



January 30, 2026

Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning
Puget Sound Regional Council
1201 3rd Ave Suite 500
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Ms. McGourty:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). On behalf of the City of Bellevue, I thank the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) for the extensive work undertaken to update the RTP. We appreciate PSRC's work to implement VISION 2050 through the updated RTP and further support Bellevue's 2024 Comprehensive Plan.

Bellevue supports the goal of the plan, which is to improve mobility throughout the region and ensure that all people equitably benefit from the region's transportation system. This goal is highly aligned with Bellevue City Council's 2024-2026 Vision and Priorities, which call for a transportation system that is "sustainable, reliable and predictable. Mode choices are abundant, clean and safe... Bellevue advances equity through transportation so that all individuals, irrespective of their backgrounds, can traverse the city safely and feel a sense of belonging."

Attached to this letter, Bellevue Intergovernmental Policy Advisor Lacey Jane Wolfe submitted a list of technical comments. In addition to those technical comments, Bellevue requests PSRC's expertise related to autonomous vehicles (AV).

Autonomous vehicles present potential benefits, but realizing them requires proactive, coordinated local leadership with clear, consistent frameworks to protect safety, sustainability, and livability. As part of the 2026 RTP Work Program, the City of Bellevue encourages PSRC to create a regional forum focused on AV regulations and emerging mobility technologies. Such a forum could bring cities together to coordinate approaches, share best practices, and advance a



unified regulatory framework, helping prevent inconsistent or preemptive policies driven solely by industry deployment.

Shared autonomous vehicles highly impact dense urban areas, and managing operational impacts will fall to local transportation jurisdictions, not state or federal agencies. Proactive regional coordination will ensure that AV adoption aligns with safety, equity, and mobility objectives while supporting local planning authority, traffic enforcement and emergency response.

PSRC is the ideal agency to host this forum, given your past work on electric vehicles and your focus on convening stakeholders and providing technical support.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments. We ask that you consider the above request and Bellevue's technical comments as you move toward RTP adoption in May.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Singelakis".

Andrew Singelakis, Director of Transportation
City of Bellevue