



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 9:30-11:15 am

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Kelly Snyder, Snohomish County*
- 2. Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for July 17, 2025*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
- 3. Discussion Item (9:45)**
 - a. Legislative Update* – *Robin Koskey, PSRC*
- 4. Discussion Item (10:00)**
 - a. Snohomish County Little Bear Creek Advance Mitigation Project* – *Oscar Fuentes, P.E. & Clarissa Barrett, Snohomish County*
- 5. Discussion Item (10:30)**
 - a. Regional Transportation Plan Scenario Analysis Results* – *Kelly McGourty & Craig Helmann, PSRC*
- 6. Next Meeting: October 16, 2025**
- 7. Adjourn (11:15)**

*Supporting materials attached.

Zoom Remote Connection Details

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: July 17, 2025

Location: Hybrid Meeting

Presentations from the meeting are available on the PSRC website:

<https://www.psrc.org/rsc-meetings>.

Audio recording of the meeting is available by request.

Introductions and Announcements

Jason Sullivan, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Participants were asked to view the meeting attendance on the “chat” feature on Zoom, and phone-in participants were asked to identify themselves verbally. Members attending in person were instructed to use their table tent to identify themselves.

Reports

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, welcomed members. Robin Koskey, Director of Communications and Government Relations, and Alyssa Quinn, Senior Government Relations Specialist, provided an update on recent federal and state activity and policy proposals.

You can view the Federal & State Policy Updates presentation [here](#).

Discussion: Statewide TOD Study

Yonah Freemark, with the Urban Institute, presented a statewide study of transit-oriented development and recommendations for transit-oriented development policies in Washington state.

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

For more information, please contact Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, at bbakkenta@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Financial Strategy and Investments

Over the last three months, the Transportation Policy Board has been briefed on the proposed investments and available revenues to be included in the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to be adopted in 2026. Proposed investments identify needs for the transportation system through 2050, including programmatic expenditures such as maintenance, preservation and operational activities as well as system

improvements and expansions. Available revenues include all currently authorized revenue sources utilized for transportation purposes, projected to 2050.

In July, the board continued discussing options for addressing the gap between the proposed investments and available revenues. These included consideration of potential new revenue sources as well as reducing the levels of investment across all categories. Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, briefed the committee on scenarios the TPB identified to move forward into modeling and analysis over the summer.

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

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Discussion: Puget Sound Regional Data Trends

To conclude, Craig Helmann, Director of Data, provided a background presentation on the latest trends in the Puget Sound region.

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

For more information, contact Craig Helmann, Director of Data, at chelmann@psrc.org.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Mikayla Svob, PSRC
 Robin Koskey, PSRC
 Josh Brown, PSRC
 Kelly McGourty, PSRC
 Alyssa Quinn, PSRC
 Craig Helmann, PSRC
 Yonah Freemark, PSRC
 Pauline Mogilevsky, Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council
 Shaun Kuo, PSRC
 Paul Inghram, PSRC
 Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
 Katie Sutherland
 Dave Catterson, JTC Staff
 Brian Lee, PSRC
 Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
 Gil Cerise, PSRC

Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Eric Alipio, PSRC
Jeff Aken, WA State Department of Commerce
Sarah Cho
Jason Thibedeau, PSRC
Prasanna Humagain, Snohomish County (spwpxh)

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. RSC Member Attendance for the July 17, 2025, Meeting

