



Puget Sound Regional Council

Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, July 10, 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 June 5, 2025*
- b. EAC Member Announcements & Check In
- c. Staff Announcements
- d. Policy Board Meeting Summaries*

3. Discussion Item (5:50)

- a. Federal Updates Related to DEI – *Josh Brown, PSRC*

4. Discussion Item (6:05)

- a. Demographic Profile StoryMap* – *Carol Naito, Mary Richards, & Noah Boggess, PSRC*

5. Break (6:35)

6. Discussion Item (6:45)

- a. Demographic Profile StoryMap Cont.* – *Carol Naito, Lauren Engel, & Eric Clute, PSRC*

7. Zoom Poll (7:25)

8. Next meeting: September 4, 2025 – No meeting in August

9. 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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Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: June 5, 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.

Staff Announcements

Noah invited members to a tour of the Bainbridge Island Japanese Exclusion Memorial on July 12. More information about the memorial can be found [here](#).

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

Discussion Item: Addressing Racially Disparate Impacts in Comprehensive Plans

Members of the University of Washington Evans School Consulting Lab team shared their report on addressing racially disparate impacts in comprehensive plans with the committee. The team received feedback on the report, heard about racially disparate impacts in local communities, and worked with members to identify research topics for future teams.

Members responded to the question, “What comes to mind when you think about racially disparate impacts?” with the following:

- Health impacts of neighborhoods, i.e. safe tap water
- Concern about housing built by freeways, railroads, or other areas of mass pollution
- Strong encouragement to bring youth into planning, and give young people a voice at the table
- Demolishing of neighborhoods leading to displacement
- Segregation still affecting the Puget Sound region

Members responded to the question, “What do you want to see your city do to address racially disparate impacts, displacement, and/or exclusion?” with the following:

- What does “affordable housing” mean to us; we need a shared understanding of this concept with all community members
- Focusing on intersectionality, i.e. community members being able to age in place

- New housing is often built in unincorporated areas, not an accessible location with resources
- Places with racially disparate housing often have exclusionary policies in other areas, i.e. lack of community gathering spaces, etc.
- Looking at over and under representation on housing commissions

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

Questions? Contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org.

Discussion: Quarterly Engagement Activity

Throughout 2025, EAC meetings will feature engagement activities once per quarter to continue to build camaraderie among members. This engagement activity included a “guess who” quiz, where members tried to match a fun fact with the corresponding EAC member.

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
 Paul Inghram, PSRC
 Katie Simmons, University of Washington
 Cassie Paschall, University of Washington
 Jeffrey W. Gunn, University of Washington
 Jakie Lanzona, University of Washington
 Joaquin Bosch, University of Washington

ATTACHMENT:

A. EAC Member Attendance for the June 5, 2025, Meeting

PSRC Equity Advisory Committee - Attendance Roster

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June 5, 2025

Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Edmonds, Federal Way, Index, Issaquah, Lynnwood, Newcastle, and Sumner

The Growth Management Policy Board recommends the Executive Board certify the comprehensive plan updates for Edmonds, Federal Way, Index, Issaquah, Lynnwood, Newcastle, and Sumner. [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.

Recommend Conditional Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Lake Forest Park and Renton

The Growth Management Policy Board recommends the Executive Board conditionally certify the comprehensive plan updates for Lake Forest Park and Renton until both jurisdictions complete transportation planning requirements by December 31, 2025. [View 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.

Addressing Racially Disparate Impacts in Comprehensive Plans

The board was briefed by students from the University of Washington Evans School Consulting Lab on a report addressing racially disparate impacts in comprehensive plans. The Growth Management Act require plans to address racially disparate

impacts (RDI), exclusion and displacement (HB 1220). The student team conducted a study of housing policies developed by local communities. Findings in the report include that the use of targeted community engagement correlates with strong local policies and that cities do not have a shared understanding of RDI, displacement and exclusion. The report recommends that elected officials and government leaders support planners through collaborative governance, develop a shared understanding of displacement, RDI and exclusion, and monitoring the impact of HB 1220. The final report will be published in June. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org.

