Puget Sound Regional Council

Equity Advisory Committee

Thursday, December 3, 2026 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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1. **Welcome and Introductions (5:30)**
2. **Reports**
    a. Meeting Summary for November 5, 2026*
    b. EAC Member Announcements
    c. PSRC Staff Announcements
    d. Policy Board Meeting Summaries*
3. **Discussion Item (5:45)**
    a. Engagement with Local Government – Keshreeyaji Oswal
4. **Discussion Item (6:00)**
    a. PSRC's Project Selection Process* – Kelly McGourty, PSRC
5. **Break (6:40)**
6. **Discussion Item (6:50)**
    a. Tribal Transportation Safety Analysis* – Gary Simonson, PSRC
7. **Zoom Poll (7:25)**
8. **Next Meeting: January 7, 2026, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

The EAC regularly meets on the first Thursday of the month, from 5:30-7:30 pm, unless otherwise specified. See below for the upcoming meeting dates:

- January 7
- February 4
- March 4
- April 1
- May 6
- June 3

9. **Adjourn (7:30)**

***Supporting materials attached**

For more information, contact Mikayla Svob at msvob@psrc.org.

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Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
Date: November 5, 2026
Location: Remote Only

Presentations from the meeting are available on the Equity Advisory Committee webpage.

Welcome

Charles Patton, Program Manager – Equity Policy and Initiatives, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. He welcomed everyone and asked Mikayla to begin the roll call for attendance.

Erin Bryant-Thomas shared that the City of SeaTac is hosting a resource fair on November 6 at the SeaTac Community Center, and the King County SCOPE Team is hosting a community resource fair on November 17.

Jewel Shepard-Sampson invited members to attend the Kitsap Black Student Union showcase, “Rooted in Culture,” on November 7 at Olympic College.

Megan Espinoza shared that Villa Comunitaria is hiring an interim Executive Director.

Maria Fergus spoke highly of the Día de los Muertos event hosted by fellow EAC member, Gabriela Ituarte, and the We are Better Together Foundation.

Corey Orvold invited members to share with their networks that the Tacoma Police Department and Tacoma Ministerial Alliance will be giving away turkeys to community members at four different locations throughout November.

Staff Announcements: GMPB and TPB Representatives Selection & Policy Board Meeting Summaries

Charles shared that the GMPB and TPB members and alternates will remain in their roles for 2027, as those members were the only four who requested to represent the EAC in the coming year. The representatives and alternates are:

- Corey Orvold - GMPB representative
- Laurenne Sayles - GMPB alternate
- Autrina Martindale - TPB representative
- Jewel Shepherd-Sampson - TPB alternate

EAC board representatives and staff provided a summary of the Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Policy Board meeting actions.

Discussion Item: Census Bureau Proposed Rule
Josh Brown, Executive Director, briefed the Equity Advisory Committee on the agency's response to proposed changes to the 2030 Census, including the rationale for PSRC's approach and the potential implications for regional planning.

Questions? Contact Charles Patton, Program Manager Equity Policy & Initiatives, at cpatton@psrc.org.

Discussion Item: Inclusive and Accessible Outreach
Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, Michele Leslie, Principal Communications Manager, and Elizabeth Ralston, Accessibility Consultant, sought feedback on updates to PSRC's outreach and public engagement activities, as the agency works to meet new legal accessibility standards.

View the PSRC Inclusive Outreach Discussion (PDF) presentation and the Handout and Worksheet: Inclusive Outreach Discussion (PDF).

Questions? Contact Jason Thibedeau, Economic Development Program Manager, at jthibedeau@psrc.org, or Carol Naito, Data Applications Program Manager, at cnaito@psrc.org.

Adjourn
At the close of the meeting, members participated in a poll to evaluate the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Members Represented at the Table
See attached attendance roster.

