



Puget Sound Regional Council

General Assembly

Thursday, May 22, 2025 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **[Registration deadline is May 16!]**

Seattle Convention Center – Summit Building • Signature Room, Level 5

900 Pine Street, Seattle, WA 98122

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- **Assembly members:** If you plan to attend, register online to help us confirm a quorum and include you in the lunch count. The full Assembly includes all mayors, county executives and council and commission members from member jurisdictions, tribes and representatives of statutory members.
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- **Note:** All public comments are public records and may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act, RCW Chapter 42.56.

Check-in (10:00) – Please be sure to check in at the Registration Table and have your badge scanned at the door. This will serve as the official roll call.

1. Call to Order (10:30) – *Mayor Becky Erickson, President*

2. Welcome

3. President's Remarks

4. Executive Director's Report

5. Action Items

- a. Adoption of the Minutes from the PSRC Assembly Meeting held on May 30, 2024
- b. Adoption of the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program – *Executive Dave Somers, Vice President*
- c. Adoption of the Regional Safety Action Plan – *Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board*

- d. Election of Officers – *Mayor Becky Erickson, President; Chair, Nominating Committee*

6. Other Business

7. Adjourn Business Meeting (11:45)

FEATURED SPEAKER

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Regional Roadway Safety: A Commitment to Action

Shailen Bhatt, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, United States and Latin America at AtkinsRéalis

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Puget Sound Regional Council

INFORMATION ITEM

May 7, 2025

To: PSRC General Assembly

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: General Assembly Voting

Attached is a list of the weighted votes for the General Assembly. The counties' and cities' votes are based on the State of Washington Office of Financial Management's final 2024 populations.

Voting at the General Assembly meeting is described in the Puget Sound Regional Council Interlocal Agreement, Section V.B.2:

The General Assembly shall make decisions when a quorum is present, and on the basis of a weighted vote of the members, with the weight of each city and county jurisdiction vote as follows: total votes of all city and county jurisdictions within each county will be proportional to each county's share of the regional population. County government will be entitled to fifty (50) percent of their respective county's total vote. City and town votes will be based on their respective share of the total incorporated population of their county. Indian Tribe vote will be based on their respective share of the region's population. The vote of statutory members shall be as prescribed in the applicable statute or as determined by the Executive Board where the applicable statute is silent on the matter of voting.

As noted in Article V, Section 7 of the Regional Council's Bylaws, approval of the annual budget and work program, adoption, or amendment of the regional growth management strategy and transportation plan, and amendments to the Bylaws require a roll-call vote and the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present. All other matters require a simple majority, with the manner of voting determined by the presiding officer; however, at the request of any two members, a roll call vote shall be taken.

For additional information, please contact Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC Budget Manager, at awerfelmann@psrc.org or 206-971-3292.

ATTACHMENT:

A. ga-2025may22-WeightVotes

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEIGHTED VOTES
May 22, 2025

MEMBERS	Weighted Votes	MEMBERS	Weighted Votes
UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES		CITY MEMBERSHIPS Cont.	
King	264.86	Milton	1.70
Kitsap	31.87	Monroe	4.14
Pierce	105.95	Mountlake Terrace	4.82
Snohomish	95.57	Mukilteo	4.29
TOTAL COUNTIES	498.25	Newcastle	1.71
		Normandy Park	0.85
		North Bend	1.03
		Orting	1.92
		Pacific	0.91
		Port Orchard	5.72
		Poulsbo	4.06
		Puyallup	9.13
		Redmond	9.96
		Renton	13.54
		Roy - NEW	0.17
		Ruston	0.22
		Sammamish	8.51
		SeaTac	4.07
		Seattle	99.25
		Shoreline	7.70
		Skykomish	0.02
		Snohomish	2.06
		Snoqualmie	1.81
		Stanwood	1.76
		Steilacoom	1.44
		Sultan	1.42
		Sumner	2.32
		Tacoma	47.36
		Tukwila	2.85
		University Place	7.57
		Wilkeson - NEW	0.11
		Woodinville	1.73
		Woodway	0.27
		Yarrow Point	0.14
		TOTAL CITIES	498.25
		TRIBAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS	
		The Suquamish Tribe	0.27
		Muckleshoot Indian Tribal Council	0.74
		Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1.32
		Tulalip Tribes - NEW	1.17
		TOTAL TRIBAL GOV. MEMBERS	3.50
		STATUTORY MEMBERS **	
		Port of Bremerton	3
		Port of Seattle	50
		Port of Tacoma	30
		Port of Everett	10
		WSDOT	30
		WA Trans. Comm	30
		TOTAL STATUTORY MEMBERS	153.00
		GRAND TOTAL	1153.00



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Seattle Convention Center – Summit Building, Terrace Room

CALL TO ORDER

President Becky Erickson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and announced that a quorum was present. Attendance was confirmed through check-ins at the registration desk, and a list of attendees is included with the official copy of these minutes.

