

PUGET SOUND CLEAN AIR AGENCY: NEXT STEPS TO SUPPORT REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION

Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board

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Presentation Purpose

- Background of regional climate action proposal development and feedback received through outreach
- Proposed Agency actions
- Questions & feedback



Building Toward CCAP Implementation

- In 2026, the Agency committed to proposing actions to support CCAP implementation and ongoing regional collaboration on climate action.
- Our goal is to develop a coordinated regional approach to accelerate implementation of strategies that reduce emissions while continuing to build on the extensive climate planning and implementation work already underway in the region.
- We implemented an outreach plan to solicit input from partners across the region to inform our proposed actions:
  - Met with 9 regional climate forums
  - Interviewed 10 elected officials
  - Held 1 virtual listening session
  - Solicited input through an online survey (15 responses)



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Agency Support for Regional Climate Action

Objectives:

- Provide a shared vision for reducing emissions
- Complement and reinforce existing climate forums
- Serve as a “hub” and coordinating force for shared initiatives and best practices
- Identify opportunities for regional grant applications
- Support legislative advocacy and enhance coordination

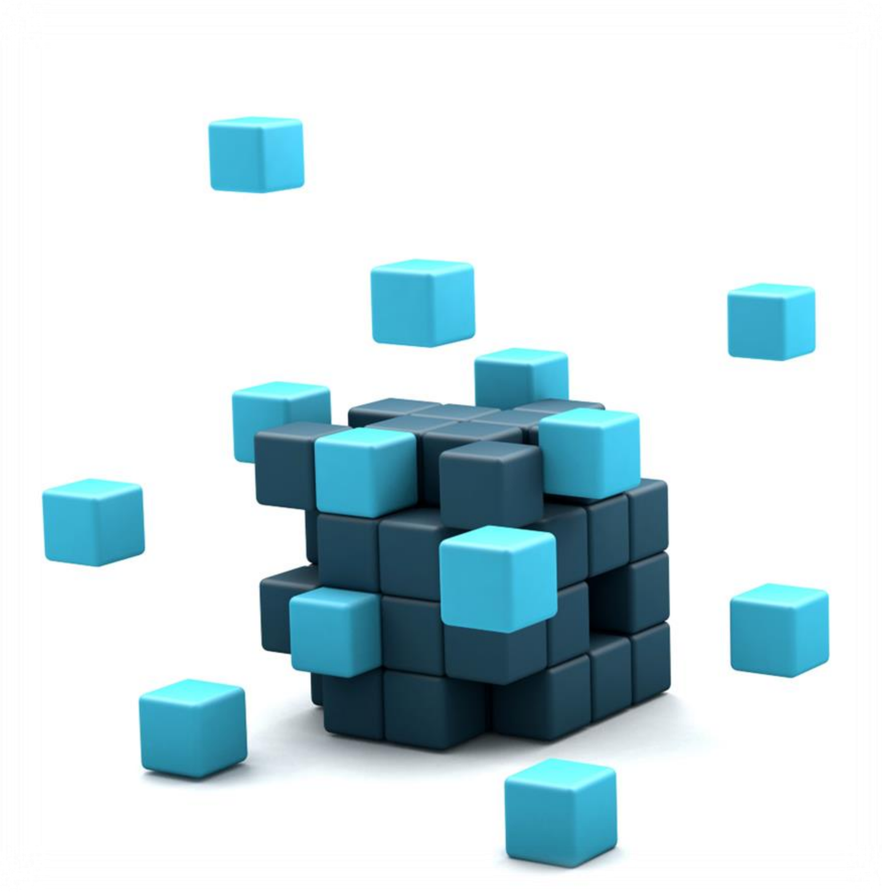


Key Areas for Agency Action

The Agency will support collaborative climate action in the region in four key areas:

1. **Scaling Program Implementation**
2. **Relationship Building**
3. **Funding Coordination**
4. **Tracking and Reporting**

The Agency will reevaluate its role every three years to ensure it remains effective for regional climate collaboration as new opportunities and challenges emerge.



1. Scaling Program Implementation

The Agency will initially focus efforts on scaling implementation of existing climate programs in the built environment and transportation sectors by:

- Supporting expansion of existing building decarbonization programs (e.g., Energize, Energy Smart Eastside) by working with existing forums to determine the needs and opportunities that exist for future program implementation.

- Supporting buildout of EV charging infrastructure in line with the recommendations in the forthcoming Regional EV Charging Infrastructure Plan, with an initial focus on multi-family and medium- and heavy-duty vehicle charging infrastructure.