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

2.a - Att. A

| Jurisdiction | Member | Jurisdiction | Member | |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| King County | 2 Ivan Miller, King County Executive Office | 1 Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies | | |
| | McCaella Daffern, King County | FHWA | 1 Matthew Pahs, Community Planner | R |
| | Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt | | Vacant Alt | |
| | Valerie Kendall, King County Alt | 1 FTA | 1 Danielle Casey | |
| At-Large | 2 Vacant | | Vacant Alt | |
| | Kwame Simmons, Policy Advisor Alt | Health | 1 Cristina Ciupitu-Plath, Snohomish County | 1 |
| | Dan Cardwell, Local Services/Utilities, King Co | | Richard Gelb, King County Alt 1 | |
| | Susan McLain, Local Services/Subarea Planning Alt | | Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 2 | |
| Transit | 1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro | Ports | 1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs | 1 |
| | Hester Serebrin, King County Metro Alt | | Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt | R |
| Economic Dev. | 1 Amie Danielewicz, King Co Exec Office Alt | R PSCAA | 1 Jennifer Keene, Program Director | 1 |
| | Jesse Reynolds, Local Services/Econ Dev Alt | 1 | Kathy Strange, Air Quality Programs Alt | |
| Seattle | 2 Michael Hubner, OPCD | 1 Puget Sound | 1 Larry Epstein, Deputy Director | |
| | Jonathan Lewis, SDOT | R Partnership | Bebhinn Dechery Alt | |
| | Jim Holmes, OPCD Alt | Sound Transit | 1 Alex Krieg, Planning & Innovation | |
| | Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt | | Vacant Alt | |
| Bellevue | 1 Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Comm Dev | Tribal | 1 Vacant | |
| | Lacey Jane Wolfe, Alt | R Representatives | Vacant Alt | |
| | Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, Alt | US EPA | 1 Susan Sturges | |
| Cities/Towns | 3 Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Issaquah | R | Erik Peterson Alt | |
| | Eric Perry, City of Renton | R US HUD | 1 Vacant | |
| | Mark Rigos, City of North Bend | R | Vacant Alt | |
| | John Vicente, City of Kenmore, Alt | WA Dept. of | 1 Grace Yoo | |
| | Becky Frey, City of Redmond, Alt | R Commerce | Keith Swenson | |
| | Rhonda Ender, City of Carnation, Alt | R WSDOT | 1 April Delchamps, WSDOT | R |
| Kitsap County | 1 Rafe Wysham, Kitsap County | R | Matthew Kenna, WSDOT Alt | |
| | Scott Diener, Alt | R PSRC Committees | | |
| At-Large | 1 Heather Wright, Planning Director | PSRC Co-Chair | 1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning | 1 |
| | Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt | RPEC | 1 Doug McCormick, RPEC Chair | |
| Transit | 1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit | | Shane Weber, RPEC Vice Chair | |
| | Vacant Alt | R = Remote attendance | | |
| Economic Dev. | 1 Joe Morrison, KEDA | | | |
| | Vacant Alt | | | |
| Bremerton | 1 Andrea Spencer, Community Dev, Co-Chair | | | |
| | Garrett Jackson, Planning Manager, Alt | | | |
| Cities/Towns | 1 Nick Bond, Comm Development, Port Orchard | R | | |
| | Patty Charnas, Bainbridge Island Alt | | | |
| Pierce County | 1 Mike Galizio, Multimodal Transportation Supervisor | R | | |
| | Alon Bassok, PPW Long Range Planning Manager, Alt | | | |
| At-Large | 2 Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning | R | | |
| | Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Planning, Co-Chair | 1 | | |
| | Ryan Windish, Sumner, Alt | | | |
| | Angelie Stahlnecker, Milton, Alt | | | |
| Transit | 1 Andrew Arnes, Pierce Transit | | | |
| | Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit, Alt | R | | |
| Economic Dev | 1 Rob Allen, Economic Development | R | | |
| | Vacant Alt | | | |
| Tacoma | 1 Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager | R | | |
| | Steve Atkinson, Principal Planner Alt | | | |
| Cities/Towns | 1 Kendall Wals, Puyallup | R | | |
| | Chris Larson, Fife, Alt | | | |
| Snohomish County | 1 Mike McCrary, PDS Director | R | | |
| | David Killingstad, Planning & Development | | | |
| At-Large | 2 Kelly Snyder, Director, Co-Chair | | | |
| | Ken Klein, Executive Director | | | |
| | Jay Larson, Public Works Supervisor, Alt | | | |
| | Joshua Dugan, Exec Operations Officer, Alt | | | |
| Transit | 1 Melissa Cauley, Community Transit | | | |
| | Sabina Araya, Everett Transit Alt | | | |
| Economic Dev | 1 Mike Fong, Economic Dev | | | |
| | Vacant Alt | | | |
| Everett | 1 Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning Director | 1 | | |
| | Alice Ann Wetzel, Long Range Planning Mgr | 1 | | |
| Cities/Towns | 1 Russ Wright, Lake Stevens, Comm Dev. Director | R | | |
| | Karl Almgren, Lynnwood, Alt | | | |
| Total Members | 45 | Attended | 33 | |



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee
From: Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications
Subject: **Legislative Update**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff will provide a federal and state legislative update and brief the Regional Staff Committee on the fall 2025 process to adopt legislative recommendations to the 2026 Washington State Legislature.