PSRC Staff and Other Guests Present
Charles Patton, PSRC
Mikayla Svob, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Robin Koskey, PSRC
Michele Leslie, PSRC
Noah Boggess, PSRC
Elizabeth Ralston
Eva Deleon
Isabelle Heyward

ATTACHMENTS:

A. EAC Member Attendance for the November 5, 2026, Meeting
B. Equity Advisory Committee Report – Elizabeth Ralston, Accessibility Consultant

Jurisdiction	Member					
King County	Annie Tran	1				
	Debbie Lacy	1				
	Erin Bryant-Thomas	1				
	Julia Jannon-Shields	1				
	Lisa Espinosa	1				
	Megan Espinoza	1				
	Rhea Biswas	1				
	Thanh Nguyen	1				
Kitsap County	Gabriela A. Ituarte	1				
	Maria Fergus	1				
	Jewel Sheperd-Sampson	1				
	Shannon Turner					
Pierce County	Corey Orvold	1				
	Julius Moss	1				
	Keshreeyaji Oswal					
	Laurenne Sayles	1				
	Sophia Lana Castro	1				
Snohomish County	Autrina Martindale	1				
	Vivian Obah	1				
Total Members	**Attended**	**17**				

Equity Advisory Committee Report

November 20, 2026

Prepared by Elizabeth Ralston, Accessibility Consultant

On November 5, Elizabeth Ralston, Accessibility Consultant, met with the Equity Advisory Committee to facilitate a feedback session about PSRC's inclusive outreach practices. There were 22 participants (including the facilitator, two notetakers from Equity Works Accessibility Alliance, and several PSRC staff). Elizabeth gave a presentation which covered:

- PSRC's **current and planned work** in accessibility and inclusive outreach
- **Terminology** to serve as a foundation for the committee's understanding of accessibility and inclusive outreach. This included: inclusive outreach, accessibility, social model of disability, universal design, intersectionality, and ADA Title II
- **Discussion questions:**
  1. What recommendations do you have for PSRC to be **more inclusive** to people with disabilities in outreach efforts?
  2. How can PSRC's presentations be **improved**?
  3. How can PSRC more **effectively communicate** about its plans with communities?

There were three breakout groups, each facilitated by notetakers (2 from EquityWorks Accessibility Alliance and 1 PSRC staff member). Each group met for approximately 10 minutes to discuss all three questions and afterwards reported back on their feedback. All feedback notes are included on page 4-6. Snippets from these notes are included in italics to provide context to the themes outlined below.

There are five themes that emerge from these three questions:

1. Accessibility and Accommodations

Make accessibility an **intentional part** of all community engagement activities.

- Ask about accommodation needs in advance and provide multiple ways to request support.
  - *Asking up front if an accommodation is needed or be requested in the meeting.*
- Incorporate accessibility into meeting spaces, events, presentations, and virtual engagement.
  - *Having hybrid meetings can be helpful and providing options to make remote and in-person meetings available*

- Provide a variety of accommodations such as captioning, audio, Braille, ASL interpretation, language translation, etc.
- Consider physical accessibility elements when picking venues: parking, elevators, building access, and proximity to transit.

2. Use multiple modalities of presenting information

When giving presentations, use **multiple modalities** to communicate information.

- Make presentations and materials clearer and easier to understand. Use plain language and reduce jargon and complicated vocabulary.
    - *Making [presentations] more concrete, [presentations use] complicated vocabulary, [recommend to] use different vocabulary to say the same thing, presentations are sometimes too high level for community members*
    - *[Recommend using] Bullet points with key words, distill into themes of what people are saying*
    - *Sentences can be very overwhelming*
- Incorporate visuals, infographics, pictures, videos, and other interactive tools.
    - Visual aids and designs were mentioned multiple times
- Provide information in multiple languages and accessible formats.
- Use alternative communication methods to reach people with different disabilities.

3. Community Engagement and Representation

Strengthen **relationships with communities** and ensure people with diverse experiences and disabilities have opportunities to participate.

- Meet people where they are through farmers markets, community events, schools, colleges, and local organizations.
    - *Example: Having a disability day- this would bring together a large number of people from different communities*
- Partner with disability-serving organizations and community groups.
    - *Example: Lighthouse for the Blind*
- Engage older adults and other potentially underrepresented populations.
- Involve community members in planning and evaluating outreach efforts.
- Recognize that disability encompasses both apparent and non-apparent disabilities. Expand representation of people with different types of disabilities, including cognitive and communication disabilities.
    - *One thing from community health survey: on invisible disabilities, which brought up opportunities for clarification and opportunity to explore perceptions of disabilities*

4. Audience-Centered Engagement and Awareness

Tailor outreach strategies, presentations, and engagement practices to the **needs and experiences** of the intended audience.

