



Puget Sound Regional Council

## Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

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#### 1. Call to Order (10:00) – Councilmember Conrad Lee, EDD President

#### 2. Communications and Public Comment

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

#### 3. President's Remarks (10:15)

#### 4. Staff Report (10:25)

#### 5. Consent Agenda - Action Items (10:30)

- a. Approve Minutes of Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board Meeting held June 4, 2025
- b. Approve Vouchers dated May 1, 2025 through August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$156.00

**6. Discussion Item (10:35)**

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

**7. Discussion Item (10:55)**

- a. Puget Sound Regional Data Trends – *Craig Helmann, PSRC*

**8. Discussion Item (11:25)**

- a. Regional Economic Strategy Update – *Jason Thibedeau, PSRC*

**9. Information Items**

- a. PSRC Staff Report
- b. Regional Transportation Plan Public Meetings

**10. Next Meeting: December 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**11. Adjourn (12:00)**

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## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

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

The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Councilmember Conrad Lee, President. To determine attendance and a quorum was present, a verbal roll call was conducted by staff.

To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to:  
<https://www.psrc.org/boards/watch-meetings>.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Lee shared that Lynnette Buffington and Vaughn Taylor with the Seattle Metro Chamber and Matt Morrison, with Pacific NorthWest Economic Region, would lead a discussion around regional plans for hosting the 2026 FIFA world cup with members. He also shared that Jason Thibedeau would provide the board with a briefing on the Regional Economic Strategy update.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, updated the board on PSRC projects and events, included as information items in the June 4, 2025, agenda packet, on pages 23-24. This agenda, as well as past materials for the board, can be found on the [Economic Development District Board webpage](#).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Meeting held March 5, 2025
- b. Approve Vouchers dated February 28, 2025 through April 30, 2025 in the amount of \$2,879.81
- c. Adopt Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Budget and Work Program

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Strakeljahn/Keller) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY UPDATE**

Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, provided an update on strategy development tools, data and outreach efforts that are being utilized to inform the Regional Economic Strategy update.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM: 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP**

Lynnette Buffington, Chief of Staff, Seattle Metro Chamber, Vaughn Taylor, Vice President of Economic Development, Seattle Metro Chamber, and Matt Morrison, CEO, Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), and other regional leaders provided an overview on planning and expected impacts related to FIFA World Cup 2026 activities.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The board will meet on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025.

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Councilmember Conrad Lee, President  
Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Puget Sound Regional Council

