

# Summer Planning Academy (SPA)

Equity Advisory Committee

May 1, 2025



Puget Sound Regional Council



*We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.*

[psrc.org/equity](https://psrc.org/equity)

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# Agenda

- Goals of Summer Planning Academy
- Summary of 2024 Cohort & Itinerary
- 2025 Schedule & Recruitment
- Timeline & Questions



Summer Planning Academy  
**HANDBOOK**



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# Goals



Introduce individuals to the planning process and profession at an early age.

Engage young people on a regular basis to provide input on PSRC's policies and programs.

Promote equity in the region by actively recruiting and engaging youth from diverse backgrounds.



# 2024 Cohort

59 applications

24 selected students  
enrolled in our first cohort

All enrolled students  
completed the program  
and received \$500  
scholarship

**30%** Attend schools in PSRC Equity Focus Areas

**91%** Identified as non-White

**Regionwide representation** from all four counties





# Session Itinerary



## Day 1 Introduction to Planning

August 7, 2024

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**  
SPA Overview & Staff Introductions

**10:15 AM**  
Welcome to SPA with  
Executive Director Josh Brown

**10:30 AM**  
Blocks and Lots Game

**11:00 AM**  
Intro to Planning Presentation and Lunch

**11:30 AM**  
Community Assessment Field Trip

**1:30 PM**  
Field Trip Debrief

**2:00 PM**  
Capstone Introduction and Work Time

**3:00 PM**  
End of day

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## Day 2 Transportation

August 9, 2024

### SCHEDULE

**9:30 AM**  
Meet PSRC staff at Pier 50 Dock  
(south end of Colman Dock) in Seattle  
– 801 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98104

**9:50 AM**  
Ride Fast Ferry to Bremerton

**10:20 AM**  
Transportation Data Workshop

**11:30 AM**  
Lunch

**12:30 PM**  
Bus tour of Silverdale Transit Center

**2:00 PM**  
Bremerton Walking Tour

**2:45 PM**  
Line up for ferry

**3:05 PM**  
Ride Fast Ferry to Seattle

**3:35 PM**  
End of Day

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# Session Itinerary



## Day 3 Housing

August 14, 2024

### SCHEDULE

**10:00 AM**

Introduction to Housing

**10:30 AM**

Travel to Cedar Crossing

**11:00 AM**

Tour and information session with Mercy Housing, Bellwether Housing, and Sound Transit

**12:00 PM**

Lunch and Q&A with speakers

**1:00 PM**

Travel back to PSRC

**1:30 PM**

Housing Data Workshop

**3:00 PM**

End of day



## Day 4 Environmental Planning

August 16, 2024

### SCHEDULE

**9:30 AM**

Introduction to Environmental Planning

**10:00 AM**

Travel to Volunteer Park

**10:45 AM**

Carousel Speaker Activity

Speakers:

- **Taha Ebrahimi**, Author, Street Trees of Seattle
- **Clare Sobetski**, WA DNR Youth Education and Outreach Program Manager
- **Daaniya Iyaz**, King County Heat Mitigation Strategy Specialist

