



Puget Sound Regional Council

Freight Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Online Meeting Only – See Zoom Remote Participation Instructions Below

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30) – Doug Cox, PSRC**
- 2. Action: Approval of Meeting Summary for June 11, 2025* (9:35)**
- 3. Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Status Update (9:40) – Doug Cox, PSRC**

PSRC staff will share an update on the current work happening for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

- 4. Discussion: Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad Freight Rail Service (9:45) – Bethan Maher, Executive Director, Western Forest Industries Museum**

The committee will learn about plans to expand the Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad for short-line freight rail service.

- 5. Discussion: Other Business and Announcements (10:30)**
- 6. Adjourn (11:00)**
- 7. Next Meeting: October 8, 2025**

*Supporting materials attached

Zoom Connection:

- [Join the meeting](#)
- Listen by phone 1-888-475-4499
- Meeting ID: 876 9690 5823 Passcode: 043570

Other Formats:

- Sign language, and communication material in alternative formats, can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling 206-464-7090, TTY Relay 711
 - العربية | Arabic, 中文 | Chinese, Deutsch | German, Français | French, 한국어 | Korean, Русский | Russian, Español | Spanish, Tagalog, Tiếng việt | Vietnamese, visit: <https://www.psrc.org/contact-center/language-assistance>.



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Date: June 11, 2025, 9:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Meeting)

Welcome and Introductions

Doug Cox, PSRC, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. Roll call was completed to confirm the members and alternates present.

Action: Approval of Meeting Summary

The April 9, 2025 meeting summary was approved as presented.

Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Status Update

Doug Cox, PSRC, shared the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) work that has been completed and upcoming work as well. Completed work includes updating the current transportation system inventory, an updated Regional Capacity Project list of planned investments in the Region through 2050 and identified the Current Law Revenues estimate through 2050. The gap between estimated revenues and expenditures is about 20-25%, or roughly \$84 billion. Upcoming RTP work includes discussing new revenue sources and/or investment reductions to fill the gap between revenues and expenditures estimated through 2050. In July, the Board will ask PSRC to analyze one or more draft plan scenarios to model. PSRC's results of this analysis will be shared with the Board in the fall for further discussion and draft plan development.

The presentation is provided on PSRC's website [here](#).

For more information, contact DCox@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Supply Chain Considerations

Doug Cox, PSRC, facilitated a discussion with the committee members regarding how to plan for a resilient supply chain, highlighting how supply chains can be negatively impacted by transportation disruptions.

Bill Ellis, City of Kent, shared the Kent Valley's past and current industrial land, rental prices, and labor sources and costs. He highlighted the large share of industrial land inventory and economic output located in Kent Valley. The area is experiencing high industrial rent, lack of truck parking and cold storage, and electricity demand and supply gap. Bill Ellis recommends PSRC update the purpose of MICs other than just areas for industrial lands can be located. Suggests focusing on livability in these areas and the

amenities in MICs. This may include multimodal access to MICs, workforce development investments, tax policy, research and development incentives in relevant industries.

Ryan Medlen, Northwest Seaport Alliance, explained the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma's role in the Region's supply chain. Warehouse location concentration is moving south which will result in greater transport distances and time to transport goods between the ports and warehouses. This increases transportation costs, consumer prices, and diesel emissions. Ryan reiterated the importance of keeping warehouses and MICs near the ports to increase efficiency and decrease costs of the supply chain.

The presentation is provided on PSRC's website [here](#) and [here](#).

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Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster for the member or alternate representing each agency/jurisdiction at the meeting; additional alternate(s) present are listed below.

Interested Parties and PSRC Staff Present

Bill Ellis, City of Kent; Justin Peng; Lucie Wu, City of Kent; Sabra Boyd, Tom Hood, City of Everett; Wenjuan Zhao, WSDOT

PSRC

Doug Cox, Alexa Leach, Jennifer Barnes

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

Freight Advisory Committee Attendance Roster

Item 2 - Att. A

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NOTE: Members are invited to sit at the table and vote. Alternates may sit at the table and vote when the member is absent. Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting.

Jurisdictions	✓	Name		✓	Name, Jurisdiction
Counties			Manufacturing Industrial Centers		
King County (1)		John Vander Sluis	Cascade (1)		Jim Kelly, Arlington
		<i>Grace Carlson (Alt.)</i>			<i>Ryan Morrison, Arlington (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap County (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Forte	Paine Field / Boeing Everett (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jesse Hannahs, Marysville
		<i>Melissa Mohr (Alt.)</i>			<i>Tom Hood, Everett (Alt.)</i>
Pierce County (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Lewis-Miller	PSIC - Bremerton (1)		Chris Dimmitt, Bremerton
		<i>Bekah Osterhaus (Alt.)</i>			<i>Vicki Grover, Bremerton (Alt.)</i>
Snohomish County (1)		Joseph Bervell	Ballard - Interbay (1)		Chris Eaves, Seattle
		<i>Jay Larson (Alt.)</i>			<i>Joanna Valencia, Seattle (Alt.)</i>
Ports			Duwamish (1)		(represented by Seattle)
Port of Bremerton (1)		Arne Bakker			<i>(represented by Seattle) (Alt.)</i>
		<i>James Goodman (Alt.)</i>	North Tukwila (1)		VACANT
Port of Everett (1)		Adam LeMieux			<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Laura Gurley (Alt.)</i>	Kent (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Paine, Kent
Port of Seattle (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geri Poor			<i>Rob Brown, Kent (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Kyra Lise (Alt.)</i>	Sumner Pacific (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Kosa, Sumner
Port of Tacoma (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Medlen			<i>Ryan Windish, Sumner (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Deirdre Wilson (Alt.)</i>	Port of Tacoma (1)		Brennan Kidd, Tacoma
WSDOT (1)					<i>Greg Vigoren, Fife (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Beloso	Frederickson		(represented by Pierce County)
		<i>Wenjuan Zhao (Alt.)</i>			<i>(represented by Pierce Co.) (Alt.)</i>
Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) (1)			Freight-Intensive Areas		
		Brandy DeLange	SeaTac (1)		Florendo Cabudol, SeaTac
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Fred Wenhardt (Alt.)</i>			<i>Zack Shields (Alt.)</i>
Tribal Agencies			Auburn (1)		Jacob Sweeting, Auburn
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (1)		VACANT			<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>	Non-Voting (4)		
Puyallup Tribe (1)		VACANT			Denise Plumb, United Parcel Service (UPS)
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>			Eric Jessup, WSU, Freight Policy Transportation Institute
Suquamish Tribe (1)		VACANT			Jared Faker, Intl. Longshore and Warehouse Union #23
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>			VACANT
Tulalip Tribe (1)		VACANT			
		<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>			

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