Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 • 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
PSRC Board Room • 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104

The meeting will be streamed live over the internet at www.psrc.org

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (1:00)
2. Communications and Public Comments
3. President's Remarks
4. Staff Report
5. Consent Agenda (1:20)
   a. Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board Meeting Minutes
   b. Approve Vouchers Dated April 12, 2019 in the Amount of $44.37
6. Action Items (1:30)
   a. Adopt Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and Work Program -- Jason Thibedeau, PSRC Principal Economic Development Manager
7. Discussion Item (1:50)
   a. Washington Tourism Marketing -- David Blandford, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs at Visit Seattle and Washington Tourism Alliance Co-Chair
8. Discussion Item (2:20)
9. Information Items
   a. 2050 Regional Aviation Forecast
   b. Amazing Place Implementation Update - May 2019
10. Next Meeting - October 2, 2019
11. Adjourn (3:00)
12. Discussion Items

Board members please submit proposed amendments and other materials prior to the meeting for distribution. Organizations/individuals may submit information for distribution. Send to Tammi Chick at tchick@psrc.org, fax 206-587-4825, or mail.

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MINUTES
Central Puget Sound Council Economic Development District Board
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
PSRC Boardroom
Call to Order and Roll Call
The meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Councilmember Ed Stern. Councilmember Terry Ryan, President, was out of the country and unavailable to chair the meeting. The signatures on the attendance sheet, as well as documentation by staff, determined attendance and that a quorum was present.

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the full discussion, please go to: http://psrcwa.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx]

Members and Alternates that participated for all or part of the meeting included:
(**participation via teleconference)

*Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson*
Terrie Battuello**
Councilmember Mariah Bettise**
A. Boungjaktha
Commissioner Ryan Calkins
Elizabeth Court**
Leonard Forsman
Tom Florino**
*Deputy Mayor Nick Harper***
Councilmember Lisa Herbold
Pat Iolavera
Bruce Kendall**
Councilmember Conrad Lee
Councilmember Jay Mills
Commissioner Clare Petrich**
Councilmember Ed Prince**
John Powers**
Andrea Reay
Councilmember Anna Rohrbough
*Matt Smith*
Stan Sorscher
Councilmember Ed Stern
Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn
Mayor Geoffrey Thomas
Tony To
Mayor Greg Wheeler**
Councilmember Stephanie Wright**
Members absent included:
(*alternate present)
Councilmember Terry Ryan, President*
Executive Dow Constantine
Kevin Clark
Bob Drewel
Reagan Dunn
Mayor Cassie Franklin*
Commissioner Charlotte Garrido
Councilmember Lillian Hunter
Caroline King
Councilmember Connie Ladenburg
Patrick Pierce**
Councilmember Shannon Reynolds
Commissioner Tom Stiger*
Chad Wright

Communications and Public Comments
The following people approached the board for comment: Paul Roberts and Alex Tsimerman.

President’s Remarks
Councilmember Ed Stern, filling in for Councilmembers Ryan and Ladenburg, made the following announcements:
- Welcomed the board members and thanked them for their participation.

Staff Reports
Jason Thibedeau, Principal Economic Development Manager – Puget Sound Regional Council, made the following announcements:
- Updated the board on recent efforts and accomplishments that PSRC staff and other regional partners are working on to implement the strategies adopted in the region’s economic strategy: Amazing Place.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Powers/Assefa-Dawson) to: (a) Approve Minutes of Meeting held February 6, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item

Tribal Economic Development – Leonard Forsman, President, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Chairman, Suquamish Tribal Council, Amber Schulz-Oliver, Executive Director, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation, Melvin Sheldon Jr., Council Member Tulalip Tribes

The speakers provided an overview of the nine federally recognized tribes and other Native peoples. It was discussed how each Tribe plays a significant role in the region’s economy, and these sovereign nations coordinate economic development activities for

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their communities. The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), the Suquamish Tribe, and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington discussed current tribal economic development initiatives underway in the region.

Public Sector Broadband – Dave Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, NoaNet, Angela Bennink, Telecom Business Manager, Kitsap Public Utilities District

Dave Spencer and Angela Bennink provided an overview on the public sector agencies working to expand broadband access to communities across Washington.