BOARD CALENDAR

These topics will be a standing item on the Transportation Policy Board, Growth Management Policy Board, and Executive Board agendas through the end of the year.

DISCUSSION

PSRC staff will provide information about Federal legislative and policy activity relevant to PSRC and its membership. PSRC has also 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 or 206-798-4462.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Oscar Fuentes, P.E., Public Works Design Supervisor

Subject: Snohomish County Little Bear Creek Advance Mitigation Project

IN BRIEF

Snohomish County Public Work's Little Bear Creek Advance Mitigation (LBCAM) project establishes an innovative advance mitigation site that restores habitat, improves water quality, and provides long-term environmental benefits, while streamlining future transportation projects to support the visions adopted in the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan including the transportation element and aligns with the county's environmental and sustainability goals. The project recently received a PSRC VISION 2050 Award from Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). Additional information on the project is available at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/4032>.

BOARD CALENDAR

This topic is for committee member information and is not at this time scheduled for a PSRC board presentation.

DISCUSSION

The LBCAM site, located near Maltby, has and will continue to restore wetlands and riparian habitat, enhance fish passage, and improve water quality along Little Bear Creek, a critical salmon-bearing stream.

By developing mitigation in advance of transportation projects, Snohomish County Public Works (SCPW) will reduce permitting timelines and costs for future capital projects, while ensuring high-quality ecological outcomes. This site is projected to save taxpayers more than \$30 million in mitigation fees over time. The LBCAM site also demonstrates a proactive approach that aligns infrastructure development with regional

environmental and sustainability goals.

PSRC's VISION 2050 Awards recognize outstanding efforts to implement the region's growth management, environmental stewardship, and sustainability strategy. The LBCAM project was recognized for its innovation, replicability, and long-term benefits to people, wildlife, and infrastructure. In addition, the project received two APWA awards.

NEXT STEPS

SCPW will continue monitoring the site to ensure long-term ecological success. The model may serve as a template for future advance mitigation projects across the region.

For additional information, please contact Fuentes, Oscar, P.E., Public Works Design Supervisor, at oscar.fuentes@snoco.org or Barrett, Clarissa, Public Works Environmental Services Supervisor, at clarissa.barrett@snoco.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Regional Staff Committee

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Regional Transportation Plan Scenario Analysis Results**

IN BRIEF

For the past several months, the Transportation Policy Board has been reviewing proposed investments and available revenues to be included in the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to be adopted in 2026. Proposed investments are planned and identified needs for the transportation system through 2050, including programmatic expenditures such as maintenance, preservation and operational activities as well as system improvements and expansions. Available revenues include all currently authorized revenue sources utilized for transportation purposes, forecast to 2050.

In July, the board discussed distinct scenarios to address the gap between the proposed investments and available revenues. These include consideration of potential new revenue sources as well as reducing the levels of investment across all categories. The board directed staff to advance four scenarios into modeling and analysis over the summer. At the September RSC meeting, staff will review the details and key performance results of the four scenarios, as well as initial board reactions and comments when presented this information at their September 11 meeting.

BOARD CALENDAR

This topic will be a standing item on the Transportation Policy Board and Executive Board agendas through the end of the year. The Transportation Policy Board is scheduled to make a recommendation on a preferred plan scenario at their October meeting.

DISCUSSION

Over the last several months, the Transportation Policy Board has discussed proposed investments submitted for inclusion in the RTP, derived from updated local, regional and state planning efforts. These investments span the categories of major regional capacity projects; a wide variety of other, more localized programmatic system improvements; and maintenance, preservation and operational needs. The board and RSC members have also been briefed on the currently authorized revenue sources available through 2050, and the resulting 21% gap in funding to meet all identified needs.

To address this funding gap and develop a financially constrained plan, board discussions have indicated a preference to pursue a balanced approach between lower levels of proposed investments and pursuing some level of new revenues. In July, the board held a robust discussion of various options within each investment category and directed staff to move four distinct scenarios into modeling and analysis. Three of these scenarios were developed by staff for board consideration and discussed in July; the fourth scenario was developed at the direction of the board based on polling results and comments at the July meeting.