She introduced and welcomed Mayor Bruce Harrell, Seattle, who welcomed Assembly members to Seattle.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Erickson welcomed the members of the Assembly and noted that a public comment from Joe Kunzler had been received. She informed the members that the comment was emailed to them yesterday and is also available on the PSRC website.

She then introduced the head table, thanking the leadership for their service: Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, PSRC Vice President and Chair of the Operations Committee; Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair of the Transportation Policy Board; Pierce County Councilmember Ryan Mello, Vice Chair of the Transportation Policy Board; Renton Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair of the Growth Management Policy Board; Snohomish County Councilmember Megan Dunn, Vice Chair of the Growth Management Policy Board; King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, PSRC Immediate Past President; Bellevue Councilmember Conrad Lee, President of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board; and Pierce County Councilmember Dave Morell, Vice President of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board. Lastly, President Erickson acknowledged PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown.

Mayor Erickson spoke about the importance of regional governance and the vital role of the Puget Sound Regional Council. She highlighted several regional accomplishments from the past year, including PSRC's move to a new office space and major transit milestones such as the opening of Link Light Rail to the Eastside, the Swift Orange Line and the T Line. Mayor Erickson also emphasized PSRC's ongoing commitment to equity, including the efforts of the Equity Advisory Committee and the success of the Summer Planning Academy. She further recognized the region's advocacy work to support ferry services, initiatives under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and efforts to improve traffic safety across the region.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Minutes of Puget Sound Regional Council Assembly Meeting held May 30, 2024

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to adopt the minutes of the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly meeting held May 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Biennial Budget and Work Program

Executive Dave Somers, Vice President and Chair of the Operations Committee, explained that the budget and work program “reflects a difference of only \$6,000 from the amended Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget.”

He explained that the budget was developed under the guidance of the Operations Committee and received a unanimous vote of support from the Executive Board after a review by the Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Board and Economic Development Board.

Executive Somers stated that the document serves as a blueprint guiding PSRC’s ongoing work since the budget was initially adopted by the General Assembly in May 2023. “The budget remains balanced, supporting PSRC’s regional planning mission while also strengthening the agency’s reserves.”

He pointed out that the core work for this two-year period is outlined in the Integrated Planning Timeline, which highlights the responsibilities across Regional Planning, Growth Management, Transportation, Economic Development, and Data Services.

He then reviewed the process used in developing the budget and work program, the assumptions in the budget, and the revenues and expenditures.

“Approximately 80% of PSRC’s funding comes from federal grants, including carryover funds from the previous year. Local funding is used primarily to meet federal grant matching requirements and to support PSRC’s Contingency Reserves. These funds are strategically allocated to advance PSRC’s mission. Half supports staff through salaries and benefits. Currently, 15% is encumbered for work planned in future biennial budgets. An additional 5% is designated for the Contingency Reserve. Under the current budget, we are on track to reach 99% of our goal—equivalent to two months of operating expenses.”

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to: (1) Adopt the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program as recommended by the Executive Board. (2) Adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2024-01 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program to the appropriate federal and state funding agencies.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Election of Officers – Report of the Nominating Committee

Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Chair of the Nominating Committee acknowledged members of the committee:

- Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier
- City of Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin
- Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido
- City of Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell
- Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low
- City of Port Orchard Mayor Rob Putaansuu
- Port of Bremerton Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn
- City of Tacoma Councilmember Kristina Walker

She then presented the committee's recommendation, noting that the committee met on May 16 and unanimously recommended Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson for President and Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers for Vice President.

No further nominations were received from the floor.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to adopt the slate of officers for President and Vice President presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

U.S. Representative Rick Larsen addressed the Assembly with a special presentation focused on federal initiatives and regional collaboration.

Following his remarks, President Erickson presented Representative Larsen with the President's Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the Puget Sound region. In her presentation, she expressed appreciation, stating, "We are deeply grateful for your leadership in Washington, D.C., and your continued support of our regional priorities."