Next Meeting
The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board will next meet on July 10, 2019, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the PSRC Boardroom.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.
CONSENT AGENDA

August 27, 2014

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Diana Lauderbach, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: Approve Vouchers Dated April 12, 2019 in the Amount of $44.37

IN BRIEF

PSRC vouchers are reviewed by the Operations Committee and approved by the Executive Board. In order to comply fully with RCW 42.24.080, vouchers for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) should be approved by the CPSEDD Board as well.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The CPSEDD Board should approve the following vouchers:

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For additional information, please contact Diana Lauderbach at 206-464-5416; email dlauderbach@psrc.org.

Attachments:
EDD AP Vouchers 04-12-19
**Puget Sound Regional Council**

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ACTION ITEM

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Principal Economic Development Manager

Subject: Adopt Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and Work Program

IN BRIEF
On July 10, 2019, the Economic Development District Board will be asked to adopt the proposed Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Biennial Budget and Work Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Adopt Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Budget and Work Program for Economic Development.

DISCUSSION
The proposed Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Budget and Work Program for Economic Development includes updated budgeted revenues, expenditures, and work initiatives for the two-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021.

At its December 5, 2019 meeting the Economic Development District Board was provided an overview of the draft Economic Development FY2020-2021 Biennial Budget and Work Program. The revenues and expenditures of the budget reflect the level of funding available for this task. Additional support for economic planning is covered under PSRC’s Integrated Planning and Council Support work tasks. Board members had the opportunity to provide comments at the meeting and submit additional comments by December 31, 2018.

Adoption of the Economic Development budget must be approved by both the Economic Development District Board and the PSRC General Assembly. On Thursday, May 30, 2019 the PSRC General Assembly adopted the Fiscal Years 2020-2021 Biennial Budget and work program which included the Economic Development element (Task 300).

The Economic Development element of PSRC’s FY2020-2021 Biennial Budget serves as the budget for the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District. At its upcoming Wednesday, July 10, 2019 meeting, the Economic Development District Board will be asked to adopt the Economic Development FY2020-2021 Biennial Budget and Work Program.

To view the PSRC Adopted Fiscal Years 2020-2020 Biennial Budget and Work Program, online, please refer to: https://www.psrc.org/sites/default/files/budgetfy2020-21.pdf
If you have questions, please call Diana Lauderbach, PSRC Chief Financial Officer, at (206) 464-5416 or email dlauderbach@psrc.org.

Attachments:
EDD FY2020-21 Budget & Work Program
Economic Development District
(Task 300)

Objective
Provide staff support to the Economic Development District (EDD) Board of Directors. Maintain the central Puget Sound region’s eligibility for economic development planning and technical assistance funding from the federal Economic Development Administration. Develop, update and assist in implementation of Amazing Place, which serves as the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Under direction from the EDD Board of Directors, coordinate with public, private and community stakeholders to develop and implement initiatives that strengthen the region’s economy.

Sub-Task 1. EDD General
Ongoing administrative, managerial and operational efforts are required to maintain status as the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (EDD), including:

a. Convene and provide staff support to the EDD Board of Directors, subcommittees and other working groups or taskforces;
b. Annually update the regional economic strategy, Amazing Place;
c. Develop and maintain tracking tools, performance measure data and other products to facilitate strategy implementation;
d. Coordinate events and programs, as appropriate, to aid in implementation of Amazing Place;
e. Prepare budget and work program;
f. Review and evaluate employee performance;
g. Develop, apply for and monitor grants and contracts in support of Amazing Place.

Sub-Task 2. Regional Economic Strategy Implementation
The regional economic strategy Amazing Place, adopted in September 2017, is the guiding document for key regional economic initiatives. The EDD Board will maintain a work plan of initiatives to implement the strategy, informed by ongoing evaluation. Economic development staff will work with regional partners to implement these initiatives, including:

a. Identify emerging industry opportunities, subsectors, or cross-cluster opportunities;
b. Identify challenges and opportunities faced by the region’s economy;
c. Perform and coordinate qualitative and quantitative analysis to help detail the region’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats;
d. Develop, run, and collaborate on events that bring together economic development interests in the region and highlight regional priorities.

None
Major Milestones and Products

2. EDA Planning Grant Secured (June 2019, June 2020, and June 2021)

Mandates

This work element provides for program development, administration and management of regional economic development planning activities as required by:

3. Federal authority for the creation, recognition and funding of multi-jurisdictional economic development districts is found in the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-136, 42 U.S.C. 3121 et sec.) as amended, including the comprehensive amendments by the Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-393) and the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-373). Criteria for district program functions and funding are found in 13 CFR Part 301 (area eligibility), 302 (district designation), 303 (district planning process) and 306 (planning assistance).

