and key takeaways, which will help inform the development of the Regional Transportation Plan later this year. A brief introduction to additional outreach activities planned throughout 2025 will also be provided.

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



## Puget Sound Regional Council

May 1, 2025

### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Transportation Policy Board

**From:** Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** **Regional Transportation Plan Development: Preliminary Revenues and Expenditures**

### IN BRIEF

Over the last four months, the board has been briefed on various elements of the current transportation system to help provide a foundation and inform development of the next Regional Transportation Plan to be adopted in May 2026. Staff have also been gathering information on available revenues and planned expenditures for the transportation system through 2050. This includes programmatic expenditures such as maintenance and operational activities as well as system improvements and expansions.

This information will provide the basis for the financial strategy and board direction over the coming months on development of the draft plan. Staff will provide preliminary results of these financial figures, including information on regional capacity projects submitted for inclusion in the plan, at the May 8 meeting.

### DISCUSSION

Work to develop the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has been underway since early 2024. The board identified key policy priorities and recommended the plan's scope of work, which was adopted in December by the Executive Board. The board also discussed preliminary parameters for identifying potential new revenue sources should they be needed as part of the plan's financial strategy. Throughout the first quarter of 2025, the board was briefed on various elements of the current transportation system, including key trends and notable gaps in the system. This information will be published in an interim report in early May and will provide a foundation for discussion of planned future investments and needs for the transportation system through 2050.

Per federal and state requirements, the RTP must include a financial plan demonstrating how these investments, including maintenance, preservation and operations, can be funded over the life of the plan. The financial plan must include system-wide estimates of both costs and revenue sources that are reasonably expected to be available and should also include recommendations on additional financing strategies necessary to fully fund plan investments and an assessment of their viability.

In coordination with member agencies, PSRC has been gathering detailed information on available revenues and planned expenditures for the transportation system through 2050. Data on available revenues - those that are already authorized and are referred to as “current law revenues” – has been collected through the current year and forecast through 2050. Data on proposed investments has been collected for all aspects and modes of the transportation system. This includes the following:

- Maintenance, preservation and operations of the current system and assets across all modes. The default assumption, per preliminary board direction, is that the backlog of maintenance needs is met, and the system is maintained in a state of good repair through the life of the plan.
- System improvements planned across all modes. Information was gathered from city and county comprehensive plans, transit agency plans, the Washington State Department of Transportation and Washington State Ferries. Improvements that do not add capacity to the regional system as defined per adopted thresholds are considered programmatic investments in the plan.
- Regional capacity projects across all modes. Per federal and state law the regional transportation system is explicitly defined and any projects adding or changing capacity to that system must be explicitly identified and captured in the plan analysis. An application process and plan consistency review was conducted on each project requesting submission into the plan.

At the May 8 meeting, staff will review the preliminary figures for available revenues and planned expenditures. Staff is conducting a thorough quality control of this information and refining certain datasets, and a final set of figures will be provided in June. PSRC is closely tracking the work of the State Legislature and, to the extent feasible, will incorporate the information regarding future transportation revenues in the plan’s financial strategy as data becomes available. At the May meeting, a summary of the regional capacity projects submitted for inclusion in the plan will also be provided. Approximately 330 projects were submitted for inclusion in the financially constrained plan; staff is currently conducting a quality control process to ensure all projects have been accurately submitted, and in June more detailed information on the final list of proposed projects will be provided.

Between May and July, the board will be asked to review the information on available revenues vs. planned investments and consider and discuss the following:

- Levels of investments to be forwarded for draft plan analysis in the summer, including the submitted regional capacity projects, assumptions for maintenance and preservation, and any additional expenditures to address system needs beyond those currently planned. Staff will build from the information provided earlier in the year regarding gaps in the current transportation system to conduct a similar analysis of the future transportation system based on the draft plan submittals; this detail will be provided at the June meeting.
- Potential new revenue sources that would be included in the plan's financial strategy to fill any gaps between current law revenues and the desired levels of investment. The previously discussed parameters and estimates of new revenues will be brought back for discussion in June.

The board will be asked to provide direction to staff at the July meeting on one or more plan scenarios to move forward into modeling and analysis over the summer. These scenarios could include different levels and/or types of investments based on the discussions noted above. Analysis results would then be brought back to the board in the fall for further discussions and development of a draft plan by the end of the year.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org) or 206-971-3601 or Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at [chelmann@psrc.org](mailto:chelmann@psrc.org) or 206-389-2889.

