



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **Equity Advisory Committee | Remote Only**

**Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025 from 5:30-7:30 pm**

**Optional: Post-Meeting Q&A from 7:30-8:00 pm**

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#### **1. Welcome (5:30) – Julia Jannon-Shields & Shannon Turner, Co-Chairs**

#### **2. Reports**

- a. Meeting Summary for July 10, 2025\*
- b. EAC Member Announcements & Check In
  - [Homestead Community Land Trust](#) will be hosting “A Conversation with Stacey Abrams” at Town Hall on Saturday, September 27, at 7:30 pm.
  - [Women’s Health & Wellness 5K – The Freedom Run](#) is an opportunity for Snohomish County communities to unite in support of women’s heart health, family fitness, and community wellness on Saturday, October 4, at 9:00 am.\*
- c. Staff Announcements
- d. Policy Board Meeting Summaries\*

#### **3. Discussion Item (5:50)**

- a. GMPB and TPB Board Representatives Selection\* – *Charles Patton, PSRC*

#### **4. Discussion Item (5:55)**

- a. 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Development\* – *Gil Cerise, PSRC*

#### **5. Break (6:30)**

#### **6. Discussion Item (6:40)**

- a. 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Development Cont.\* – *Gil Cerise, PSRC*

#### **7. Discussion Item (7:05)**

- a. PSRC 2026 Recommendations to the State Legislature\* – *Robin Koskey & Alyssa Quinn, PSRC*

#### **8. Zoom Poll (7:25)**

#### **9. Next meeting: November 6, 2025**

- a. Note: The January 2026 meeting of the EAC is scheduled for the second Thursday of the month, on January 8, 2026.

#### **10. 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](mailto:finance@psrc.org) for compensation.

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### Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

**Date: July 10, 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.

Shannon Turner invited members to a grand opening for Quincy Square on July 12-13, hosted by the City of Bremerton and Downtown Bremerton Association. The celebration featured free music, family activities, food, vendors, and an opportunity to tour Quincy Square. More information is available [here](#).

#### **Staff Announcements**

Noah provided a reminder for the EAC excursion to the Japanese Exclusion Memorial on Bainbridge Island, scheduled for July 12. Charles shared that the application opened for new members to join the Equity Advisory Committee, with a deadline of August 29. He thanked members who volunteered to review applications and requested that the committee share the application with their communities. More information about the role of committee members and the application is available [here](#).

Charles and EAC representatives briefed the committee on the work of the Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board. Charles also provided a quarterly overview of upcoming topics for discussion at the EAC.

#### **Discussion Item: Federal Updates Related to DEI**

Josh Brown, PSRC Executive Director, briefed the committee on federal updates related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Questions? Contact Josh Brown, Executive Director, at [jbrown@psrc.org](mailto:jbrown@psrc.org).

#### **Discussion: Demographic Profile StoryMap**

The Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) previewed a preliminary draft of the Central Puget Sound Demographic Profile interactive StoryMap report. Staff walked the EAC through the working StoryMap, and members provided comments through smaller breakout group sessions.

In the **first breakout session**, members responded to the following questions:

- Is there any content that seems to be missing from either of these sections? Does the layout/organization make sense?
- In the Background section, do you prefer the timeline or slideshow visual options? Any preferences for the image options – Anti-Asian Backlash or Urban Renewal?
- Are there any components that you think should be removed or revised? Are there any components that you really like? Why?

Members appreciated both the timeline and sidecar format. For the historical events timeline format, members shared that it allowed users to skim through the material and focus on it more closely if interested. For the sidecar format, folks shared that it was larger, more visually appealing, and easier to read. There were also divergent perspectives on the anti-Asian image options, with some folks agreeing that the Japanese exclusion photo was the preferred option, while others wished to see more options.

In the **second breakout session**, members responded to the following questions:

- Any pieces of this section that you found particularly engaging?
- Anything we're missing/could use additional detail?
- Are the graphics clear and easy to understand? If not, any ideas on how to improve?

Members shared that all charts and maps should be accessible, with chart navigation language moved above the chart graphics and perhaps the use of a bolder font so navigation language stands out from the general chart notes. Folks remarked that all maps should have legends. Members appreciated the thoughtful graphics for racial identities and appreciated the ability to look at data for each race or ethnic group individually. Folks suggested that the term, “another racial identity” should be defined, and the Native American photo zoomed in to focus more closely on the people.

In the **third breakout session**, members responded to the following questions:

- Any suggestions for improving the web map library?
- Any additional information that would be helpful to add to the Definitions or Data Notes sections?

Members remarked that the legend labeling for the People of Color map needed correction. Folks asked for more navigational detail in the interactive map library, and for an upfront explanation of “data reliability.”

