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Hello,

I am a resident of Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood. I am writing to provide my comments on PSRC's Draft Regional Transportation Plan. Thank you for all of your work putting together this thoughtful and relatively concise document. Overall, I want to see a greater focus on reducing VMT as a strategy to address climate, safety, and health goals. I support efforts to focus development around frequent transit networks. My detailed comments on the Draft RTP are as follows:

- P. 7: I take issue with the language of preserving "all aspects of the current and future transportation system". There are aspects of our current transportation system--such as the highways and wide urban arterials that divide neighborhoods, pollute our air, and contribute to large numbers of pedestrian injuries and fatalities--that should not be preserved in their current form. In many cases, we should think about how to redesign these assets to better serve our communities.
- P. 7: Equity should acknowledge not just universal mobility, but also address historic injustice and the disproportionate burden of traffic violence, air pollution, and law enforcement on racialized and marginalized communities.
- P. 11: Many new light rail stations (e.g. Federal Way) are located in areas that are unsafe and/or uncomfortable to walk and bike. These station areas need additional investment in sidewalks, bike lanes, and local transit to ensure we are fully leveraging the potential of our transit expansion.
- P. 11: There are plenty of folks whose workdays end after 10pm. "All Day" transit should really extend until at least midnight.
- P. 13: Need to ensure that paratransit is efficient and easy to use.
- P. 14: Hooray for passenger only ferry expansion! Those ferries need to also include bike racks, including space for cargo bikes, to help address the first/last mile issue.
- P. 15: Highways do not support all other modes. They make it more difficult to walk and bike by dividing neighborhoods and increasing the speed and volume of cars.
- P. 15: What is PSRC doing to support high speed rail?
- P. 18: Also consider the noise pollution of high speed cars/trucks and its impacts on health.
- P. 20: I need more detail to understand what this graph is showing. Is it all emissions or just transportation? Also, how are we going to shift that purple trendline from the very modest progress made 1990-2023?
- P. 22: These performance metrics are not ambitious enough. We need VMT to go down. Electric vehicles are not the answer.
- P. 24: Would love to see some more progressive revenue sources here. Could we charge more to register multiple vehicles to a single individual / household?
- P. 26: Increased air travel does not seem aligned with climate goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

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