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Next, the Assembly viewed a recorded video message from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, highlighting the U.S. Department of Transportation's Call to Action campaign, which invites local governments and stakeholders to demonstrate how they are advancing the goals of the National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS), a vision aimed at eliminating roadway fatalities. The campaign encourages partners to intensify their efforts by:

- Actively working to reduce deaths and serious injuries on America's roads and streets.
- Expanding the adoption of the Safe System Approach and embracing a Zero Fatalities vision.
- Transforming the national mindset around road safety.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the board.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

ADOPTED by the General Assembly this 22nd day of May, 2025.

Becky Erickson, Mayor
City of Poulsbo
President, Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director



Puget Sound Regional Council

ACTION ITEM

May 7, 2025

To: General Assembly

From: Executive Dave Somers, Vice President

Subject: **Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Budget and Work Program**

IN BRIEF

On Thursday, April 24, 2025, the Executive Board recommended the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Budget and Work Program for adoption by the General Assembly on May 22, 2025. The Budget and Work Program provides an overview of the agency's major work elements and includes an Integrated Planning Timeline on page 13.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program as recommended by the Executive Board.
2. Adopt Resolution PSRC-A-2025-01 authorizing the submittal of the adopted Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program to the appropriate federal and state funding agencies.

BUDGET IMPACT

The Proposed Biennial Budget and Work Program Fiscal Years 2026-2027 is \$41.8 million.

DISCUSSION

The Puget Sound Regional Council is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization and state designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization for the four-county area and has specific responsibilities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Clean Air Act (CAA), the state Growth Management Act (GMA) and the Interlocal Agreement approved by PSRC members.

PSRC is funded through a combination of federal and state grants and local funds. The federal grants make up nearly 53 percent of the funding, while state grants contribute

about 4 percent. Local funds provide 13 percent and are used to match the state and federal grants, and also fund work not covered by federal and state grants. The remaining 30 percent of funds are state and federal anticipated funds and carryover funds from the prior biennium to cover work that continues into the current budget.

The Operations Committee, which has primary responsibility for developing the annual Budget and Work Program, has had a number of briefings on the proposed Budget and Work Program. The Executive Board, Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board, and Economic Development District Board were also given briefings on the proposed Budget and Work Program in January and February. Under the direction of the Operations Committee, staff prepared and presented this recommended Budget and Work Program to the Executive Board at their March meeting, where it was approved and recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

To view the entire document, please visit [Draft FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Plan \(July 2025 - June 2027\)](#).

For additional information, please call Andrew Werfelmann, PSRC Budget Manager, at awerfelmann@psrc.org or 206-971-3292.

ATTACHMENT:

A. Resolution PSRC-A-2025-01



Puget Sound Regional Council

RESOLUTION NO. PSRC-A-2025-01

A RESOLUTION of the Puget Sound Regional Council Authorizing Submittal of the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Work Program

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), at its meeting on May 22, 2025, adopted the Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, that the Executive Director of the Puget Sound Regional Council is authorized to submit to the federal and state agencies the grant application to carry out the Biennial Budget and Work Program, and all supporting information, including procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Economic Development Administration; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Federal Aviation Administration; the United States Geological Survey and the Washington State Department of Transportation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director is designated as the authorized official to execute grant contracts on behalf of the Puget Sound Regional Council with the United States Department of Transportation, the Economic Development Administration; the Environmental Protection Agency; the Federal Aviation Administration; the United States Geological Survey; and the Washington State Department of Transportation in support of the adopted budget and work program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of PSRC is authorized to incur costs beginning on July 1, 2025, and receive planning monies from the federal and state agencies and local jurisdictions pursuant to the adopted Biennial Budget and Work Program for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 for the Puget Sound Regional Council.

ADOPTED by the Assembly this 22nd day of May, 2025.

Becky Erickson, Mayor
City of Poulsbo
President, Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director



Puget Sound Regional Council

ACTION ITEM

May 7, 2025

To: General Assembly

From: Mayor Dana Ralph, Chair, Transportation Policy Board

Subject: **Adoption of the Regional Safety Action Plan**

IN BRIEF

On April 24, the Executive Board unanimously recommended adoption of the Regional Safety Action Plan by the General Assembly. The General Assembly will be asked to adopt the plan at its meeting on May 22, 2025. The full plan and background materials are available for review at [PSRC.org](https://psrc.org).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The General Assembly should:

1. Adopt the Regional Safety Action Plan in accordance with Resolution No. PSRC-A-2025-02 (Attachment A), which describes the document being adopted, gives the Executive Board authority to make minor future changes, and sets out the findings that support adoption of the plan; and
2. Direct staff to prepare, reproduce, and distribute the Regional Safety Action Plan document with any final minor corrections that may become necessary.