## **ATTACHMENT**

- A. EDD Member Attendance for the June 4, 2025, Meeting

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board						
Voting Members			Voting Members			
<b>King County</b>	2	EXEC Shannon Braddock	<b>Ports</b>			
		Vacant Alt	Port of Bremerton	1	COM Axel Strakeljahn*	1
		Ashton Allison Alt			COM Cary Bozeman Alt	
		CM Reagan Dunn	Port of Everett	1	COM David Simpson	1
		Vacant Alt			COM Glen Bachman Alt	
		Cody Eccles Alt	Port of Seattle	1	COM Ryan Calkins	
Seattle	2	CM Alexis Mercedes Rinck			Vacant Alt	
		CM Cathy Moore Alt			Annie Tran Alt	1
		Vacant Alt	Port of Tacoma	1	COM Deanna Keller	1
		MYR Bruce Harrell			COM Kristin Ang Alt	
		Vacant Alt	<b>Commerce</b>			
		Markham McIntyre Alt	WA Dept. of Commerce	1	Grace Yoo	1
Bellevue	1	CM Conrad Lee*			Keith Swenson Alt	
		MYR Lynne Robinson Alt	Chambers of Commerce	1	Andrea Reay, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce*	1
		Corbin Hart Alt			Vacant Alt	
Cities/Towns	2	MYR Dana Ralph, Kent	<b>Economic Development</b>			
		CM Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	EDC - Seattle & King	1	Rachel Smith	
		CM James Alberson, Renton Alt			Lynnette Buffington Alt	1
		CM Tracy Taylor-Turner, Auburn Alt	1 KEDA - Kitsap	1	Joe Morrison	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Oran Root			James Davis Alt	
		COM Katie Walters Alt	1 EASC - Snohomish	1	Ray Stephanson	
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler			Daniel Tappana Alt	1
		CP Eric Younger Alt	EDB - Tacoma & Pierce	1	Michael Catsi	1
Cities/Towns	1	CM Ed Stern, Poulsbo*			Sarah Bonds Alt	
		CM John Morrissey, Port Orchard Alt	<b>Workforce Development Councils</b>			
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Dave Morell*	1 WDC - Olympic	1	William Dowling	
		CM Bryan Yambe Alt	WDC - Sea-King		Marie Kurose Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	<b>Organized Labor</b>			
		CM Kiara Daniels Alt	WSLC	1	April Sims, WSLC President	
Cities/Towns	1	Mayor Jason Whalen, Lakewood			Chelsea Mason-Placek Alt	1
		Mayor Dave Olson, Edgewood Alt	<b>Presidential Appointments</b>			
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Jared Mead			Brian Surratt, President & CEO, GSP*	
		CM Megan Dunn Alt			Rebecca Lovell, COO, GSP Alt	
Everett	1	CM Paula Rhyne			Tom Florino, Amazon*	
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			Michael Greer, President & CEO, ArtsFund	
		Dan Eernisse Alt	1			
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jason Moon, Mukilteo	1			
		CM Erin Murray, Mountlake Terrace Alt	<b>Non-voting Members</b>			
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>			PSRC President, Ex-Officio		Bob Drewel	
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Vacant	PSRC President		EXEC Dave Somers	
		Vacant Alt	Navy Region NW		Bill Bulis, Executive Director	
Suquamish Tribe	1	CHR Leonard Forsman			Russell Byrd, CPLO Alt	1
		CM Jay Mills Alt				
			<b>Abbreviations</b>			
			CM Councilmember		* Executive Committee	
<b>Voting</b>	32	(Quorum = 14) Quorum Total	21	COM Commissioner	1 = Voting Member for Meeting	
				CHR Chair		



## Puget Sound Regional Council

September 3, 2025

### CONSENT AGENDA

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

**Subject:** **Approve Vouchers dated May 1, 2025 through August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$156.00**

### IN BRIEF

PSRC vouchers are reviewed by the Operations Committee and approved by the Executive Board. To comply fully with RCW 42.24.080, vouchers for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) should be approved by the EDD Board as well.

### DISCUSSION

The EDD Board should approve the following vouchers:

Approved Vouchers dated May 1, 2025 through August 15, 2025 in the amount of			
<b>\$156.00</b>			
<b>REQUESTED</b>			
<b><u>WARRANT DATE</u></b>	<b><u>VOUCHER NUMBER</u></b>		<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
7/31/2025	PR 01154		\$ 78.00
7/31/2025	PR 01155		\$ 78.00
			\$ 156.00

For more information, contact Andrew Werfelmann, Budget Manager, at 206-971-3292, or [awerfelmann@psrc.org](mailto:awerfelmann@psrc.org).

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. A/P Check Batches


Date: September 3, 2025

A/P Check Batches		
Dated	Check Numbers	Amount
05/01/25 – 08/15/25		\$ 0.00
Payroll Checks	PR01154, PR01155	\$ 156.00
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$156.00</u>

Payment Certification RCW(42.24.080)

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, the labor performed as described, or that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claim(s) is(are) just, due and unpaid obligations against the above-named governmental unit, that we are authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim(s).

**Authorized District Signature(s) for Payment Claims (Auditing Officer(s) or Board Member(s)):**

 Authorized District Signature	08/14/25 Date	_____ Authorized District Signature	_____ Date
_____ Authorized District Signature		_____ Authorized District Signature	_____ Date

## Check Summary Report

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Check

Number	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
PR01154	7/31/2025	Katie Enders	Per Diem for Tacoma Conference	78.00
PR01155	7/31/2025	Jason Thibedeau	Per Diem for Tacoma Conference	78.00
<b>Total</b>				156.00



## Puget Sound Regional Council

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### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board  
**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager  
**Subject:** **Legislative Update**

### **IN BRIEF**

PSRC staff will provide a federal and state legislative update and brief the Economic Development District Board on the process to adopt recommendations to the 2026 Washington State Legislature.