Policy Direction and Interagency Staff Involvement

Economic Development receives policy direction from the EDD Board of Directors.

Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

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Budget Comparison:

| Adopted Biennial FY 20-21  | $473,000                    |
| May 2018                   | $518,000                    |

FTE Staffing Comparison:

| Adopted Biennial FY 20-21  | 1.21                        |
| May 2018                   | 1.45                        |

*EDD membership dues have been collected from PSRC membership since 2005 to support the Economic Development function.

Summary of Consultants within Economic Development

None
DISCUSSION ITEM

July 3, 2019

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board

From: Jason Thibedeau, Principal Economic Development Manager

Subject: Washington Tourism Marketing

IN BRIEF
David Blandford, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs at Visit Seattle and Washington Tourism Alliance Co-Chair, will discuss efforts to implement a statewide marketing plan to support tourism activities throughout Washington.

DISCUSSION:
The region is home to diverse areas of natural beauty and cultural assets unlike any other place. As a result, the region is rich with recreational activities, entertainment, and amenities that draw visitors from around the world and contribute to a high quality of life for residents.

In 2018, the Washington legislature passed a bill which provides a funding mechanism to support statewide tourism marketing. These funds will support a statewide tourism marketing program for the first time since the state’s tourism marketing office was shut down in 2011. In addition, a comprehensive statewide marketing plan has been developed to utilize these funds and is targeted to benefit communities across the region.

In July 2018, Governor Inslee appointed nine-members to the newly formed Washington Tourism Marketing Authority Board. One of the Marketing Authority’s primary responsibilities is to enter into a multi-year contract with a statewide nonprofit organization to market Washington State to tourists. In January 2019, the Marketing Authority approved a five-year contract in January 2019 to the Washington Tourism Alliance to provide tourism marketing services for the Washington state, effective immediately.

Mr. Blandford will discuss the Washington Tourism Alliance’s work to implement the statewide marketing plan and work with local communities to ensure that tourism activities benefit all regions of the state.

For more information, please contact Jason Thibedeau at (206) 389-2879, or jthibedeau@psrc.org.
DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
From: Jason Thibedeau, Principal Economic Development Manager
Subject: Washington Maritime Blue

IN BRIEF
Joshua Berger, Maritime Sector Lead at the Washington State Department of Commerce, will provide an overview of the Washington Maritime Blue Strategy and efforts to implement it. The Strategy’s goal is to have Washington be home to the nation’s most sustainable maritime industry by 2050.

DISCUSSION
The Washington State Maritime Sector Economic Impact Study in 2017 estimated the impact of the state’s maritime economy to be $37.8 billion. This industry is strongly connected to the region’s military, tourism, and transportation and logistics industries as well.

As part of the U.S. Economic Development Administration’s i6 Challenge, $500k was awarded to the Washington State Department of Commerce to establish a vision and comprehensive strategy for Washington’s maritime industry to accelerate innovation and support the modernization of the maritime industry. This effort culminated in the development of the Washington Maritime Blue Strategy, released in January 2019.

The vision of the strategy is that “Washington State will be home to the nation’s most sustainable maritime industry by 2050. It will lead the country in the maritime shift towards decarbonization, clean technology innovation and best management practices that will support a strong maritime economy with living-wage jobs, a healthy environment and resilient communities. The state will accomplish this in partnership with business, academic institutions, Ports, Maritime Labor, Economic and Workforce Development organizations.”

The Strategy will be utilized to support proposed policies, funding mechanisms, demonstration projects, workforce initiatives and the development of a Maritime Innovation Center. Mr. Berger will discuss the Strategy with the board and report on current implementation efforts.

For more information, please contact Jason Thibedeau at (206) 389-2879, or jthibedeau@psrc.org.
INFORMATION ITEM

To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
From: Jason Thibedeau, Principal Economic Development Manager
Subject: 2050 Regional Aviation Forecast

IN BRIEF
In June, PSRC released a new forecast for unconstrained demand for commercial, air cargo and general aviation in 2050.