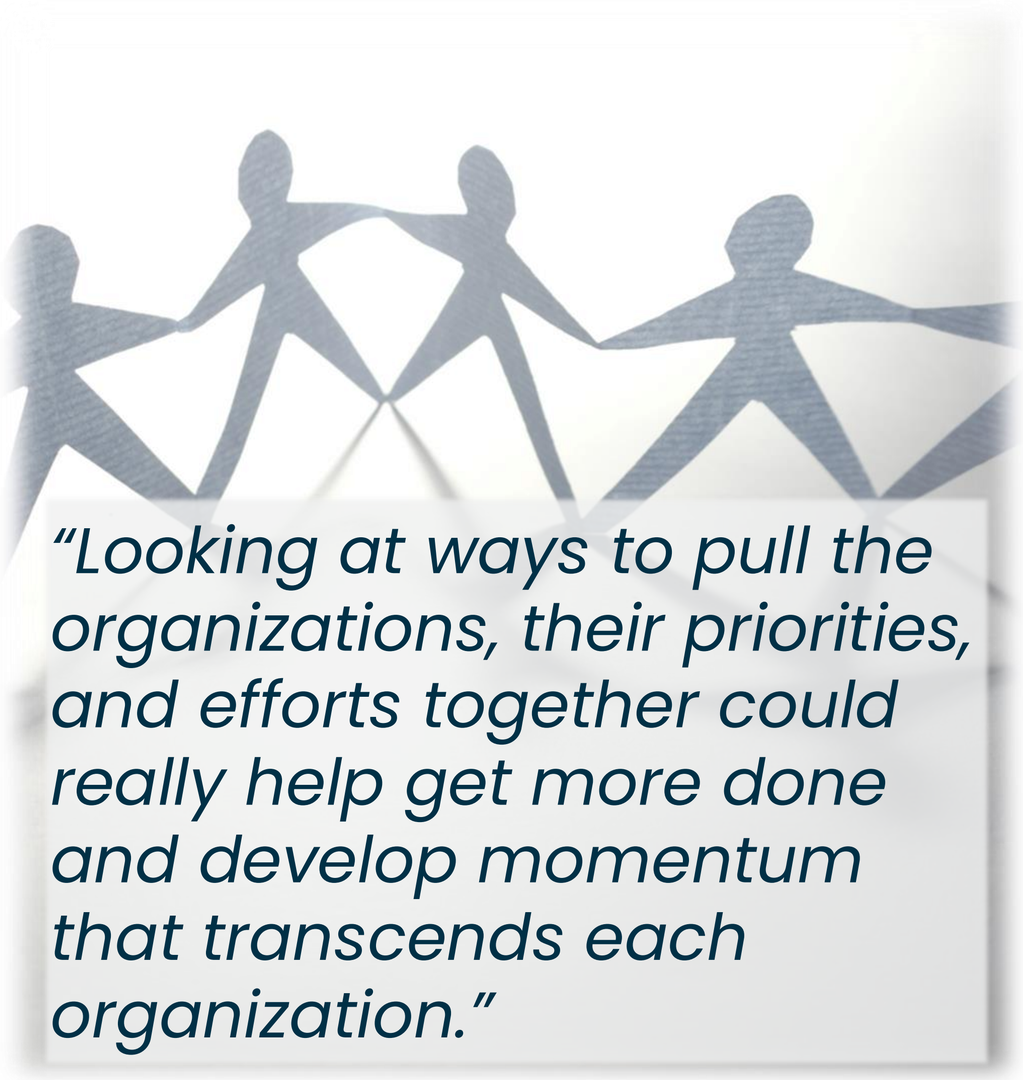


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2. Relationship Building

The Agency will focus on fostering new and expanded partnerships to scale climate initiatives regionally by:

- Convening an annual Regional Climate Action Program Summit with local and state leaders (Commerce, Ecology and the Governor's Office) to discuss regional challenges and solutions.
    - Propose to host in Fall to support regional messaging for legislative advocacy
- Continuing to participate in county and regional climate forums to share information and identify new partnership opportunities.



"Looking at ways to pull the organizations, their priorities, and efforts together could really help get more done and develop momentum that transcends each organization."

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3. Funding Coordination

The Agency will support climate funding coordination by:

- Seeking out regionally-relevant public and private funding opportunities and identifying “coalitions of the willing” to participate in funding opportunities
- Providing procurement, contracting, and grant administration support and, where feasible, acting as lead applicant for multi-party grant applications
- Build and maintain relationships with private and philanthropic organizations to attract private sector investment in regional climate programs

“There would be great value in PSCAA writing grants and administering programs on behalf of several cities.”



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4. Tracking and Reporting

The Agency will demonstrate how collective local action is helping to meet regional and state emission reduction targets by:

- Developing a method to capture information from local jurisdictions on climate program updates
- Creating a dashboard on our website to show progress on emissions reductions and maintaining it as a resource for ongoing climate action planning
- Serving as technical assistant and thought partner to help regional partners understand emerging issues
- Providing technical assistance for emissions inventory work at the 4-county level in strong coordination with state, city, and port inventories



"A regional coordination program should provide technical support to existing groups and help them align on broad topics for collective action and legislation advocacy."

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Important Points

- Each of the four key areas of action will require a more detailed work plan, to be developed in the coming months
  - We are seeking your feedback to help us refine our approach to implementation

- The Agency will need to identify near- and longer-term priorities for the work due to limited staff capacity



Partner Feedback

We are seeking your input as we start to implement support in the four key action areas outlined.

1. Do you have suggestions or feedback to share on the four action areas?
2. Are there specific actions you think we should prioritize?
3. What other ideas do you have?