### **DISCUSSION**

PSRC staff have begun work to develop recommendations to the Washington State Legislature in advance of the 2026 legislative session. On an annual basis, PSRC's Executive Board adopts recommendations to the Legislature to support progress on adopted regional plans and policies. Staff gather input from the Economic Development District Board, Growth Management Policy Board, and Transportation Policy Board throughout the fall before the Executive Board adopts the legislative agenda at its December meeting.

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



## Puget Sound Regional Council

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### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board  
**From:** Craig Helmann, Director of Data  
**Subject:** **Puget Sound Regional Data Trends**

### **IN BRIEF**

At the September EDD Board meeting, PSRC staff will provide a background presentation on the latest data trends in the central Puget Sound region.

### **DISCUSSION**

As part of the long-range performance-based planning process and the region's Regional Economic Strategy (RES) update, PSRC is involved in an ongoing effort to track a variety of regional demographic, economic and transportation trends across the region. PSRC staff will lead a discussion on several trends that highlight how the region continues to change post-pandemic.

The data includes the latest population growth from the Office of Financial Management, and changes in jobs and housing within the region along with changes in vehicle and transit usage. The discussion will include an overview of economic trends and updated data resources available to members and the public. The data will be used to inform the updated Regional Profile in the RES update.

For additional information, please contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at [chelmann@psrc.org](mailto:chelmann@psrc.org) or 206-389-2889.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

September 3, 2025

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board  
**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager  
**Subject:** **Regional Economic Strategy Update**

### **IN BRIEF**

PSRC staff will discuss the development of the Regional Economic Strategy update, including outreach efforts to date and the draft regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (EDD) is responsible for updating the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) every five years. The CEDS is designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resilience of a region, building off other regional planning efforts. The CEDS is required to include a summary background of the region's economic conditions, a SWOT analysis and a set of strategies to address the identified challenges and opportunities.

Implementation of the CEDS is accomplished by a broad set of regional stakeholders, highlighting important ongoing economic development programs and initiatives as well as identifying new opportunities for implementation. Adoption of a regional CEDS enables local jurisdictions and eligible organizations to qualify for funding under U.S. Economic Development Administration programs.

The EDD Board adopted the current CEDS, referred to locally as the Regional Economic Strategy, at its December 2021 meeting. The strategy covers the period from 2022-2026. The EDD is required to adopt an updated 5-year CEDS by the end of 2026.

The Regional Economic Strategy is being updated through a two-phased approach. The first phase will take place in 2025 and focus on the development of a summary background of the region's economic conditions and a SWOT analysis that provides an overview of the economic challenges and opportunities facing the region. This analysis will serve as a foundational resource for the development of an implementation plan in 2026.

Staff developed an [Online Engagement Hub](#) to provide access to a draft regional SWOT analysis, which is shared with stakeholders. Staff are continuing to interview stakeholders to gather input as well as participating in other efforts to analyze the region's economy and identify strategies for implementation. Staff are using these inputs to update the regional SWOT analysis and to inform the update to the Regional Economic Strategy.

At the September meeting, staff will provide an overview of outreach efforts to date, information on other regional strategy development efforts, the draft SWOT analysis, and discuss next steps.

For more information, contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at [jthibedeau@psrc.org](mailto:jthibedeau@psrc.org) or 206-389-2879.



## Puget Sound Regional Council

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### INFORMATION ITEM

**To:** Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

**From:** Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager

**Subject:** **September 2025 Staff Report**

### DISCUSSION

#### **RES Engagement HUB Launched**

In June, PSRC launched an Engagement Hub to help support the development of an update to the Regional Economic Strategy. This resource provides access to a draft regional SWOT analysis and is shared with stakeholders to help gather input for the update. Please take a few minutes to visit the [RES Engagement Hub](#) and provide your input.

