



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Staff Committee | Remote Only

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 9:30-11:30 am

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (9:30)** – *Barb Mock, Snohomish County, Co-Chair*
- 2. Reports (9:35)**
 - a. Meeting Summary for November 5, 2020*
 - b. PSRC Announcements and Updates
- 3. Discussion Item (9:45)**
 - a. Draft School Siting Briefing Paper and Next Steps* – *Ben Kahn and Paul Inghram, PSRC*
- 4. Discussion Item (10:15)**
 - a. Draft Growth Target Guidance* – *Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC*
- 5. Discussion Item (10:30)**
 - a. Puget Sound Recovery* – *Stephanie Suter, Puget Sound Partnership & Erika Harris, PSRC*
- 6. Information Item**
 - a. 2020 Transit Integration Report* – *Gil Cerise & Maggie Moore, PSRC*
- 7. Next Meeting: February 18, 2020**
- 8. Adjourn (11:30)**

*Supporting materials attached.

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Regional Staff Committee Meeting Summary

Date: November 5, 2020

Location: Remote Only

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

Andrea Spencer, 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.

Reports

Co-Chair Andrea Spencer welcomed the committee members and explained that PSRC staff would provide short updates on upcoming policy and Executive Board meetings and review the status of ongoing projects in the work program.

Discussion: Regional Housing Needs Assessment – Current and Future Housing Needs

Committee members were briefed on current and future housing needs and next steps in the development of the Regional Housing Strategy. Housing access and affordability are key policy areas in [VISION 2050](#), the region’s long range plan for growth. VISION 2050 calls for the region to better assess and address housing needs through a coordinated regional housing strategy and a regional housing needs assessment.

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

For more information, please contact Laura Benjamin, Senior Planner, at lbenjamin@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Outreach

PSRC staff provided a report on plans for conducting outreach for the development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan.

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

For more information contact Gil Cerise, Program Manager, at gcerise@psrc.org, or Maggie Moore, Associate Planner, mmoore@psrc.org.

Discussion: VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy – Growth Target Guidance

PSRC staff will provide a project update on development of draft growth target guidance, which will be available for committee review later this year.

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

For more information, please contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, at lunderwood-bultmann@psrc.org.

Discussion: Around the Room Highlights

Members shared highlights from their jurisdictions, including an open position with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for a Health Promotion Coordinator II, and information regarding a WSDOT partnership with King County on West Hill community/Skyway subarea planning efforts. More information about the WSDOT study can be found at <https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/sr-900-study/>.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Members and Alternates Represented at the Table

See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present

Beverly Mesa-Zendt, City of Redmond
Gil Cerise, PSRC
Brian Lee, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC

Dick McKinley
Hester Serebrin, Transportation Choices Coalition
Andrea Harris-Long, PSRC
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Erika Harris, PSRC
Katie Kuciemba Halse
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Mikayla Svob, PSRC
Andi Markley, PSRC
Jean Kim, PSRC
Kelly McGourty, PSRC
Mark Simonson, PSRC
Thara Johnson
SSTITELER
Noah Boggess, PSRC
Ben Kahn, PSRC
Charles Patton, PSRC
Hannah Banhmiller, City of Renton
Erin Hogan, PSRC
Kim Pearson, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Mary Richards, PSRC
Pavithra Parthasarathi, PSRC
Kizz Prussia, Triangle Associates