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

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](mailto:lengel@psrc.org). For additional information, please contact Carol Naito, Program Manager, at [cnaito@psrc.org](mailto:cnaito@psrc.org).

**Adjourn**

At the close of the meeting, members participated in a poll to evaluate the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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**Members Represented at the Table**

See attached attendance roster.

**PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present**

Charles Patton, PSRC  
Mikayla Svob, PSRC  
Noah Boggess, PSRC  
Lauren Engel, PSRC  
Carol Naito, PSRC  
Mary Richards, PSRC  
Eric Clute, PSRC  
Josh Brown, PSRC  
Camille Branch, PSRC

**ATTACHMENT:**

A. EAC Member Attendance for the July 10, 2025, Meeting

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September 4, 2025

### **Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Bremerton, Buckley, Everett, Fife, Poulsbo, Tacoma, Tukwila, and Woodinville**

The Growth Management Policy Board recommended the Executive Board certify the comprehensive plan updates for Bremerton, Buckley, Everett, Fife, Poulsbo, Tacoma, Tukwila, and Woodinville. [View certification video](#) and [certification presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at [pinghram@psrc.org](mailto:pinghram@psrc.org) or Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, at [lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org).

### **Recommend Conditional Certification of Comprehensive Plans for Snoqualmie and Kitsap County**

The Growth Management Policy Board recommended the Executive Board conditionally certify the comprehensive plan updates for Snoqualmie and Kitsap County. PSRC staff is working with both jurisdictions to address compliance issues and ensure progress is made within an agreed-upon schedule. View [conditional certification video](#) and [conditional certification presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at [pinghram@psrc.org](mailto:pinghram@psrc.org) or Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, at [lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org).

**Regional Centers Monitoring Update**

The board heard a brief update on the regional centers redesignation process. PSRC is accepting applications for new regional centers through the end of September.

Later this fall, the board will be asked to review new center applications and redesignate existing centers. Staff will share more information on criteria reports for existing centers and emerging policy questions at the October meeting. View [centers video](#) and [centers presentation](#).

For additional information, please contact Liz Underwood Bultmann, Principal Planner, [lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org](mailto:lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org) or Nancy Ferber, Senior Planner, [nferber@psrc.org](mailto:nferber@psrc.org).

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September 11, 2025

### ***Regional Transportation Plan Scenario Analysis Results***

Staff reviewed the details and key performance results off our proposed investment scenarios for the next Regional Transportation Plan, developed by the board in July. In October, the board will take action on a final investment and funding portfolio to move forward into the draft plan. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

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

### ***Regional Transportation Plan Development Approach and Schedule***

Staff provided the board with a schedule of remaining work through the adoption of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan. Over the next three months, staff will share key discussion topics and decision points with a proposal for a new format to make it more user-friendly. A draft plan will be released for public comment in December 2025, with the final adoption of the plan in May 2026. [View video](#) and [presentation](#).

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

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October 2, 2025

### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Equity Advisory Committee

**From:** Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives

**Subject:** **GMPB and TPB Board Representatives Selection**

### IN BRIEF

During its meeting on October 2, 2025, Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) members will learn about the roles and responsibilities of Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) representatives and alternates. Members will also learn about how they will select the EAC representatives and alternates for these boards.

### DISCUSSION

During its meeting on October 2, 2025, EAC members will learn about the roles and responsibilities of Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB) representatives and alternates. The current representatives and alternates are:

- Michelle Stewart - GMPB representative
- Thanh Nguyen - GMPB alternate
- Shannon Turner - TPB representative
- Julius Moss - TPB alternate

Members will also learn about how they will select EAC representatives and alternates for these boards. Additionally, members will be asked about their interest in serving a one-year term as a board representative or alternate. Responsibilities for the position include:



- Share the views of the EAC during monthly GMPB / TPB board meetings (staff will share notes from previous EAC meetings to provide a sense of how the committee feels about a topic, when relevant)
- Provide short meeting summaries to the EAC (staff will assist with this summary presentation)

Members who express interest in this position will be selected by the EAC via an anonymous poll during the November 6 meeting. Below please find the rules for the selection process:

- The member who receives the most votes will get to choose which board they would like to serve as a representative for
- The member who receives the second most votes will serve as a representative on the other board
- Third most votes, gets to choose which board they would like to serve as an alternate for
- Fourth most, serves as an alternate for the other board

**Representatives and alternates will be compensated \$125 per meeting if they are not already compensated by their employer to attend meetings covering similar topics. Current representatives and alternates can reapply for the position.**

## **NEXT STEPS**

The election will be held during the November 6, 2025 EAC meeting using an online polling platform.