# PSRC Transportation Work Program - Progress Reporting

Progress Chart (Timeline as of May 1, 2025)

## Status

<span style="color: purple;">■</span>	Preparing
<span style="color: teal;">■</span>	In Progress
<span style="color: orange;">■</span>	Complete
<span style="color: gray;">■</span>	Tentative

Project	Status to-date
<b>Regional Transportation Plan</b>	
Alignment of RTP and Funding Cycles	TBD - pending further board discussions
Update RTP Project Plan Consistency Framework	Complete
Board work group to determine 2026 RTP scope of work	RTP Steering Committee, February-September 2024; board action completed November / December 2024
TPB direction on scope of work for 2026 RTP	February through December 2024; complete
RTP development	Q2 2024-Q2 2026
Financial Strategy Refinement	Board discussions Q2 2024 - Q3 2025
<b>PSRC Funding</b>	
2026 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds	Work to develop the next Policy Framework will begin in Fall 2025
FHWA/FTA Project Selection: Board Action	Board action July 2026
Annual FTA Adjustments Process	Pending, Spring 2025
Rural Town Centers and Corridors Project Selection	Pending, Fall 2025
Transportation Alternatives Project Selection	Pending, Fall 2025
Consolidated Grant Program Regional Rankings	Board action January 2025
<b>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</b>	
2025 -2028 TIP Development	Complete
Conduct Equity Analysis of draft 2025-2028 TIP	Complete
Release of 2025-2028 TIP for Public Comment	Complete
Board Action on 2025-2028 TIP	Complete, October 2024
Monthly TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Project Tracking/Rebalancing	Ongoing
<b>Climate: GHG Analysis and Planning</b>	
2030 Transit Networks and Service	Complete
PSRC 2030 Network Modeling and Analysis	Complete
Puget Sound Regional Emissions Analysis Project	Complete
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Clearinghouse	Operational/Ongoing, initial launch complete, maintenance and updates ongoing
Regional Electric Vehicle Collaboration Outreach	Ongoing
Develop Climate Implementation Strategy with Partners	CPRG planning work underway with partners, Preliminary Climate Action Plan submitted to EPA March 1, 2024, Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due December 2025
PSRC Board Progress Briefings	Ongoing
<b>Regional Safety Plan</b>	
Explore Grant/Funding Opportunities	Complete
Apply for Safe Streets for All Grant	Round 1 complete; Round 2 complete
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Complete, included in the draft Regional Safety Action Plan
Convene Stakeholders	Complete - Regional Safety Summit held June 29, 2023
Develop Scope of Regional Safety Plan	Complete; board review September 2023
Develop Regional Safety Plan	Draft plan complete, released for public comment January 2025; General Assembly adoption May 2025

<b>Performance Measures and Dashboard</b>	
<i>Align with Equity Tracker, other related monitoring efforts</i>	
Identify Measures	Complete
Develop Dashboard Outline for Board Feedback	Complete
Assemble Data	Initial set complete; ongoing and continuous
Publish Draft Dashboard	Complete
Refinement and Updates	Ongoing
Annual Board Briefings	Briefing February 2024 and annually thereafter; information being captured in the RTP current system briefings in 2025
<b>Active Transportation Plan Repackaging</b>	
Repackage Active Transportation Plan	Complete
<b>ADA Transition Plan Technical Assistance</b>	
Research current plans, roles and responsibilities	Preliminary research complete; moving to monitoring role
Board Briefing and Discussion	TPB briefing June 2023
<b>Annual Transit Integration Report</b>	
Report Development	Complete
Publish Report	Released November 2023
<b>Big Ideas/Transformational Planning</b>	
Regional Convenings to Support Effort	TBD - pending further board discussions
Future of HCT Regional Convening	TBD - pending further board discussions
<b>Data Collection, Analysis, Performance Metrics</b>	
Data collection, maintenance of viz tool and improvements	In Progress
Equity, EJ analysis methodology improvements	Q4 2024-Q1 2025
<b>RTP Financial Strategy</b>	
Collaborate with Partners on Implementation Steps	Early board discussions complete; draft plan figures to be prepared for May-July discussions of investment levels.



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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**, 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](mailto:srogers@psrc.org).



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# 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](http://www.psrc.org/our-work/summer-planning-academy) or scan the QR code.

Questions? Email us at [spa@psrc.org](mailto:spa@psrc.org).





## 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>