PSRC Regional Staff Committee - Attendance Roster

Jurisdiction	Member	Jurisdiction	Member
King County	2 Karen Wolf, County Executive Office	1 Federal, Regional, State, Tribal & Other Agencies	
	Sunaree Marshall, County DCHS	1 FHWA	1 Matthew Kunic, Community Planner
	Ivan Miller, County Executive Office Alt	1	Vacant Alt
	Kelly Rider, County DCHS Alt	FTA	1 Linda Gehrke, Regional Administrator
At-Large	2 Arun Sambataro, Equity & Social Justice		Ned Conroy, Community Planner Alt
	Michael Kattermann, Bothell	1 Health	1 Keri Moore, Snohomish Health Dist.
	Rebecca Maskin, Demographer Alt		Amy Pow, Tacoma/Pierce Health Alt 1
	Vacant Alt		Marianne Seifert, Tacoma/Pierce Alt 2
Transit	1 Peter Heffernan, King Co Metro Intergov Relations	1 Ports	1 Lindsay Wolpa, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
	Chris Arkills, King Co Metro Gov. Relations Alt		Deirdre Wilson, Northwest Seaport Alliance Alt
Economic Dev.	1 Ashton Allison, King Co Exec Office, Econ Dev	PSCAA	1 Craig Kenworthy, Executive Director
	Vacant Alt		Vacant Alt
Seattle	2 Michael Hubner, Long Range Planning	1 Puget Sound	1 Stephanie Suter, Planning Program Director
	Jonathan Lewis, SDOT	1 Partnership	Heather Saunders, Planning Manager Alt
	Patrice Carroll, Planning & Comm Dev Alt	Sound Transit	1 Matt Shelden, Planning & Innovation
	Joanna Valencia, SDOT Alt		Alex Krieg, Planning & Integration Alt
Bellevue	1 Nicholas Matz, AICP, Senior Planner	Tribal	1 Vacant
	Elizabeth Mountsier, Intergovernment Relations, Alt 1	Representatives	Vacant Alt
	Joyce Nichols, Intergovernment Relations, Alt 2	US EPA	1 Theogene Mbabaliye
Cities/Towns	3 Chip Vincent, Renton, Planning, Co-Chair		Vacant Alt
	Diana Hart, City of Woodinville	1 US HUD	1 Jack Peters
	Brian Davis, City of Federal Way		Vacant Alt
	Jesse Reynolds, City of North Bend, Alt	1 WA Dept. of	1 Steve Roberge
	Minnie Dhaliwal, City of Tukwila, Alt	Commerce	Dave Andersen
	Vacant Alt	WSDOT	1 Thomas Noyes, WSDOT
Kitsap County	1 Eric Baker, Policy	1	Theresa Turpin, Olympic Region
	Jeff Rimack	PSRC Committees	
At-Large	1 Karla Boughton, Planning & Econ, Poulsbo	1 PSRC Co-Chair	1 Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning
	Heather Wright, Bainbridge Island	BPAC	1 Thomas Noyes, WSDOT
Transit	1 Edward Coviello, Kitsap Transit	1	Eric Goodman, Community Transit Alt
	Vacant Alt	FAC	1 Geri Poor, Port of Seattle, Gov. Affairs
Economic Dev.	1 Vacant		Christine Wolf, Northwest Seaport All. Alt
	Vacant Alt	RPEC	1 Don Cairns, Redmond, RPEC Chair
Bremerton	1 Andrea Spencer, Comm Dev, Co-Chair		Russ Blount, Fife, RPEC Vice Chair Alt
		SNTC	1 Mark Smutny, Sound Generations Alt
Cities/Towns	1 Nick Bond, Comm Dev., Port Orchard		Vacant
	Heather Wright, Bainbridge Island	RTDM	1 Pending
Pierce County	1 Dan Cardwell, Long Range Planning		Pending
	Vacant Alt	RTOC	1 Vacant
At-Large	2 Jesse Hamashima, Transportation, Co-Chair	1	Vacant Alt
	Tiffany Speir, Lakewood, Planning	1	R = Remote attendance
	Ryan Windish, City of Sumner, Alt		
	Jason Sullivan, Bonney Lake, Plan. & Build., Alt		
Transit	1 Lindsey Sehmel, Pierce Transit	1	
	Tina Lee, Pierce Transit, Alt		
	Duane Wakan, Pierce Transit, Alt		
Economic Dev	1 Rob Allen, Economic Development		
	Vacant Alt		
Tacoma	1 Peter Huffman, Planning & Dev Svcs		
	Vacant		
Cities/Towns	1 Katie Baker, Puyallup		
	David Swindale, University Place, Plan & Dev Alt		
Snohomish County	1 Barb Mock, Planning & Dev, Co-Chair		
	Ikuno Masterson, Manager, Snoco Planning, Alt		
At-Large	2 Kelly Snyder, Director	1	
	Ken Klein, Executive Director		
	Doug McCormick, Deputy Director, Alt	1	
	Lacey Harper, Chief of Staff, Alt		
Transit	1 Roland Behee, Director of Planning		
	Sabina Araya, Manager of System Planning		
Economic Dev	1 Kendee Yamaguchi, County Exec Office		
	Vacant Alt		
Everett	1 Vacant		
	David Stalheim, Long Range Planning, Alt		
Cities/Towns	1 Shane Hope, Edmonds, Development Serv.		
	Tom Rogers, Mill Creek, Development Serv., Alt		
	Patricia Love, Stanwood, Comm Dev. Director, Alt.	1	
Total Members	51	Attended	28



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DISCUSSION ITEM

January 21, 2021

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Ben Kahn, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: Draft School Siting Briefing Paper and Next Steps

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff are developing a briefing paper to better understand local issues and priorities for school siting. Staff will provide an overview to the committee on the draft School Siting Briefing Paper, including major themes, local implementation efforts, and best practices and ask for feedback and direction on the implementation of VISION 2050 actions related to school siting (PS-Action-3 and PS-Action-4).