For additional information, please contact Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives, at [cpatton@psrc.org](mailto:cpatton@psrc.org).



## Puget Sound Regional Council

October 2, 2025

### DISCUSSION ITEM

**To:** Equity Advisory Committee  
**From:** Gil Cerise, Program Manager  
**Subject:** **2026 Regional Transportation Plan Development**

### IN BRIEF

At the October 2nd meeting, the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) will be briefed on the schedule, work program, and progress to-date developing the next long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The briefing will focus on topics of particular interest to the committee, including the plan scenarios under consideration and developing a more accessible draft plan document.

### DISCUSSION

Since the committee's last briefing on this project, PSRC have continued work to develop the next RTP as follows:

- Development and publication of a [Current Transportation System Report](#).
- Solicitation of all proposed investments out to 2050 across the region, including future transit services, major projects, maintenance and other needs.
- Plan scenarios developed for analysis in coordination with the Transportation Policy Board.
- Public outreach, including an online [RTP Engagement Hub](#), tabling at community events and outreach to people with accessibility and mobility needs.
- Organization of six regional public meetings being held in September and October to receive feedback on transportation priorities and the draft plan scenarios. More information on the regional public meetings is found on the [RTP Engagement Hub](#).
- Developing a regional transit access assessment for both the current and proposed future system identifying needs and gaps.

PSRC staff will provide an update on the work conducted to date, including information on four RTP scenarios under consideration and other key plan topics being discussed by the Transportation Policy Board that will lead to development of the draft plan. A review of the RTP schedule and upcoming public engagement opportunities will also be provided.

The committee will be asked to provide feedback on the following questions, which PSRC staff will share with the board at its October meeting:

1. Which of the four scenarios do you prefer, and why?
2. Do you have suggestions for PSRC on how to make the plan more accessible and reader-friendly?

### **NEXT STEPS**

The agency is continuing to engage the Transportation Policy Board on RTP development that will result in release of a draft plan in December 2025. The EAC will receive another update on this project in early 2026.

For more information please contact Gil Cerise at 206-971-3053 or [gcerise@psrc.org](mailto:gcerise@psrc.org), or Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at 206-971-3601 or [kmcgourty@psrc.org](mailto:kmcgourty@psrc.org).



## Puget Sound Regional Council

October 2, 2025

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

**To:** Equity Advisory Committee

**From:** Robin Koskey, Director, Government Relations & Communications

**Subject:** **PSRC 2026 Recommendations to the State Legislature**

### **IN BRIEF**

PSRC staff will brief the Equity Advisory Committee on the process to adopt recommendations to the 2026 Washington State Legislature and ask the committee for feedback.

### **DISCUSSION**

PSRC is developing recommendations to the Washington State Legislature in advance of the 2026 legislative session. On an annual basis, the Executive Board adopts recommendations to the Legislature to support progress on adopted regional plans and policies.

PSRC staff propose following a similar framework to the recommendations adopted last year (2025 Recommendations to the State Legislature attached) based on adopted regional plans policies in the following focus areas:

- Transportation - Keep the Region Moving
- Housing - Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
- Climate - Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Economic Development – Sustain a Strong Economy

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff gather input from the Economic Development District Board, Growth Management

Policy Board, Transportation Policy Board, Regional Staff Committee and the Equity Advisory Committee throughout the fall before the Executive Board reviews and adopts the legislative agenda at its December meeting.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What are your suggestions as we develop the 2026 set of recommendations to the State Legislature?
- What emerging issues are you or your networks working on in advance of the 2026 state legislative session?

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. 2025 Recommendations to the State Legislature

# Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature



Puget Sound Regional Council

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) supports adoption of state legislation that advances solutions to achieve a thriving, racially equitable and sustainable Puget Sound region through leadership, visionary planning, and collaboration.

## Keep the Region Moving Safely

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan lay out a foundation for completing regional transportation investments and future work to strengthen connections to and between the region's centers. PSRC is drafting a Regional Safety Action plan to help address the troubling increase in deaths and serious injuries on our roadways and to support the Washington State Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Target Zero. We urge transportation policies and investments prioritizing a Safe Systems Approach to eliminate or reduce the severity of crashes in our communities. PSRC supports:

- Sustaining the transportation investments made with Move Ahead Washington and the Climate Commitment Act and exploring stable new revenue sources to address declines in existing revenue, ensure projects of regional significance are built and fully fund maintenance and preservation.
- Developing an equitable road usage charge (RUC) system through the work of the Washington State Transportation Commission to generate necessary revenue to eventually replace the gas tax, fund the state's long-term transportation needs, including multimodal connections, and introduce revenue flexibility.
- Funding and policies to restore, improve and modernize the Washington State Ferries system to ensure reliable cross-sound service and reduce environmental impact.

## Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy identifies strategies to expand housing options, create greater affordability and promote fair and equal housing access to address the housing affordability crisis in our state. The PSRC region needs to build 620,000 more homes by 2044 and 50% of these homes need to be affordable to people earning less than half of the Area Median Income. Action is needed to address racially discriminatory housing policies and increase homeownership for Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) households.

To help address urgent housing needs in our state, PSRC supports creating a **housing research center** at the University of Washington to provide timely analysis and data driven research to help guide policymakers to adopt bold strategies to create more affordable homes.



PSRC also supports legislation and funding in three action areas:

- **Supply:** Build more housing of different types as soon as possible.
- **Stability:** Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs.
- **Subsidy:** Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve housing for very low-income households and unhoused residents.

### Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan outline how state, regional and local partners can act in coordination to reduce emissions in the region and prepare for climate impacts. PSRC supports state legislation to respond to the urgent environmental, health, economic and equity threat of climate change through:

- Transit-focused land use.
- Multimodal transportation choices.
- Pricing the transportation system.
- Decarbonization of the transportation system, including improvements to freight and passenger vehicles and fuels.

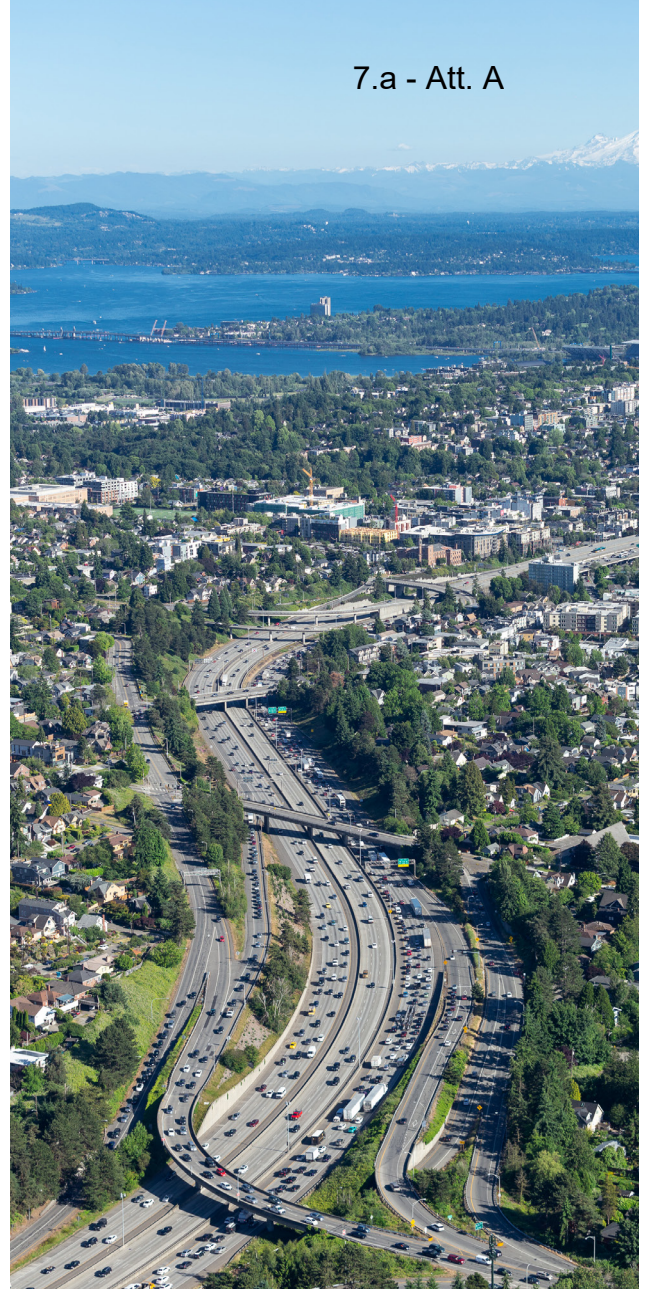
### Sustain a Strong Economy

VISION 2050 and the Regional Economic Strategy plan for economic growth and opportunity that creates widespread prosperity and living-wage jobs to help sustain the region's economy. PSRC supports continued investments in:

- Workforce development programs to meet the needs of employers and a growing economy, including electrification of the transportation system.
- Critical infrastructure to support economic development, including broadband.
- Clean energy industry technology like Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), offshore wind, fusion, hydrogen and other emerging technologies.

For more information, please contact:

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 206-798-4462



Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) develops policies and coordinates decisions about regional growth, transportation and economic development planning within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. PSRC is composed of nearly 100 members, including the four counties, cities and towns, ports, state and local transportation agencies and Tribal governments within the region.