

PSRC 2026 Recommendations to the Washington State Legislature

Growth Management Policy Board

October 2, 2025



Puget Sound Regional Council



We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

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Federal Shutdown

- Government shutdown
- [How the Shutdown Is Affecting Federal Services and Workers \(NY Times\)](#)
- [H&K Government Shutdown Advisory](#)



Federal Updates



- DC Visit

Thank you, Executive Somers, Executive Mello and staffs!

- Continuum of Care reductions

[Trump admin looks at deep cuts to homeless housing program](#) (Politico)



State Revenue Forecast



- FY 25-27 revenues down \$412m
- FY 27-29 revenues down \$477m
- \$903m total decrease or 6%

Factors:

- Lower sales tax for retail & construction
- Lower State Agency Revenues
- Lower REET

[Economic & Revenue Forecast](#)
[Sept 23, 2025](#)

[‘All bad news’: WA tax receipts expected to slide further](#)
(WA State Standard)



Process 2026 Recommendations to Legislature

July 2025

EAC Background

September 2025

Review Recommendations with Economic Development District & Executive Board

October 2025

Review Recommendations with Growth Management Policy Board, Equity Advisory Committee & Transportation Policy Board

November 2025

Review & Recommendation by Executive Committee

December 2025

Proposed Executive Board Adoption



Recommendations to the 2025 State Legislature

- Keep the Region Moving
- Increase Housing Choices and Affordability
- Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Sustain a Strong Economy



Keep the Region Moving



- Prioritize Safety
- Transportation investments
 - Stable revenue
 - Build projects of regional significance
 - Adequately fund maintenance and preservation
- Road Usage Charge
- Ferry funding



Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

- Supply
- Stability
- Subsidy
- Housing Futures Center



Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions



- Reduce Emissions
- Prepare for Climate Impacts



Sustain a Strong Economy

- Workforce development
- Critical infrastructure
- Clean energy industry technology





Thank You!

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