DISCUSSION

As the region continues to grow, new schools and classrooms will need to be built to accommodate a larger school-aged population. Where and how local jurisdictions and school districts prioritize new and expanded schools is important and influences transportation, land use patterns, and community development. Recognizing this challenge, [VISION 2050](#) includes updated policies and actions for school siting.

School Siting in VISION 2050

The Growth Management Act calls for locating urban services in urban areas and preserving the character of rural communities (RCW 36.70A.110 (4)). Consistent with this, VISION 2050 includes three policies and two actions on the topic of school siting. The policies call for collaboration among school districts and jurisdictions to site and design schools (MPP-PS-26), locating schools serving urban populations within the urban growth area (MPP-PS-27), and locating schools serving rural populations in neighboring cities and towns (MPP-PS-28). The actions call for PSRC to initiate discussions with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) on modernizing school siting standards (PS-Action-3) and to research best practices to help develop a regional approach to school siting (PS-Action-4).

Draft Briefing Paper

PSRC staff have been developing a briefing paper to capture the range of local and regional challenges, perspectives, legal context, and best practices related to school siting. The briefing paper is informed by conversations with planners and others involved in school siting decisions from the local to the state level and is intended to better direct efforts to implement PS-Action-3 and PS-Action-4. Themes from the draft briefing paper include:

- **Improved coordination leads to better outcomes** – From cities and counties to school districts, several government entities are involved in school siting decisions, each with different priorities. Few policies and laws require local governments and school districts to work together on school siting decisions. Taking advantage of the expertise and knowledge of both local governments and school districts through collaborative decision-making can lead to better outcomes for schools and their communities in the long term.
- **Siting decisions impact transportation choices** – Students who live within one mile of a school are three to five times more likely to walk or bike, but students today travel farther to school on average than in previous decades. Locating schools closer to where students live increases active transportation and in turn reduces traffic congestion, air pollution, and transportation costs for school districts and families.
- **Schools in urban areas are expensive and challenging to build** – the Regional Growth Strategy calls for substantial growth to occur within urban centers. This enables the region to accommodate anticipated growth while minimizing impacts to transportation and the environment and is a core component of VISION 2050. A consequence of this strategy is that it becomes difficult to find inexpensive land for major public facilities like schools in these areas.

Questions for the Committee

- Are there aspects of school siting not covered by the presentation that would be helpful to address in preparation for future discussions?
- How does your community coordinate with school districts on school siting decisions?
- Does your community face challenges finding sites for new schools? How can PSRC be helpful to local efforts?

Next Steps

Staff will present on findings from the draft briefing paper and ask for feedback at the upcoming 2/4 GMPB meeting. Staff are finalizing the briefing paper and will consider feedback heard here and at GMPB. PSRC will also seek feedback and direction from RSC and GMPB prior to implementing PS-Action-3 and PS-Action-4 beginning in Spring/Summer 2021.

Lead Staff

For more information, contact Ben Kahn, Assistant Planner, at 206-464-6172 or bkahn@psrc.org.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

January 21, 2021

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Draft Growth Target Guidance

IN BRIEF

Staff will provide the committee with an update on development of growth target guidance to support implementation of the VISION 2050 Regional Growth Strategy.

DISCUSSION

VISION 2050's Regional Growth Strategy provides regional guidance for the distribution of population and employment growth within the four-county central Puget Sound region. With VISION 2050 recently adopted, counties are beginning work on developing growth targets consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy.

Consistent with RGS-Action-3, PSRC has been working with the Land Use Technical Advisory Committee to develop the draft guidance for the current and upcoming growth targets work. The guidance covers data assumptions and methodology, including a common planning horizon year, overall county growth to advance jobs-housing balance, the role of the 2022 Office of Financial Management GMA projections, and translating of population allocations to housing units. The guidance also covers growth and policy factors for targets to individual jurisdictions, including common planning considerations, centers and transit-oriented development, the role of tribal and military lands, and reconciling growth targets post-adoption.

PSRC staff will provide the committee with an update on the project, and the committee will be asked to review the draft guidance.

Next Steps

PSRC staff will provide the committee with a draft guidance for review and feedback. The goal is to finalize the guidance in early 2021 to support local work on growth targets.

Lead Staff

Contact Liz Underwood-Bultmann, Principal Planner, lunderwood-Bultmann@psrc.org if you have questions.



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DISCUSSION ITEM

Date: January 21, 2021

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Erika Harris, Senior Planner, AICP

SUBJECT: **Puget Sound Recovery**

IN BRIEF

PSRC staff and representatives from the Puget Sound Partnership will present the Regional Staff Committee with information on the health of Puget Sound and PSRC's Stormwater Parks project. The committee is encouraged to share information on stormwater parks with other staff that maybe interested in learning more about stormwater parks, including funding opportunities to develop new stormwater parks.