DISCUSSION

Serious injuries and deaths on the region's roadways have increased dramatically over the last decade. The central Puget Sound region experienced a total of 205,093 injuries and deaths due to road crashes between 2016 and 2023. Furthermore, 1 in 16 people involved in an injury-level crash were seriously injured or killed.

Safety is one of the primary policy focus areas in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adopted in 2022, which directed PSRC to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP), including actions, targets, and performance indicators.

The Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP) has been under development since fall of 2023, following a June 2023 Regional Safety Summit and receipt of grant funding from USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. Since that time, the Transportation Policy Board has overseen and provided guidance for development of the plan, including its purpose, scope, data and analysis results, key findings, best practices, emphasis areas,

tools and strategies, public engagement efforts, and responses to member and public comments.

The RSAP emphasizes the region's commitment to eliminating deaths and serious injuries in the central Puget Sound region through a regional safety approach that is proactive, data-informed, and community-based. Implementing the RSAP will help achieve the vision of safe, accessible, and convenient travel in the region for all road users, especially those most vulnerable.

The RSAP will help PSRC and its partners identify actionable strategies and resources, improve project development, implement improvements, track progress toward meeting regional and state safety targets, and promote a culture of safety in the central Puget Sound region.

The RSAP serves as a call to action for local agencies to use a Safe System Approach and leverage the toolbox of proven strategies, the regional data and analysis, and the best practices research to develop and build on their own action plans, including laying out a program of projects and initiatives that will efficiently and effectively address traffic safety within their jurisdiction.

High Injury Network (HIN) analyses and safety planning can be conducted at the state, regional, and local levels, each focusing on identifying areas with high crash rates to prioritize safety interventions. Regional analyses examine crash data across multiple jurisdictions to inform regional-level safety planning on regional facilities, developing regional safety strategies, and promoting collaboration among jurisdictions. Equally important, state and local HIN analyses identify specific locations with high crash rates based on their own tailored methodologies and facilities. State, regional, and local HIN analyses, where available, should inform PSRC's safety planning and implementation.

Adoption of the RSAP will provide direction for PSRC to incorporate state, regional and local High Injury Networks and safety planning into both PSRC's project selection processes and the project consistency review for the Regional Transportation Plan. PSRC will report annually on roadway safety data and plans to revisit and update the Regional Safety Action Plan every four years as part of the Regional Transportation Plan development cycle.

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

ATTACHMENT:

A. Resolution PSRC-A-2025-02



Puget Sound Regional Council

RESOLUTION NO. PSRC-A-2025-02

A RESOLUTION of the Puget Sound Regional Council Adopting The Regional Safety Action Plan

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is designated by local governments and the Governor of the State of Washington, under federal and state laws, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the central Puget Sound region encompassing King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement signed by all PSRC members establishes the Council as a forum for collaborative work on regional growth management, transportation and other issues requiring regional coordination and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, as the MPO and RTPO for the four-county region, the PSRC has specific responsibilities under federal and state laws, including the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Clean Air Act, and the state Growth Management Act (GMA), state requirements for the development of the regional transportation plan, and the Commute Trip Reduction law, as well as responsibilities pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement signed by all members; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan serves as the required regional transportation plan under state law and as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan under federal law; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws require that the PSRC periodically review and adopt a Metropolitan Transportation Plan to reflect current conditions, regional policies and implementation of the planned transportation system, using the latest forecasts of regional demographic and development patterns as underlying assumptions, and to certify that the Regional Transportation Plan complies with all the applicable requirements of the Federal Transit Act, Clean Air Act, Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the state Commute Trip Reduction law, and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan adopted in 2022 identified the need for the development of a Regional Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, PSRC successfully applied for two Safe Streets and Roads for All grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation to complete a Regional Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, from June 2023 through April 2025, the PSRC's Transportation Policy Board undertook a thorough development process of a new Regional Safety Action Plan, building from the work begun in 2018 for the creation of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan. Consistent with federal and state mandates, state environmental requirements, and with the PSRC's Interlocal Agreement, Public Participation Plan, and other operating procedures, the PSRC has worked with local, state and federal jurisdictions and agencies in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process; has made draft documents available for public review; has used social media and conducted informational communications, virtual workshops, in-person events, surveys, interviews, and focus groups and other efforts, including providing extensive data and information related to the plan update on the PSRC's website, to involve communities, agencies, businesses, interest groups, and individuals in order to facilitate their ability to provide input, discussion and review of the Regional Safety Action Plan; and has incorporated the work of local governments, and the suggestions of members of the public, businesses, and interests throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, PSRC and its partners have developed a Regional Safety Action Plan that conforms with all of the requirements and criteria established by the US Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the PSRC General Assembly adopts the Regional Safety Action Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PSRC's Executive Board is authorized to make minor amendments to the Regional Safety Action Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PSRC staff is directed to prepare, reproduce and distribute the final Regional Safety Action Plan with any final minor corrections, explanatory graphical content, and reformatting that may become necessary.