DISCUSSION
PSRC is leading a Regional Aviation Baseline Study which will build on the master planning work underway at many of the region’s airports and set the stage for future aviation planning. The study will examine the dynamics of the region’s growing aviation activity, the economic impact of the region’s airports, and community issues and concerns with airport activities. WSP was selected as the consultant to perform the analysis for the study, which kicked off in October 2018 and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2020.

In June, PSRC released a new forecast for unconstrained demand for commercial, air cargo and general aviation in 2050. The new forecast shows:

- Regional demand for enplanements (passenger boardings for departure) on commercial flights is expected to grow from 24 million in 2018 to between 49.3 million and 55.6 million by 2050. This reflects an increase of between 105% to 132%.
- Regional demand for operations (all takeoffs and landings) is expected to grow from 438,000 in 2018 to between 810,000 and 914,000 by 2050. This reflects an increase of between 85% to 109%.
- Demand for regional air cargo capacity is expected to grow from 552,000 metric tons in 2018 to 1,300,000 by 2050, an increase of 136%.
- Regional demand for general aviation operations, such as aviation activities for business, flight instruction, medical, emergency, law enforcement, recreation, or tourism, is expected to grow from 1,351,000 in 2017 to 1,806,000 by 2050, an increase of 34%.

For more information, please contact Ben Bakkenta at bbakkenta@psrc.org or (206) 971-3286 or Jason Thibedeau at jthibedeau@psrc.org or (206) 389-2879.

Attachments:
2050 Regional Aviation Forecast
Aviation plays a critical role for people and businesses in the growing central Puget Sound region. Along with the region's population and job growth, air passenger traffic and cargo volumes have reached record levels and are expected to increase.

PSRC is leading a Regional Aviation Baseline Study to provide a clear picture of the aviation activities and needs in the region and set the stage for future planning efforts. As part of this study, PSRC has released a forecast of unconstrained demand for commercial aviation, air cargo and general aviation.

**COMMERCIAL AVIATION DEMAND FORECAST**
Regional demand for commercial aviation, representing scheduled passenger service, is closely tied to national economic trends as well as regional economic and demographic trends. Recent population, employment and income growth in the region is driving aviation demand and this trend is expected to continue. In addition, the region is an expanding hub for connections to Asia, further increasing demand for flights.

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GENERAL AVIATION DEMAND FORECAST

General aviation encompasses aviation activities for business, flight instruction, medical, emergency, law enforcement, recreation, and tourism. Recreational flights have seen a gradual decline for decades nationally, due to increasing costs, competition from other activities, and lower commercial airfares while business and for profit aviation are forecast to increase.

Demand for general aviation operations is expected to grow from 1,351,000 in 2017 to 1,806,000 by 2050, an increase of 34%.

AIR CARGO DEMAND FORECAST

Commercial Air Cargo Handled in the Central Puget Sound Region (metric ton)

Air cargo includes freight and mail carried in the lower hold of passenger aircraft as well as cargo on dedicated freighters. Globalization and e-commerce are international trends that are driving dramatic air cargo growth. Strong state exports and increasing international flights are also driving regional air cargo growth.

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GET INVOLVED

Visit [psrc.org/aviation-baseline-study](http://psrc.org/aviation-baseline-study) to learn more and sign up for email updates.
To: Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board  
From: Jason Thibedeau, Principal Economic Development Manager  
Subject: Amazing Place Implementation Update - May 2019

Below is an update on recent efforts and accomplishments that PSRC staff and other regional partners are working on to implement the strategies adopted in the region's economic strategy; Amazing Place.

### Studies

**Aviation Baseline Study** ([link](#))

**Lead:** PSRC  
**Target:** 2020

PSRC is leading a baseline study to provide a clear picture of the aviation activities and needs in the region and set the stage for future planning efforts. In June, PSRC released a [new forecast](#) for unconstrained demand for commercial, air cargo and general aviation. The new forecast shows that demand for commercial air service and cargo will double by 2050.

*Amazing Place strategy: Sustain and grow commercial air travel connections domestically and globally*

**Let Us Succeed: Student College and Career Aspirations Report** ([link](#))

**Lead:** The RoadMap Project  
**Completed:** June 2019

*Let Us Succeed* highlights the college and career aspiration of more than 7,000 South King County and South Seattle high schoolers. The report showcases how college and career supports - like structured curriculum, exploration opportunities, and one-on-one advising - are critical to their success. The report utilizes data from the College and Career Climate Survey, plus in-depth listening sessions with forty-three 11th and 12th graders. The majority of participants were students of color, representative of the area’s K-12 student demographics.