DISCUSSION

Recovery of Puget Sound is one of the key strategies of VISION 2050, which directs collaboration among local jurisdictions and the Puget Sound Partnership to promote a coordinated approach to watershed planning and to share best practices in protecting and improving water quality (MPP-En-17-20). Stormwater pollution and changes in the hydrology of runoff patterns are among the biggest threats to Puget Sound water quality. Land use and transportation development practices have the potential to either degrade or improve water quality and hydrology.

VISION 2050 acknowledges that though beautiful from a distance, Puget Sound is in serious trouble. This video from the Washington Environmental Council (<https://wecprotects.org/my-swim-down-the-duwamish/>) shows the condition of Puget Sound waters up close and across varied landscapes that are typical for watersheds in the region. It highlights both how waters are impacted and the potential for restoration.

The Puget Sound Partnership is the state agency leading the region's collective effort to restore and protect Puget Sound. The Puget Sound Partnership brings together hundreds of partners to mobilize action around a common agenda, advance Sound investments, and advance priority actions by supporting partners. Stephanie Suter, Puget Sound Partnership's Planning Program Director, will provide the committee an overview of the State of the Sound report (<https://stateofthesound.wa.gov/>). Central Puget Sound has been making progress with many of the indicators related to land cover and development. However, other indicators, such as key species like chinook

salmon, are not improving. Stephanie will provide an overview of planning efforts for achieving the Partnership's mission of accelerating and advancing the collective effort to recover Puget Sound.

Developing stormwater parks is one innovative strategy for Puget Sound recovery that can fix legacy stormwater problems in an efficient way by both treating stormwater from a larger area and providing recreational opportunities. For example, Manchester Stormwater Park in Kitsap County doubles as a regional stormwater treatment facility and a public park.

PSRC was awarded a Puget Sound National Estuary Program grant of almost \$200,000 by Puget Sound Partnership and the Environmental Protection Agency to help catalyze the development of new stormwater parks. Initiated in fall 2020, this project will occur over the next two years.

The project will share lessons learned from already-built stormwater parks, identify opportunities for stormwater park retrofits regionwide, and provide technical assistance for the planning of up to four new stormwater parks. The findings from this work will be summarized in a guidance document on planning for stormwater parks. Jurisdictions interested in receiving technical assistance are encouraged to reach out to PSRC staff.

PSRC staff will provide an overview of this project. Information on the Stormwater Parks project and other stormwater and watershed planning resources are available at www.psrc.org/stormwater-and-watershed-planning-resources.

Next Steps

The committee is encouraged to share information on stormwater parks with public works, parks, natural resources, and other staff that maybe interested in learning more about stormwater parks. More information on funding and technical assistance opportunities will be provided this spring.

Lead Staff

Contact Erika Harris, Senior Planner, at eharris@psrc.org if you have any questions.



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INFORMATION ITEM

January 21, 2021

TO: Regional Staff Committee

FROM: Gil Cerise, Program Manager

SUBJECT: 2020 Transit Integration Report

IN BRIEF

The [2020 Transit Integration Report](https://www.psrc.org/our-work/transit-integration) highlights coordination activities that are improving service for riders and offering transportation options throughout the region. The 2020 report and those of previous years are available on PSRC's website: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/transit-integration>

DISCUSSION

At the Executive Board's direction, PSRC has prepared an annual report on transit integration since 2014.

The region has six main transit agencies: five local service providers (Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro, Kitsap Transit, and Pierce Transit) and one regional transit authority (Sound Transit). Three additional organizations provide transit or ferry services: the City of Seattle, Pierce County, and Washington State Ferries.

Ensuring effective coordination and integration among and between transit agencies is essential in avoiding customer confusion and duplicative or conflicting services. The purpose of the Transit Integration Report is to increase awareness of ongoing transit coordination activities and opportunities in the region. The 2020 Transit Integration Report acknowledges how agencies have worked together to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 and continues the focus on implementing the region's collective vision for public transportation.

The Transit Integration Report also supports RCW 35.58.2796 reporting requirements for the Washington State Department of Transportation to submit an annual report documenting transit coordination efforts in the central Puget Sound. In the spirit of integration and reducing duplication, the 2020 Transit Integration Report will function as the annual report to the transportation committees of the Legislature, as required by this law.

PSRC staff work with the Transportation Operator's Committee, the Transportation Policy Board, and the Board's Transit Caucus annually to develop the report. The Transportation Policy Board was briefed on the final report in November 2020 and asked to provide feedback on the content for the 2021 report, as well as to identify potential integration opportunities in the year ahead.

Lead Staff

For more information, contact Gil Cerise at 206-971-3053 or gcerise@psrc.org, or Maggie Moore at 206-464-6171 or mmoore@psrc.org.