$6.4 billion Transportation Improvement Program proposed

PSRC is encouraging public comment on a $6.4 billion draft regional Transportation Improvement Program, with 377 projects underway in the region through 2022. The TIP includes 124 projects that will receive about $533 million in PSRC funds.

With rapid growth straining our transportation systems, getting these projects online as soon as possible is important. Over 70% of the projects are for construction phases. You can view all of the TIP information here.

Everett Transit celebrates first all-electric bus

The first of Everett Transit's four electric buses going into service this year, with 18 anticipated by 2022. That would be half of the agency's
Everett Transit just rolled out its first all-electric bus, which will carry riders on Route 7 from College Station to Mall Station. PSRC provided $8.5 million in regionally managed federal funds to Everett Transit earlier this year for nine additional electric buses, along with charging infrastructure. Mayor Cassie Franklin and Congressman Rick Larsen spoke at the ribbon cutting event today.

Sea-Tac Airport continues strong growth

Anyone who's been to Sea-Tac lately knows the airport is busier than ever. A new Puget Sound Trend tracks growth during the first half of 2018. More than 23 million passengers passed through the airport during that time, a 6% increase over last year. Air cargo is up 5%.

VISION 2040 Award for The Estelle supportive housing project
Homelessness is an urgent challenge facing the region. I recently presented a VISION 2040 Award to The Estelle, an outstanding project in Seattle's Rainier Valley providing supportive housing and health care for 91 formerly homeless individuals living with serious mental illness or other disabling conditions. It's a unique partnership between DESC and Harborview Medical Center.

**Comment on Washington State Ferries long-range plan**

I encourage you to take a look at the [draft long-range plan](#) just released by Washington State Ferries. Ridership is expected to increase 30% by 2040, and the plan describes the improvements and new boats needed to keep up with demand and ensure reliability. The agency is looking for public comments through October 25.

I welcome your feedback on our work at PSRC. You can reach me at [jbrown@psrc.org](mailto:jbrown@psrc.org).

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