for promoting a livable region by helping to implement VISION 2040, the regional growth management, economic and transportation strategy
“Edmonds has envisioned a transit supportive urban district with affordable housing with this plan,” said Josh Brown, Executive Director of PSRC, “and backed it up with changes to regulations and planned action.”

The Edmonds Highway 99 Subarea Plan seeks to increase housing and jobs along SR 99 and identifies transportation improvements to support these changes. It uses a community vision to make long-term improvements to land use and transportation, while also retaining the positive characteristics of many parts of the corridor. The plan uses a planned action EIS to reduce the overall costs for project developers with the goal of lowering final housing costs and to attract growth to the corridor.
HONORING. Mercy Othello Plaza

SPONSORED BY. Mercy Housing Northwest and Sound Transit


Mercy Othello Plaza provides 108 energy-efficient affordable housing units for individuals and families earning $18,000 to $55,000 a year. Sixty percent of the apartments offer two or three bedrooms to accommodate families. The building includes a 2,000 square foot community center for resident services and 7,500 square feet of office space for Mercy Housing Northwest headquarters. The development opened in Summer 2017.

“Mercy Othello Plaza is a mixed-use transit-oriented development with affordable housing for families on the site of the Othello Link light rail station with onsite social services provided in partnership with UW Bothell Nursing and several other community organizations,” said Josh Brown, Executive Director of PSRC. “What a great combination of amenities for the residents of Othello Plaza and the surrounding neighborhood.”

Sound Transit Chair Dave Somers, PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown, and Mercy Housing Northwest’s President Bill Rumpf.
“The new transit center and base were built with sustainability in mind,” said Josh Brown, Executive Director of PSRC, “bioretention cells treat stormwater runoff, mature tree stands and Dogfish Creek were protected, and the site connects to a transit-oriented development.”
HONORING. Passenger-Only Ferry Program

SPONSORED BY. Kitsap Transit

PARTNERING AGENCIES. Federal Transit Administration AND Washington State Dept. of Transportation

“Kitsap Transit has done the hard work to pilot and develop multi-county passenger only ferries,” said Josh Brown, Executive Director of PSRC, “they’ve overcome some technical hardships to have an excellent performance record and growth in ridership on the Bremerton route. We look forward to watching this service grow over the next few years.”

The Passenger Only Ferry Program began with high speed service connecting downtown Bremerton with downtown Seattle. Service will be expanded to Kingston and Southworth.

Josh Brown presented the awards to the Kitsap Transit Board.
HONORING. The Estelle

SPONSORED BY. Downtown Emergency Service Center

PARTNERING AGENCIES. Bellwether Housing, Harborview Medical Center, SMR Architects, Walsh Construction, King County, City of Seattle, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Washington State Dept. of Commerce, US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Bank of America, Enterprise Community Investment, AND Impact Capital

“The Estelle is a thoughtful and innovative housing project,” said Josh Brown, Executive Director of PSRC, “the DESC has worked to get at the primary barriers chronically homeless people face when trying to get off the streets by providing health care, regular meals, and a safe place to heal.”

The Estelle is a sustainably built new residence near the Mount Baker Light Rail Station designed to provide permanent supportive housing for 91 formerly chronically homeless single adults. The building includes common space for leisure, computing, and outdoor time, in addition to daily meals. Healthcare services for tenants are provided onsite thanks to a unique partnership between DESC and Harborview Medical Center.
HONORING. The Marion West

SPONSORED BY. Low Income Housing Institute AND University Food Bank

PARTNERING AGENCIES. Runberg Architecture Group, PLLC, BNBuilders, Inc., Susan Black & Associates, Youthcare, Washington State Housing Trust Fund, AND City of Seattle

Josh Brown presented the award at the Marion West.

“This partnership envisioned a community with amenities that meet the needs of struggling groups of people,” said Josh Brown, Executive Director of PSRC, “and built that facility with the right mix of apartments, community space, food security, job training and more.”

The Marion West development in Seattle’s U District provides housing and job training for formerly homeless young adults, workforce housing for people making 40 to 60 percent of the area median income, and a food bank that is growing fresh produce on the roof.
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