Home in Tacoma Ownership Incentives

The board was updated on the work the City of Tacoma has done to support homeownership through its Home in Tacoma housing program. Home in Tacoma addresses middle housing and a range of strategies to increase housing opportunities, which includes incentives for ownership. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org.

Recap of the 2025 Legislature

The board reviewed the outcome of the 2025 Legislative Session with the Department of Commerce and PSRC staff. The 2025-2027 biennial operating budget for the state is \$77.8b, and revenue from passed bills is projected to raise \$9.4b over four years. Some notable bills related to planning include the Housing Accountability Act (SB 5148) and Transit-Oriented Development (HB1491). With the passage of HB 1491, PSRC and Commerce will be working to determine where and how the bill applies. [View presentation.](#)

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@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](#).



June 12, 2025

Regional Transportation Plan Outreach and Engagement

The board was briefed on the outreach activities being developed for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by PSRC and its consultant, Uncommon Bridges. A subcommittee of PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee is also being engaged to help develop the outreach plan and public engagement methods for the RTP. The full scope of the outreach will include the RTP Engagement Hub, community tabling events, regional public meetings held in each county, stakeholder interviews, focus groups and a public comment period. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

For more information, please contact Noah Boggess, Senior Public Engagement Specialist, at nboggess@psrc.org or 206-464-6170.

Regional Transportation Plan Financial Strategy and Investments

Staff presented updated figures for planned expenditures and available revenues for the next RTP. Additional details were provided on proposed system investments and the refinements conducted since May. Based on this information, the gap between available revenues and proposed expenditures is 21%. The board discussed levers to address the gap, which include potential new revenues and/or reducing the levels of investment. The board will continue these discussions in July, at which time direction will be asked on one or more scenarios to move forward into modeling and analysis. [View presentation](#).

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

Legislative updates

The board was briefed on recent federal budget and policy developments. [View presentation.](#)

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-971-3602.

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July 10, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Carol Naito, Program Manager – Data Applications

Subject: **Title VI Demographic Profile – Interactive StoryMap Report**

IN BRIEF

At its meeting on July 10, the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) will have an opportunity to preview a preliminary draft of the Central Puget Sound Demographic Profile interactive StoryMap report. Staff will walk the EAC through the working StoryMap, and members will have an opportunity to provide comments through smaller breakout group sessions.

DISCUSSION

As part of its Title VI requirements, PSRC develops and maintains a [Title VI Plan](#) which includes a demographic profile of the central Puget Sound region's people of color, low-income, and other populations relevant to supporting the agency's Title VI and regional equity work programs, including public outreach and engagement activities. The demographic profile is required to be updated every three years, with the most recent update completed in October 2024. Key takeaways from the latest profile were shared with the EAC at their meeting last December.

This StoryMap project is an effort to adapt the demographic profile into a more accessible, easy to digest, and visually interactive format for a broader audience that includes local planners, elected officials, other regional stakeholders, and the general public.

At its July meeting, the EAC will receive an overview of selected StoryMap chapters currently in development. Through a series of smaller breakout group sessions, committee members will be asked to review and provide feedback on the draft StoryMap chapters to assist the project team in refining the content.

Questions that members are asked to consider include:

- Is the purpose of each chapter clear and the content easy to understand and follow?
- Are the interactive components intuitive and easy to navigate?
- Do you have suggestions for additional or alternative graphic components to help convey key messages and takeaways?
- What StoryMap elements work well? Also, what could work better and how?

NEXT STEPS

The StoryMap project team, with assistance from the EAC Subcommittee supporting this effort, will continue to develop and refine the full interactive report over the summer and fall. The contents will undergo a thorough review to align with PSRC's recently updated accessibility guidelines. Publication is currently targeted for late 2025 or early 2026.

EAC members who are interested in accessing the draft StoryMap to review and offer additional comments may reach out to Lauren Engel, Senior Planner/GIS Analyst, at lengel@psrc.org or 206-464-7540.

For additional information, please contact Carol Naito, Program Manager, at cnaito@psrc.org or 206-464-7535.