ADOPTED by the Assembly this 22nd day of May, 2025.

Becky Erickson, Mayor
City of Poulsbo
President, Puget Sound Regional Council

ATTEST:

Josh Brown, Executive Director



Puget Sound Regional Council

ACTION ITEM

May 7, 2025

To: PSRC General Assembly

From: Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair, Nominating Committee

Subject: Election of Officers

IN BRIEF

The Nominating Committee will present its candidates for the offices of President and Vice President for the General Assembly's action on May 22, 2025. Additional candidates may be nominated at the Assembly meeting by any member.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The General Assembly should adopt the slate of officers for President and Vice President presented by the Nominating Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Nominating Committee concluded its selection of candidates for PSRC President and Vice President by virtual meeting on May 14, 2025. The committee was chaired by Mayor Beck Erickson. Other Nominating Committee members included King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello, Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, Kitsap County Commissioner Katie Walters, City of Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin, City of Seattle Councilmember Rob Saka, City of Tacoma Councilmember Kristina Walker, and Port of Bremerton Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn.

As noted in Article III, Section 2 of the Regional Council's Bylaws:

"Elections: The President and Vice President of the Puget Sound Regional Council shall be elected by the General Assembly from the Executive Board membership and shall not be from the same county. Nomination of candidates for the office of President and Vice President shall be presented annually to the General Assembly, at its first meeting of the calendar year, for the General Assembly's action."

For additional information, please contact Mayor Becky Erickson, at berickson@psrc.org or 360-779-3901, or Josh Brown, at jbrown@psrc.org or 206-464-7515.



Puget Sound Regional Council

May 7, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: PSRC General Assembly

From: Josh Brown, Executive Director

Subject: **Featured Speaker Shailen Bhatt on Regional Roadway Safety**

IN BRIEF

Following the business meeting at its May 22, 2025 meeting, PSRC's General Assembly will welcome Shailen Bhatt, former head of the Federal Highway Administration, for a discussion on moving to action to reduce deaths and serious injuries on regional roadways.

DISCUSSION

Shailen Bhatt is a Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for AtkinsRéalis for the United States, Latin America and the company's Global Minerals & Metals business. Mr. Bhatt has worked on every mode of transportation, including transit, aviation, and active transportation and is a recognized global voice for innovation in transportation.

Unanimously confirmed to lead the FHWA in 2022, Mr. Bhatt provided strategic executive leadership on all FHWA initiatives and oversaw the \$350B Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding to state transportation departments, Tribes, U.S. territories, federal land management agencies, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations and more. During his tenure at FHWA, Mr. Bhatt was responsible for awarding over \$48M in Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning, demonstration and implementation grants to the central Puget Sound region for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, including over \$7M awarded to PSRC and 16 member jurisdictions in two rounds of funding for safety planning. This grant award funded the work leading up to the Regional Safety Action Plan, recommended for adoption at the General Assembly's May meeting.

Mr. Bhatt served as the FHWA's Associate Administrator for Highway Policy and External Affairs in the Obama Administration and president and Chief Executive Officer of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. He served as the Executive Director for the Colorado Department of Transportation, Delaware Secretary of Transportation and Deputy Executive Director of Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet and has also held leadership positions within the private sector. Mr. Bhatt was a member of the World Economic Forum's Global G5 Coalitions network, served on the Eno Center for Transportation's Board of