*Amazing Place strategy: Coordinate programs in education and training to address workforce gaps and advance economic opportunity*

**SeaTac Community Impacts Study** ([link](#))

**Lead:** WA Dept. of Commerce, Stantec Consulting  
**Awarded:** May 2019

In May, Stantec Consulting was selected to complete a study of the ongoing impacts of growing operations at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The SeaTac Airport impact study will evaluate impacts on quality of life associated with Sea-Tac air traffic noise, public health, traffic, congestion, parking in residential areas, pedestrian access to and around the airport, public safety and crime within the cities, effects on residential and non-residential property values, and economic development opportunities. Commerce worked with staff and public representatives of Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Normandy Park, SeaTac, and Tukwila and state legislators to develop the statement of work.

*Amazing Place strategy: Sustain and grow commercial air travel connections domestically and globally*
Tacoma Community Workforce Advisory Group Report (link)

Lead: City of Tacoma  
Completed: March 2019

The Tacoma Community Workforce Advisory Committee was convened in December 2018 at the direction of the Tacoma City Council to examine and make recommendations regarding a Priority Hiring Ordinance (PHO) and a Community Workforce Agreement (CWA). The Committee was to review hiring of (1) residents who live in economically distressed areas of the City and (2) Women and Minority Business Enterprises (WMBE) in City public works projects, in order to ascertain whether a CWA or PHO would promote hiring from these two groups.

The Advisory Committee produced a report of its final recommendations in March 2019. They recommended not to pursue a CWA due to challenges engaging both union and open show firms and individuals on a single public works project under terms negotiated in advance of any contractor being selected. Rather, they recommended strengthening City policies on WMBE and priority hire goals by ordinance.

Amazing Place strategy: Support women and minority-owned, disadvantaged businesses

Projects & Partnerships

VISION 2050 (link)

Lead: PSRC  
Target: 2020

The Puget Sound Regional Council is extending the region’s long-term plan to 2050. As the region prepares to add 1.8 million more people and 1.2 million more jobs in the coming decades, VISION 2050 will provide a guide for sustaining a healthy environment, thriving communities, and a strong economy. A draft plan is scheduled to be released for a 60-day comment period on July 19.

Amazing Place strategy: Focus new growth in urban areas, regional centers, and cities

Washington Maritime Blue – Maritime CleanTech Partnership (link)

Lead: Washington Maritime Blue  
Completed: June 2019

A new partnership was established between Norwegian industry cluster NCE Maritime CleanTech and Washington Maritime Blue. Joshua Berger, Washington State’s Maritime Sector Lead, signed an MOU with the Norwegian industry cluster in Norway at one of the most industry-important shipping arenas, Nor-Shipping in Oslo, in June. This industry agreement follows up the signing of an MOU for cooperation on green maritime technology between Norway’s national economic development agency Innovation Norway and Washington State Department of Commerce in Seattle in May. The main goal of the partnership between is that member companies will gain competitive advantage from collaborating with each other.

Amazing Place strategy: Support and promote international trade

South King County Housing and Homelessness Partnership (SKHHP) (link)

Lead: Cities of Auburn, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Normandy Park, Renton, and Tukwila, King County, and the Housing Development Consortium  
Completed: June 2019

A coalition of South King County cities formed SKHHP to support the preservation of healthy and affordable housing and to sustain vibrant and diverse communities in South King County. The coalition was formalized as of June 2019 through an interlocal agreement, independently approved by each participating city.
SKHHP aims to provide a forum for collaboration among South King County Cities to in order to cooperatively formulate affordable housing policies and strategies that address housing stability, to foster efforts to preserve and provide affordable housing through public-private partnerships, and to support the implementation of goals and strategies relating to affordable housing.

Amazing Place strategy: Ensure a diversity of housing stock that is affordable and connected to jobs

Commercial Aviation Coordination Commission (link)

Lead: State of Washington, WA Dept. of Transportation
Created: April 2019

In March 2019, the state Legislature passed a bill creating the Commercial Aviation Coordination Commission. The Commission is tasked with identifying a location for a new primary commercial aviation facility in Washington that is to be completed and functional by 2040. Options for a new primary facility may include expansion of an existing airport facility.