At the September 11 TPB meeting, staff will review the details and key performance results of the four scenarios. These results will be summarized within the context of the policy priorities identified by the board early in the plan development process, which included safety, climate, equity, transit and accessibility, maintenance and preservation, mobility, and congestion.

Supporting Information

Details of the scenarios are provided on [PSRC's website](#). This includes the following information for each scenario:

- A summary overview of the levels of investment within each category included in the scenario and the amount of new revenues required
- A list of the regional capacity projects included in the scenario, including each project's plan consistency grade
- A list of the regional capacity projects *excluded* from the scenario, including each project's plan consistency grade
- A map of the regional capacity projects
- Key performance metrics

While the details of what is included in each scenario are provided at the link above, summary comparisons of the four scenarios are included in Attachments A and B. These include:

- Attachment A – summary comparison of performance metrics across scenarios

- Attachment B – summary of scope elements and plan consistency grades reflected in the regional capacity projects across scenarios

Staff will walk through the details within each scenario and the performance results at the September 11 meeting. PSRC staff will review board reactions and comments with the RSC at the September 18 meeting. Additional discussion will occur in October, at which time the board will be asked to take action on a final investment and funding portfolio to develop the draft plan. Depending on the scenario selected, in October and November the board will also discuss additional details and specificity on the financial strategy, including potential new revenue sources and action items for the plan.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Summary Comparison of Scenarios
- B. Summary of Regional Capacity Projects - Scope Elements and Plan Consistency Grades

The following chart illustrates how each scenario compares to the others across selected performance metrics related to key policy priorities identified by the board: safety, climate, equity, transit and accessibility, maintenance and preservation, and congestion and mobility. The darker color represents the scenario(s) that performed the best for each particular metric.

| | Scenario 1 | Scenario 2a | Scenario 2b | Scenario 3 |
|---|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Metric | Percentage above today | | | |
| Regional Lane Miles | 1.4% | 2.1% | 2.1% | 2.4% |
| Transit Service Hours | 53.4% | 71.4% | 90.0% | 91.5% |
| Transit Trips | 183.7% | 191.3% | 189.9% | 188.8% |
| Walk Trips | 89.5% | 89.2% | 89.2% | 89.3% |
| Bike Trips | 59.6% | 59.2% | 59.6% | 59.6% |
| Vehicle Trips | 21.8% | 21.7% | 21.8% | 21.8% |
| Vehicle Miles Traveled | 19.3% | 19.6% | 19.7% | 19.7% |
| Hours of Delay | 59.2% | 56.3% | 55.9% | 56.3% |
| Greenhouse Gas Emissions | -83.0% | -82.8% | -82.8% | -82.8% |
| Total increase in people within 1/4 mile of High-Capacity Transit | | | | |
| Total People | 109,000 | 127,000 | 127,000 | 178,000 |
| People of Color | 219,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 303,000 |
| People with Lower Incomes | 191,000 | 222,000 | 222,000 | 267,000 |
| People with Limited English | 174,000 | 203,000 | 203,000 | 244,000 |
| People with a Disability | 170,000 | 201,000 | 201,000 | 242,000 |
| Older adults | 132,000 | 147,000 | 147,000 | 174,000 |
| Youth | 50,000 | 67,000 | 67,000 | 92,000 |
| Transit Supportive Densities and Gaps in Service | | | | |
| Gap within 1/4 mile of Local Transit | 1,408,000 | 1,324,000 | 639,000 | 639,000 |
| | (33%) | (31%) | (15%) | (15%) |
| Gap within 1/4 mile of All-Day Transit | 719,000 | 661,000 | 651,000 | 649,000 |
| | (28%) | (26%) | (25%) | (25%) |
| Gap within 1/4 mile of Frequent Transit | 298,000 | 248,000 | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| Gap within 1/4 mile of High-Capacity Transit | 412,000 | 412,000 | 412,000 | 412,000 |
| | (33%) | (33%) | (33%) | (33%) |
| Additional Metrics | | | | |
| Programmatic System Investments Above Current Plans | -4% | 9% | -4% | 37% |
| Maintenance and Preservation Investments Above Today's Levels | 0% | 10% | 20% | 20% |
| Regional Capacity Projects on the Regional High Injury Network | 26% | 55% | 55% | 63% |
| Increase in Annual Household Costs | \$0 | \$800 | \$925 | \$1,500 |