**12:15 PM**

Lunch

**12:45 PM**

Travel back to office

**1:30 PM**

Environmental Data Workshop

**2:30 PM**

SPA Closing Ceremony

**3:30 PM**

End of Day





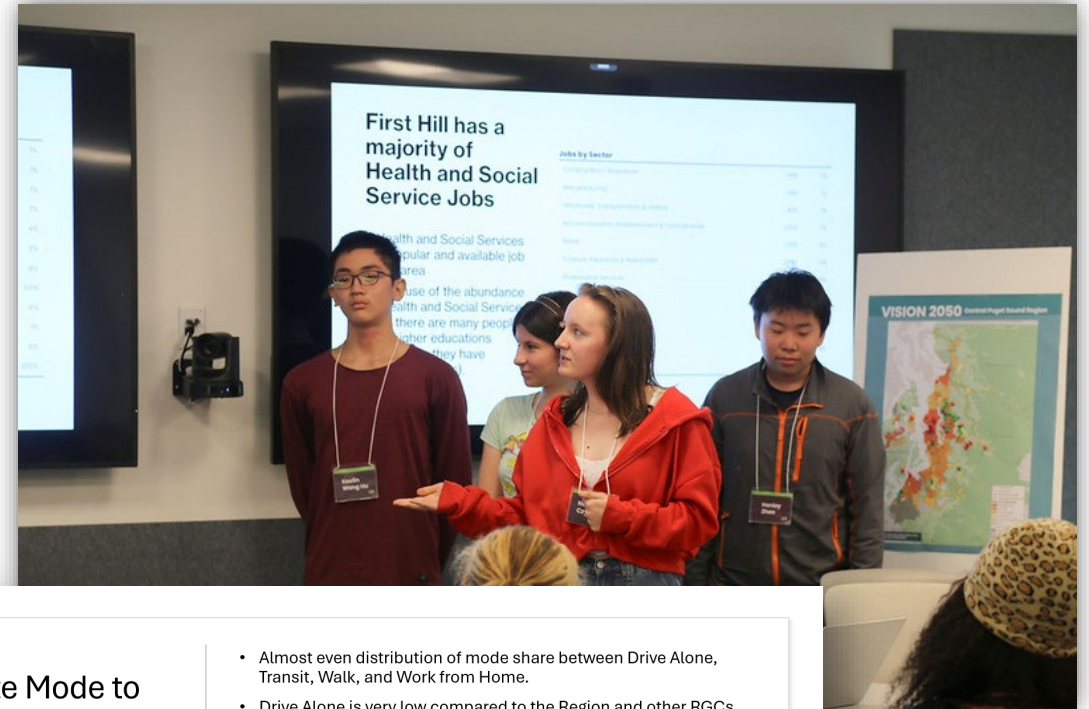
# Capstone Project-Community Profile

Walking assessment of Seattle neighborhood

Research and data analysis from all topic areas covered in SPA

Policy recommendations for based on research and analysis

Comparisons to other geographies

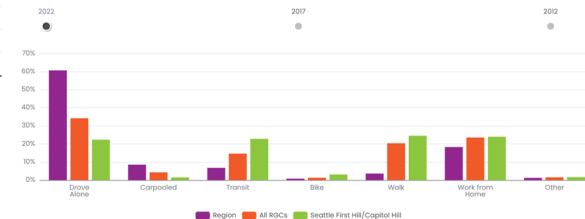


## Commute Mode to Work for Residents

- Almost even distribution of mode share between Drive Alone, Transit, Walk, and Work from Home.
- Drive Alone is very low compared to the Region and other RGCs.
- Use of Transit and Walk is more common in Capitol Hill than the region and all RGCs.

Transit Service	
All Transit Stops	120
Bus	108
Bus Rapid Transit	0
Commuter Rail	0
Ferry	0
Light Rail or Streetcar	12

Source: Spring 2024 GTFS Service by Transit Agency





# 2025 Schedule

Program is two sessions per week on Wednesday and Friday.

Sessions will still be full-days (~10am-~3pm)

Schedule as follows:

- July 30-Intro to Planning
- August 1-Transportation
- August 6-Housing
- August 8-Environment
- August 12-Graduation Open House

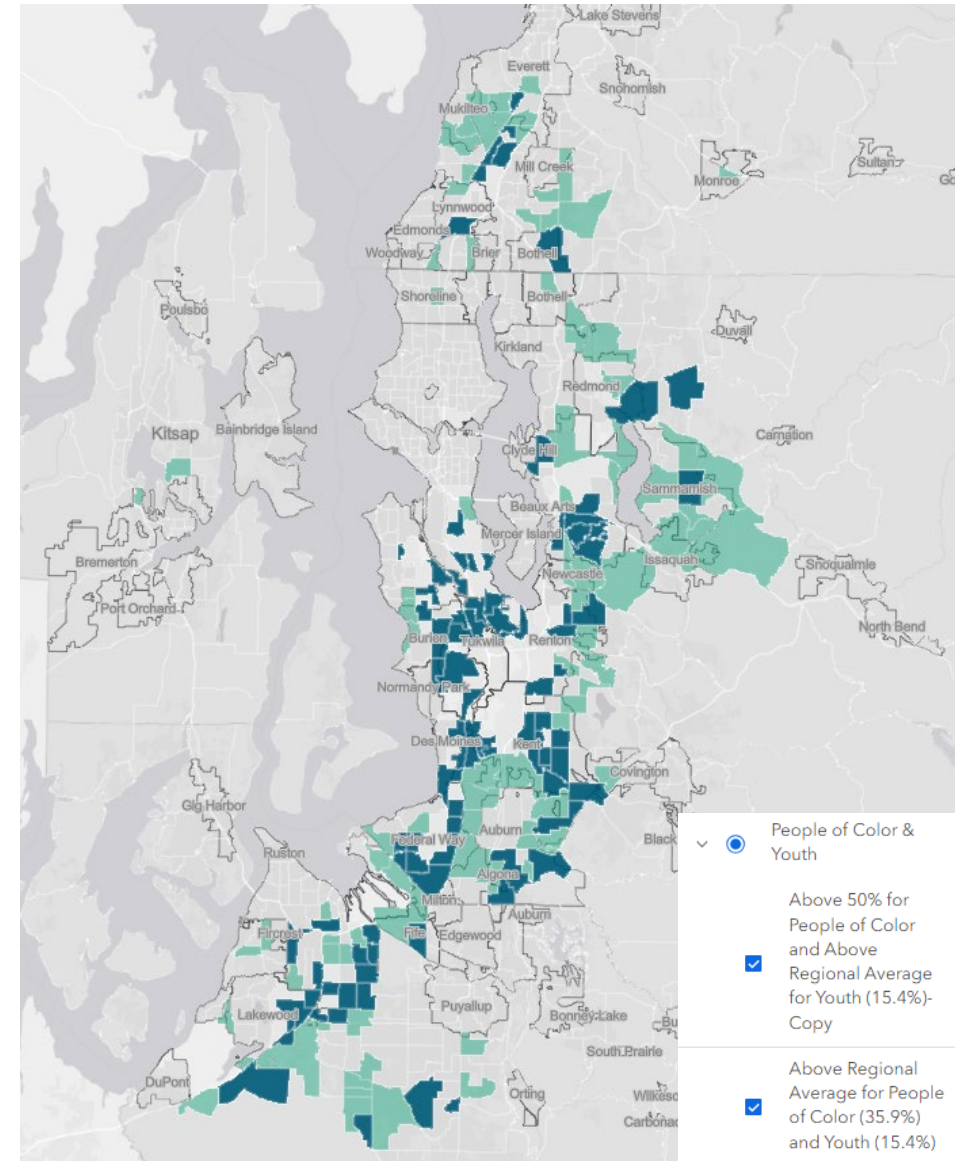


# 2025 Recruitment

## 2025 recruitment centers on Equity Focus Areas

Goal to open pathways to planning that don't already exist

## Direct recruitment with EFA high schools





# Timeline

**May 19** Application deadline

**June 1** Notifications sent

**July 30** First day of SPA 2025



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# Thank You!

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