- Understand the audience before developing presentations and communication materials.
    - *Be mindful of how people or our audience are engaging in the space (physical/facility being used) outside of the traditional presentation. Know your audience*
- Recognize that people engage and communicate in different ways.
- Establish inclusive meeting norms for both virtual and in-person participation and presentation guidelines for presenters.
    - *Thinking about how the participants arrive at meetings…We're thinking about how we feel comfortable in a meeting rather thinking about how someone may need us to show up; code of conduct around virtual meetings framing around accessibility needs; reframe camera-on as an accessibility norm, not just a social preference*
- Increase awareness of disability, intersectionality, and different accessibility needs.
    - This underscores the need for training on disability etiquette
- Ensure participants feel respected, welcomed, and comfortable when they show up and participate in events.

5. Continuous Improvement and Feedback

Build on **community feedback** to continually improve accessibility, communication, and outreach practices. The EAC is a trusted ambassador for the communities that members serve. They are a great resource to get periodic feedback on the needs of their communities.

- Continue asking participants about their experiences and accommodation needs.
- Conduct periodic surveys to understand evolving community needs.
- Evaluate the accessibility of meetings, presentations, and community events.
- Gather feedback from disability organizations and community partners.
    - *Charles's group (PSRC) is really great at asking people for feedback and if people need support*
- Increase awareness of PSRC's existing tools, resources, and educational opportunities.
    - People may not be aware that these tools exist or how to use them

Summary

Responses to these three questions indicate that PSRC should move toward a **proactive, accessible, and community-centered approach to outreach and engagement.** The way to do this would be to:

1. Strengthen PSRC's outreach and engagement practices by embedding accessibility into all activities
2. Use inclusive and multiple communication formats
3. Expand partnerships with diverse communities
4. Tailor engagement to audience needs
5. Continuously seek and incorporate community feedback

EAC committee members have emphasized the importance of ensuring that people can access information, understand it, feel represented, and meaningfully participate regardless of their abilities, language, or communication preferences.

Notes from Equity Advisory Committee

November 5, 2026

Prepared by Elizabeth Ralston, Accessibility Consultant, with help from EquityWorks Accessibility Alliance and PSRC staff

Question #1: What recommendations do you have for PSRC to be more inclusive to people with disabilities in outreach efforts?

- Asking up front if an accommodation is needed or be requested in the meeting.
- Using pronouns is helpful to identify the identity of a speaker.
- Co-design and awareness, be mindful of the different types of disabilities in planning events to ensure accessibility (e.g. parking, distance to the event, access to the building, etc.)
- Two groups not recognized within our group: people with cognitive disorders and people who don't speak well/communicate well aren't represented
- A lot of colleges have disability centers: that would be great a place to find feedback
- Explore other committees or other orgs that have accessibility and disability committees for potential members
- Lighthouse for the blind or other orgs that serve groups with disabilities
- One thing from community health survey: on invisible disabilities, which brought up opportunities for
- clarification and opportunity to explore perceptions of disabilities
- The definition of disability makes me think that it's ever-growing and expanding. It may be helpful to have an every-5-year survey to capture thoughts on definition
- Really enjoyed the intersectionality graphic; it may be helpful for people to identify with the more-than-one intersections are; that could be a good discussion and illustrate that people often come with multiple sets of needs and considerations
- Expand visual disability: sometimes people with aids don't consider themselves as having a disability or that they're developing one; suggestion to help people understand if/when they have a disability
- Making sure identifying as many disabilities as can and finding ways to communicate, braille, making sure meeting people where they are at
- Use different ways of presenting, PSRC presentations are lengthy, lot of vocabulary, what if people are unable to read, use picture, visuals, less lengthy vocabulary,
- Language access is also very important for inclusivity
- Multiple formats to meet different learning styles

Question #2: How can PSRC's presentations be improved?