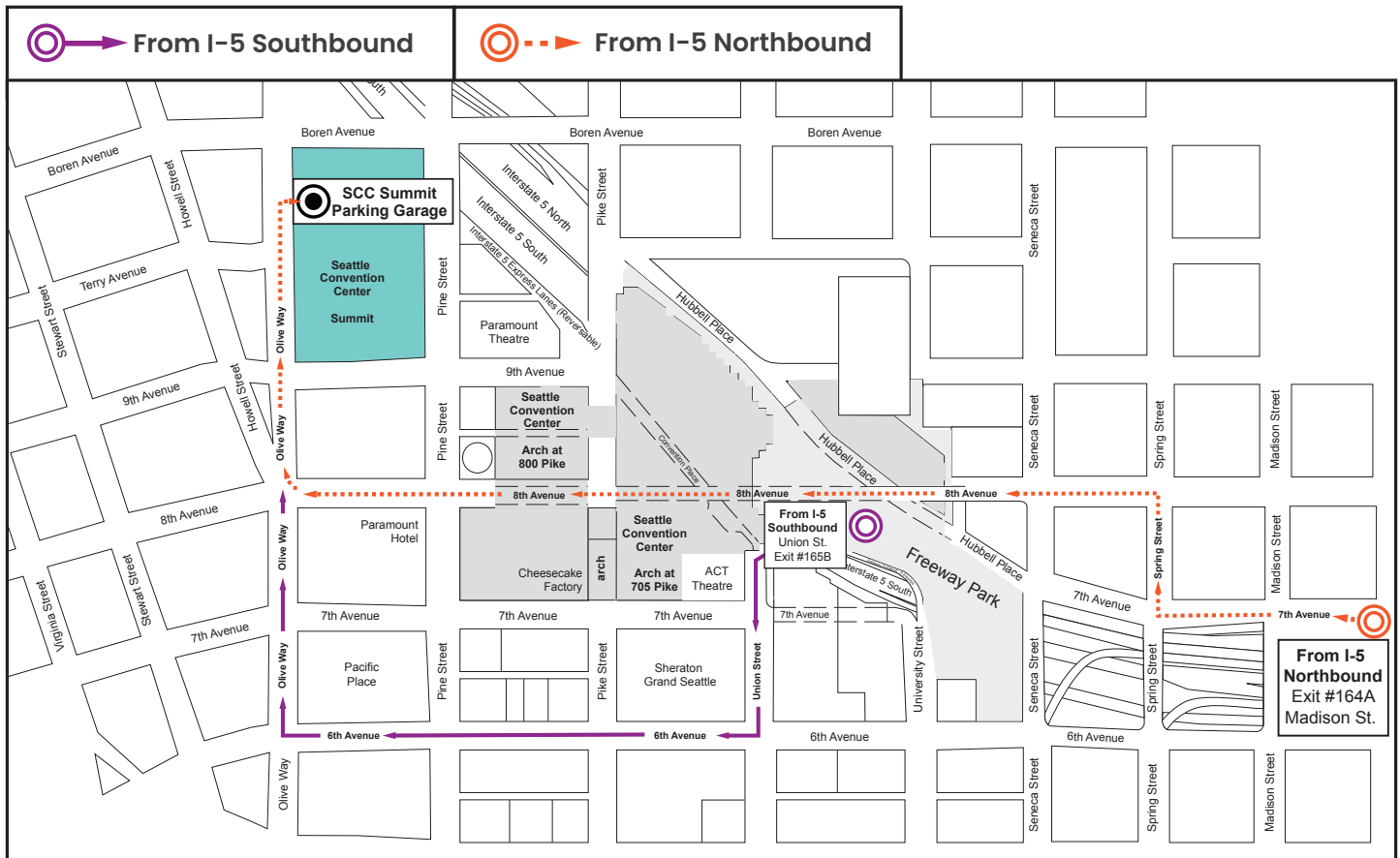
Advisors and is past Chairperson of the U.S. Department of Energy's External Advisory Board. He graduated summa cum laude at Western Kentucky University.


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


2025 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

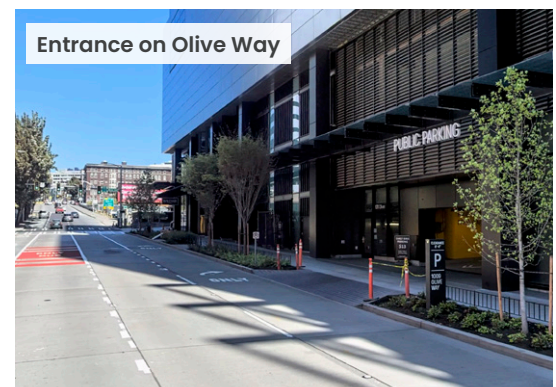
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PSRC's General Assembly will meet on **May 22, 2025**.

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.

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For questions, please contact **Sheila Rogers** at **(206) 354-6560** or email srogers@psrc.org.



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