#### **Region Surpasses 4.5 Million Residents in 2025**

In July, PSRC released an analysis on recent population changes. In the spring of 2025, approximately 4,534,000 residents called the central Puget Sound region home. Between April 2024 and April 2025, the region grew by approximately 50,400 residents, marking the twelfth time in the past 25 years that the region grew by more than 50,000 residents. Read more about county and city level population changes in the [trend article](#).

#### **PSRC hosts successful National Association of Regional Councils Conference**

In June, PSRC hosted the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference in Seattle. The event provided an excellent platform to highlight the agency's work and connect with peers from across the country. The conference panel on Business, Diversity, and Community Relations offered perspectives from female leaders of three Seattle sports franchises about how local teams are engaging with and investing in communities. The panel discussing PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy was another highlight. Redmond Mayor Angela Birney provided insightful strategies on addressing the region's housing challenges and opportunities.

### **Regional Transportation Plan Outreach**

PSRC is working to update the Regional Transportation Plan, which is scheduled to be adopted in 2026. Over the coming months, PSRC will host six regional public events to connect with residents, local leaders and elected officials about transportation priorities. Each event will use food, music and interactive, multi-sensory activities to engage communities around the future of our transportation system. [Find an event near you](#) or [check out the RTP Engagement Hub](#).

### **TOOLBOX: Community Led Engagement**

On July 18, PSRC hosted a TOOLBOX session exploring community-led engagement models and equity-focused planning approaches in the central Puget Sound region. Presenters from PSRC, Uncommon Bridges, and PSRC's Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) discussed the EAC subcommittee model, upcoming approaches to traffic safety quick build projects, and potential funding opportunities for jurisdictions. The next TOOLBOX session will be held on November 7, 2025, and will explore the topic of transportation safety planning. Visit [PSRC's website](#) to view recordings from past sessions and to register for upcoming sessions.

### **Cascadia Innovation Corridor 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

The Cascadia Innovation Corridor annual conference is being held on October 28-29, 2025 in Seattle. This year's conference will chart out opportunities to continue building the Cascadia Innovation Corridor as a global hub for innovation and technology. Attendees will hear from top business executives, elected officials, and regional, national, and international experts about the region's latest advancements and how to maximize shared values and competitive advantages. PSRC staff participated in a focus group on regional innovation to help inform the conference agenda. EDD Board members are encouraged to [register to attend](#) this event.

For additional information, please contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at [jthibedeau@psrc.org](mailto:jthibedeau@psrc.org) or 206-389-2879.



# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the long-range transportation plan for the central Puget Sound region. The RTP is adopted every four years, and is designed to implement the region's growth plan, VISION 2050. The RTP meets all state and federal requirements and is based on the latest data, adopted land use assumptions, and technical tools.

## We Want to Hear From You!

Join PSRC for a public meeting to directly engage community members in how we plan and develop the blueprint for the central Puget Sound region's future transportation network as we create a new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

You can expect dinner, entertainment, and interactive ways to give your input on transportation infrastructure needs in your area.

## KING COUNTY

### MEETING #1

**Thursday, September 4, 2025  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Central Seattle Public Library  
Level 4 Rooms 1 and 2  
1000 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

[RSVP for King County](#)

### MEETING #2

**Thursday, October 23, 2025  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Tukwila Community Center  
12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA 98168

[RSVP for King County](#)



## SNOHOMISH COUNTY

### MEETING #1

Thursday, September 18, 2025

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Everett Station  
13201 Smith Ave, Everett, WA 98201

[RSVP for Snohomish County](#)

## PIERCE COUNTY

### MEETING #1

Thursday, October 2, 2025

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Pioneer Park Pavilion  
330 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371

[RSVP for Pierce County](#)

### MEETING #2

Thursday, October 16, 2025

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Point Defiance Pagoda  
5801 Trolley Ln, Tacoma, WA 98407

[RSVP for Pierce County](#)

## KITSAP COUNTY

### MEETING #1

Thursday, October 30, 2025

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Marvin Williams Recreation Center  
725 Park Ave, Bremerton, WA 98337

[RSVP for Kitsap County](#)