- Include older adults that may have disabilities when reaching out to the communities
- Accommodation should be more intensive and intentional
- Be mindful of how people or our audience are engaging in the space (physical/facility being used) outside of the traditional presentation
- Having audio, close-captioning and providing communication access to meet other needs
- Having hybrid meetings can be helpful and providing options to make remote and in-person meetings available
- Some presenters could be more thoughtful of the audience; PSRC does a great job
- Charles's group (PSRC) is really great at asking people for feedback and if people need support about how the participants arrive at meetings; getting sad about people being off camera—someone can't read lips. We're thinking about how we feel comfortable in a meeting rather thinking about how someone may need us to show up; code of conduct around virtual meetings framing around accessibility needs; reframe camera-on as an accessibility norm, not just a social preference
- Just have a comment about if people need special accommodations to put it in an email or chat; give people an opportunity to ask; adding that into a presentation standard; Don't assume no request means no need: many in the disability community distrust institutions after past rejections
- Sending presentation slides out after mtg—PSRC already does such a great job
- Presentations very difficult to digest
- Presentations: make more concrete, vocabulary is complicated, use different vocabulary to say the same thing, presentations are sometimes too high level for community members
- Use different ways of presenting. PSRC presentations are lengthy and have a lot of vocabulary. What if people are unable to read- use picture, visuals, and less lengthy vocabulary.
- Make presentation for the audience you are speaking to--know your audience
- Visual designs important--they help people (said by multiple participants)
- Don't leave important things to end of presentation that are up for discussion, less wind up, more action
- Fewer presentations at one meeting so can digest content
- Sometimes have to look up words
- More infographics, can always be interpreted, aligned with community talking to. Can make big, clear, and represent what you want to say

- Bullet points with key words, distill into themes of what people are saying, sentences can be very overwhelming
- Sense of urgency, centered on words feel more important
- Question asked by a participant: How does someone who uses braille participate in a virtual meeting? Do they use a special kind of computer? Answer from Elizabeth: Many people who are blind/ low-vision use screen-reader software on their computer/mobile device. Braille is actually only used by a very small percentage of people who are blind/low-vision.

Question #3: How can PSRC more effectively communicate about its plans with communities?

- Use more radio or broadcast the event
- Multiple languages for different stations
- Really impressed with the community outreach at farmers markets—the in-person/physical presence of people aspect and having the visual aids made a big impact
- Maybe the group doing outreach can provide information about how to effectively use the tools PSRC uses or creates; do people know they can come to PSRC for resources or how to get educated on training? Do people know those tools exist?
- Consider a disability-focused communication; are there particular tools that could help get communications out to a larger group and can help bridge the communication gap?
- Any time speakers or guests come they should be given a one pager to speak ways they can ensure they meet accessible presentation etiquette
- Maybe having a disability day? There may be a disability month to acknowledge; maybe that's something PSRC could consider doing in the future; something that encompasses a larger group in King County that celebrates
- Visuals and video are really helpful; hopefully those formats can be more accessible to use those technologies to explain planning and transportation themes; consider virtual reality as a tool. Consider evolving technologies that could support effective communications
- Can PSRC do something like go to civic classes and connect with students or explore ways to connect on social media? Newsletters/emails are becoming increasingly overlooked
- 3d video is great
- When we go into community, it is not the same as EAC which is more behind scenes. The style is different because the goal is different
- Location is important, including elevators
- Translators

- Grade upcoming community events - have EAC attend to grade accessibility and identify misses
- Bus line, access to transit



Transportation Policy Board At Work

A video of this meeting is available on the Watch Board Meetings webpage.

November 12, 2026

Federal & State Budget and Policy Update
Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, provided federal and state updates from the mid-term elections. She also noted an upcoming listening session with Representative Fey on a highway use fee proposal as well as opportunity to sign on to two letters supporting Continuum of Care and transportation funding. View video and presentation.

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org or 206-971-3602.