ATTACHMENT B

Summary of Regional Capacity Projects - Scope Elements and Plan Consistency Grades

Each regional capacity project submitted for inclusion into the Regional Transportation Plan includes a high level description of their scope of work. The majority of projects include multiple scope elements addressing a variety of issues and modes. Figure 1 illustrates the number of projects that contain the specific identified scope elements shown, by scenario.

Each submitted project is also evaluated against nine policy measures under the Plan Consistency Framework. These measures include Supporting Freight, Supporting Employment, Emissions, Puget Sound Land and Water, Transportation Alternatives, Travel Reliability, Support for Centers, Safety & System Security, and Community Benefits. Project sponsors respond to specific questions under each policy area in the application process. The project list for each scenario identifies the grade for each measure, as well as the total plan consistency grade of all nine combined. Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of these grades, by scenario.

Figure 1: Regional Capacity Projects Scope Elements, by Scenario

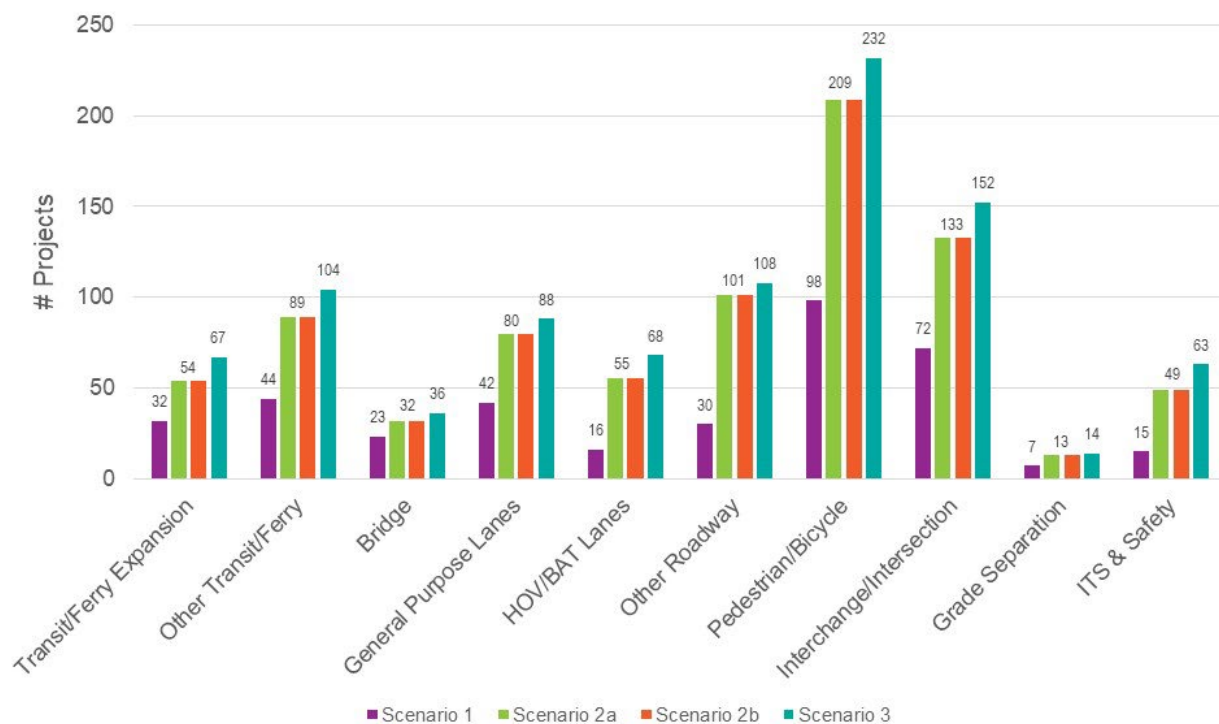


Figure 2: Regional Capacity Projects Plan Consistency Grades, by Scenario