The Commission will be made up of 13 voting members and two nonvoting positions, who will initiate a broad review of potential aviation facility sites, review existing data, and conduct research as necessary. A shortlist of six sites will be recommended by January 1, 2020, narrowed to two sites by September 1, 2020, and a single preferred location for a new commercial aviation facility will be identified by January 1, 2021.

Amazing Place strategy: Sustain and grow commercial air travel connections domestically and globally

Funding

Washington State Clean Energy Innovation Grants (link)

Lead: WA Dept. of Commerce
Awarded: June 2019

Commerce awarded $8.2 million in grants from the state’s Clean Energy Fund to ten proposed projects that will support research, development and deployment of innovative renewable energy technologies in Washington. Recipients in the region include Corumat (Mercer Island), Sironex Composite (Covington), Oscilla Power, University of Washington Applied Physical Lab and University of Washington Mechanical Engineering Department (Seattle). Funds support a range of innovative projects in the region including energy capture from ocean waves, bio-derived plastics and materials, and automated composites manufacturing.

Amazing Place strategy: Sustain and evolve the conditions necessary for innovation and Ensure an outstanding and healthy natural environment

Washington State Energy Efficiency and Solar in Public Buildings Awards (link)

Lead: WA Dept. of Commerce
Awarded: June 2019

Commerce awarded more than $8.7 million in energy efficiency and solar grants to help reduce energy costs in public buildings. $7.1 million was awarded in energy efficiency grants to 28 statewide projects. These projects are expected to save over $1.4 million in energy costs and prevent 6,800 metric tons of CO2 emissions. Awards to the region totaled $4.2 million and were allocated to nine K-12 public school districts, one higher education institution, two local governments, two county agencies, and one regional authority. An additional $500,000 was allocated to the Washington State Ferries.

$1.7 million was awarded to 11 statewide solar projects. Once operational, these projects are expected to save over $80,000 in energy costs and over 450 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year. A quarter of this total ($415,643) was awarded regionally to one K-12 public school district and one county.

Amazing Place strategy: Ensure an outstanding and healthy natural environment
Washington State Broadband Office (link)

Lead: Washington State Broadband Office  
Completed: May 2019

In May 2019, Governor Inslee signed a bill creating a dedicated state broadband office. The office is tasked with expanding internet access to underserved parts of the state. The office will manage the state’s broadband budget, initially set at $21 million, and creates a competitive grant and loan program to fund projects that expand broadband access. Representatives from the Washington State Department of Commerce provided an update to the EDD Board at its May 2019 board meeting.

Amazing Place strategy: Advance economic development within small cities and rural communities

Kitsap County PUD Last Mile Broadband Big Valley Project (link)

Recipient: Kitsap County PUD  
Awards: May 2019

A $500,000 loan and a $500,000 grant were awarded to Kitsap County PUD from the Washington State Department of Commerce for engineering, permitting, construction and material procurement for the Last Mile Broadband Big Valley Project. Upon completion, the project will provide an estimated 158 connections with increased internet speed. CERB funds are matched by $420,000 in local resources.

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Legislation & Approvals

Cascade Industrial Center (Arlington-Marysville) Designation

Lead: City of Arlington/City of Marysville  
Completed: June 2019

In 2018, the Arlington and Marysville City Councils entered into an interlocal agreement complete a subarea plan and apply to PSRC for Regional MIC designation. The subarea plan and application were complete in January 2019. In June, PSRC’s Executive Board approved the designation of the Cascade Industrial Center and the certification of their subarea plan.

Amazing Place strategy: Preserve, protect, and support industrial lands, military installations, and maritime sites

Workforce Education Investment Act (link)

Lead: Career Connect Washington  
Completed: May 2019

In May 2019, Governor Inslee signed The Workforce Education Investment Act. The Act is a comprehensive package of major proposals that guarantees financial aid for more than 110,000 qualified students in Washington to attend college for free or at a discounted rate. The law also expands the governor’s Career Connect Washington Initiative. It establishes a study-and-work approach so students can get real life work experience and high school or college credit at the same time.

Amazing Place strategy: Coordinate programs in education and training to address workforce gaps and advance economic opportunity

Public Ports Wholesale Telecommunications (link)

Lead: Washington Public Ports Association  
Completed: May 2019

In March 2019, Governor Inslee signed a bill extending the ability of public ports in Washington to develop and operate wholesale telecommunication services. Previous law restricted this type of operation to public ports designated as rural.

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