Regional Transportation Plan Amendment for the ST3 System Plan Update
The Transportation Policy Board recommended the Executive Board adopt an amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that reflects the updated ST3 System Plan. The amendment captures all relevant project and financial changes as described in the Sound Transit Board Resolution No. R2026-11. The RTP will remain consistent with all federal and state requirements with these changes. View video and presentation.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971 3601.

Regional Climate Coordination
The board was briefed by Sara Hetrick from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency on next steps towards implementation of the Puget Sound Region Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. The agency developed a proposal for how they will provide support for

regional climate action in four key areas: (1) Scaling Program Implementation, (2) Relationship Building, (3) Funding Coordination and (4) Tracking and Reporting. View video and presentation.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601.

Regional Transportation Plan Implementation: Safety and Finance Work Programs
Staff provided an overview of the draft work programs for safety and transportation finance. Specific elements include robust data collection and research as well as outreach and engagement, with future reports to the board. View video and presentation.

For more information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601.



Growth Management Policy Board At Work

A video of this meeting is available on the Watch Board Meetings webpage.

November 19, 2026

Legislative Update
The board heard an update on the federal and state elections, policy and budget, including Continuum of Care funding. Please consider signing a support letter for the inclusion of backfill funding for the Continuum of Care program in the Governor's budget. View the legislative update video and legislative update presentation [PDF].

For more information, please contact Robin Koskey, Director of Government Relations and Communications, at rkoskey@psrc.org.

Recommend Certification of Comprehensive Plans
The board recommended the Executive Board certify the comprehensive plans for Eatonville and Normandy Park. View the comprehensive plans video and comprehensive plans presentation [PDF].

For additional information, please contact Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org, or Erika Harris, Principal Planner, at eharris@psrc.org.

Housing Monitoring Update
Staff presented the 2026 Regional Housing Strategy monitoring update. The board provided input on how this data on housing need, production and affordability can help jurisdictions as they implement their comprehensive plans. View the housing monitoring video and housing monitoring presentation [PDF].

For additional information, please contact Eric Clute, Associate Planner, at eclute@psrc.org.

Regional TOD Committee Work Plan Review
Staff highlighted the work of the Regional Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Committee this past year, including two TOD walking tours. The board learned about the committee's potential focus areas for the 2027 work plan. View the TOD video and TOD presentation [PDF].

For additional information, please contact Paul Ingraham, Director of Growth Management, at pinghram@psrc.org.

Draft Regional Open Space Plan
The board previewed the draft Regional Open Space Plan in anticipation of its public comment release later in November and discussed open space issues. View the open space video and open space presentation [PDF].

For additional information, please contact Erika Harris, Principal Planner, at eharris@psrc.org.

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December 3, 2026

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **PSRC's Project Selection Process**

IN BRIEF

PSRC has project selection authority for several sources of funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). A project selection process is conducted every two to three years to distribute PSRC's federal funds via a competitive process detailed in the "Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds." This includes a set of evaluation criteria based on regional policies and priorities in VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Economic Strategy.

Staff worked collaboratively with the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) between March and May 2026 on improvements to the project evaluation criteria to better address the needs of underserved communities and potential transportation disparities. The result is an updated "Opportunity Index" mapping tool illustrating various outcomes and needs around the region. At the December EAC meeting, staff will brief the EAC on how their recommendations on the Opportunity Index will be incorporated into the 2027 project selection process.

DISCUSSION

PSRC is required under federal legislation to have a documented process that provides the policies and guidance for how PSRC will approve, manage, and administer transportation projects to be selected to receive PSRC's federal funds. Prior to each funding cycle, the policies and procedures for the project selection process are reviewed and updated to reflect current regional priorities and requirements and are documented in the "Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds." The project selection process, as directed by the Policy Framework, is based on the regional policies and priorities as detailed in VISION 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and the

Regional Economic Strategy.

The criteria used to evaluate every project submitted for PSRC's federal funds are based on these policies and priorities and include support for centers, including housing and employment; mobility and accessibility; safety; community outreach and displacement; and the reduction of emissions.

