

Recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature



The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) supports adoption of state legislation that provides an exceptional quality of life, opportunity for all, connected communities, a spectacular natural environment and an innovative, thriving economy in alignment with adopted regional plans.



Keep the Region Moving

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 supports:

- Sustaining the transportation investments made with Move Ahead Washington during the 2021 legislative session
- 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
- Maintain agreed upon state and local funding split decisions as agreed upon by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) workgroup

Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

PSRC's Regional Housing Strategy identifies coordinated strategies, policies, and actions 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 800,000 more homes by 2050 and 20% of these homes need to be affordable to people earning less than half of the Area Median Income. PSRC supports legislation and funding in three action areas:

- **Supply:** Build more housing of different types
- **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, economic and equity threat of climate change in alignment with the essential components of regional long-range planning:

- 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

PSRC supports state legislation to address these components to respond to the urgent environmental, economic, and equity threat of climate change.

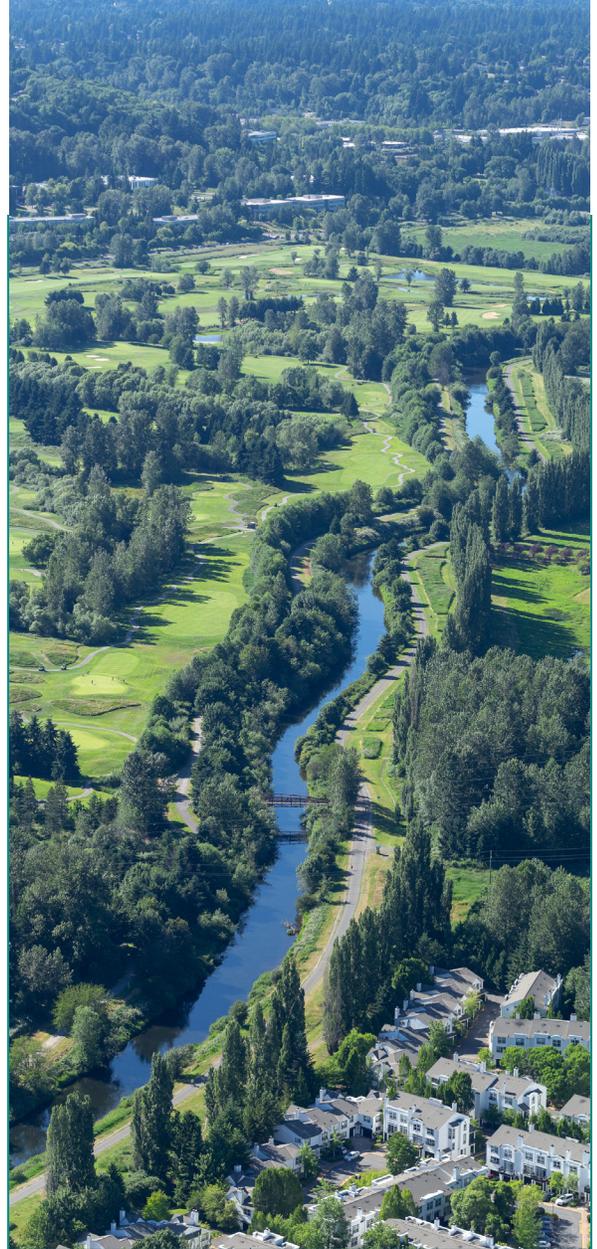
Sustain a Strong Economy

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

PSRC supports strong state engagement for a successful Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) learning visit by up to 50 senior-level government, business, policy, and economic decision-makers from across the Americas exploring economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the Puget Sound region.

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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.