In Spring 2026 the EAC was briefed on the details of PSRC's project selection process and worked with staff to develop a new way of evaluating transportation projects for their benefit to underserved communities. The result of this collaboration was an updated "Opportunity Index," which is a mapping tool built from 18 distinct indicators across four categories. From these indicators the Opportunity Index identifies areas of low opportunity around the region, including the existence of potential transportation disparities. These indicators and categories include:

Economy

- Poverty, high school graduation rate, unemployment rate, access to the internet, transportation revenue base

Housing

- Homeownership, renter cost burden, housing vouchers, SNAP or Public Assistance Income

Transportation System

- Access to living wage jobs via transit, access to a vehicle, sidewalk completeness, historic transportation investments, access to paratransit and ADA service

Amenities

- Proximity to healthy food, proximity to parks, proximity to libraries, proximity to medical care

In May the EAC further recommended how the Opportunity Index should be incorporated into the project evaluation criteria. Similar to the recommendations that guided PSRC's 2024 project selection process, the Opportunity Index was recommended to be woven throughout each individual criterion.

At the December 3 meeting, staff will provide information on the upcoming project selection process which will begin with adoption of the "2027 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds" in January. More details on the final suite of criteria will be provided, and the EAC will be asked to provide feedback on guidance and examples PSRC can provide to applicants to encourage strong project submittals that improve opportunity for underserved communities.

Staff will provide examples of how projects may receive a High, Medium or Low score related to the Opportunity Index questions throughout the criteria, along with example

guidance. Discussion questions for the EAC will explore members' feedback on the guidance and rubric.

NEXT STEPS

Final work to develop the materials for PSRC's 2027 project selection process is underway. The "2027 Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds" is scheduled for adoption by the Executive Board in January. The call for project applications is anticipated to occur in February and the process will run through July, at which time funding recommendations will be submitted to PSRC's boards for approval. Staff will provide a debrief to the EAC on final project awards and debrief the process in Fall 2027.

For additional information, please contact Kelly McGourty, Director of Transportation Planning, at kmcgourty@psrc.org or 206-971-3601.

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DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Equity Advisory Committee

From: Gary Simonson, Senior Planner

Subject: **Transportation Safety Work Program**

IN BRIEF

Staff will brief the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) on PSRC's safety work program. This will include a brief overview of the Regional Safety Action Plan, with a particular emphasis on the supplemental Tribal Safety Analysis. Information on current and upcoming work to advance safety will also be provided and the committee will be asked for feedback.

DISCUSSION

In 2024 and 2025, the EAC received several briefings as PSRC developed the Regional Safety Action Plan. Adopted by the General Assembly in May 2025, the plan utilizes crash data and community input to identify strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on the region's roadways.

Since the plan found higher rates of fatalities and serious injuries in Tribal areas than in the region overall, PSRC developed a Supplemental Tribal Safety Analysis (PDF) with crash findings and potential strategies for Tribal areas as a whole and for each Tribe separately. An interactive map of high-crash locations helps Tribes identify priority areas for their own safety plans and projects.

The Regional Transportation Plan adopted earlier this year also identifies safety as a priority area and includes an action item to continue working with partners to advance implementation of safety plans, towards the ultimate goal of achieving zero deaths and serious injuries on the roadway system. PSRC is developing a safety work program that builds on the Regional Safety Action Plan with additional data collection and research, supportive materials and best practices.

In addition, this fall PSRC and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) began cooperatively hosting rural safety workshops across all four counties. Similar to tribal areas, the Regional Safety Action Plan found higher rates of deaths and serious injuries in rural areas. The rural safety workshops are bringing rural residents and agencies together to discuss the unique challenges and potential strategies to improve safety in their communities. PSRC is also partnering with WTSC on its biennial Traffic Safety Summit, which will be held in Bellevue from July 19–21, 2027.

PSRC staff will ask the EAC for feedback on the safety work program. Discussion questions will include:

- Are there additional roadway safety areas or topics PSRC should address?
- What questions would you like PSRC's safety research to help answer?

NEXT STEPS

Staff will provide future reports to the EAC on the status of the transportation safety work program and upcoming events.

For more information, contact Gary Simonson, Senior Planner, at gsimonson@psrc.org.