Puget Sound Regional Council

Who are we
• Metropolitan Planning Organization / Regional Transportation Planning Organization
• King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties

What we do
• Planning for growth, economy, transportation
• Distribution of federal transportation funds
• Regional data and forecasts
• Forum for regional issues

Our members
• 100+ Cities, Counties, Ports, Transit, State, Tribal Governments

Councilmember Claudia Balducci
King County - President

Mayor Becky Erickson
City of Poulsbo - Vice President
Today’s Presentation

- **Regional Transportation Plan**
  - Overview and work to date
  - Outreach activities and what we’ve heard
  - Highlights of plan performance
  - Public Comment period and next steps
Regional Transportation Plan

VISION 2050 Implementation

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Regional Transportation Plan
Regional Economic Strategy

Growth Management Act
VISION 2050 & Regional Transportation Plan
Local Comprehensive Plans, Transit Agency Plans & Transportation Improvement Programs
The region continues to grow:

~1.6 million people by 2050

~1.1 million jobs by 2050

Source: PSRC, 2018 Regional Macroeconomic Forecast
Regional Transportation Plan

• Builds from VISION 2050

• Objectives:
  • Make progress on existing challenges, address current and future needs of the transportation system
    • Provide better data and analysis to support local investment planning (2024 comprehensive plans)
  • Plan for long-term system investments to accommodate future growth
    • Improve existing system, big picture thinking on future investments (aviation, rail, ferries)
Key Policy Focus Areas

Building from VISION 2050, board identified key policy areas:

• Access to transit
• Safety
• Equity
• Climate
• Local agency needs
• Forward thinking/future investments
Key Planning Work – System Needs and Opportunities

What Have We Heard?

- Online Engagement Platform
- Virtual Outreach Meetings
- Social Media
- Personal Interviews
- Survey

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We want to hear from you! Take a survey to help plan the future of transportation in Puget Sound: https://engage.psrc.org/regional-transportation-plan

Regional Transportation Plan

PSRC is developing the next Regional Transportation Plan, which will des...
What Have We Heard?

Top five priorities:
• Reliable, well-maintained roads and highways
• Reliable, well-connected transit service for local neighborhoods
• Expanded transit to major destinations
• Complete bike/ped facilities
• High speed rail

Top three motivators to use transit more:
• Shorter trip times
• Easier to access
• Extended service

Top mobility needs for specialized transportation services:
• Lack of services in locations where they’re needed
• Long travel times
• Lack of service at times when they’re needed
• Lack of physical infrastructure (i.e., lack of curb ramps)
• Difficulty getting to medical appointments
What’s in the Plan?

- $300 billion of investment over the next 28 years
  - 56% will maintain, preserve and operate the system
  - 70% of the plan's system improvements are for investments in local and regional transit
  - 84% of the plan funded with forecast current law revenues

36 Bus Rapid Transit routes
10 Passenger-only Ferry routes
116 Miles of light rail and 80+ stations
2018 Regional Transit Network

**BUS RAPID TRANSIT**
- 7 Routes

**LIGHT RAIL**
- 2 Light Rail Routes
- 2 Streetcar Routes
- 1 Monorail Route

**HEAVY RAIL**
- 3 Commuter Rail Routes

**FERRIES**
- 5 Passenger-Only Routes
- 11 Ferry Routes

**BUS**
- 43 Frequent Bus Routes
- 88 Moderately Frequent Bus Routes
- 227 Low Frequency Bus Routes
2050 Regional Transit Network

**Bus Rapid Transit**
- 36 Programmed Routes
- 5 Unprogrammed Routes

**Light Rail**
- 5 Light Rail Routes
- 3 Streetcar Routes
- 1 Monorail Route

**Heavy Rail**
- 2 Commuter Rail Routes

**Ferries**
- 10 Passenger-Only Routes
- 11 Ferry Routes

**Bus**
- 84 Frequent Bus Routes
- 117 Moderately Frequent Bus Routes
- 64 Low Frequency Bus Routes

**Transit Routes and Density: 2050**

- Base Map
- High Capacity Transit Density
- High Capacity Transit Routes
- Local & Express Bus Density
- Local & Express Bus Routes

[Map of transit routes with various modes and density indicators.]
Key Performance Measures

Centered on race and equity, different levels of geography analyzed: region, county, regional geographies, and equity focus areas

- Above 50% / Above Regional Average People of Color
- Above 50% / Above Regional Average People with Low Incomes
- Above Regional Average Youth (age 5-17)
- Above Regional Average Older Adults (aged 65+)
- Above Regional Average People with Limited English Proficiency
- Above Regional Average People with Disabilities
Transit boardings are forecasted to **more than triple** by 2050 with expansion of High-Capacity Transit investments in rail, bus rapid transit and passenger only ferries.
By 2050, 59% of households will live within a 1/2 mile of high-capacity transit service.
By 2050, the average person will walk or bike 21% more than today.
In 2018, the average household spent an additional 62 hours a year traveling due to congestion. By the year 2050, the average household is forecast spend 53 additional hours each year traveling, a -15% reduction over the Base Year.
In 2018, the average household drove more than 15,900 miles per year. By the year 2050, the average household is forecast to drive approximately 12,300 miles per year, a -23% reduction over the Base Year.
Key Highlights: What will the Plan Deliver?

Steps to Meeting Regional Climate Goals

Reflecting:

- VISION 2050
- RTP investments
- Fuel economy improvements
- Transition to zero emission transportation system
Schedule and Next Steps

Public comment period January 13 through February 28, 2022
Continued Outreach

• Continued outreach on Coordinated Mobility Plan

• Targeted focus groups
  • Business community
  • Underrepresented communities

• Outreach to countywide organizations, others

• Draft plan public comment period, including an online open house

• Board review of public comments
Online Open House

• Opportunity to submit comment
  • January 13 through February 28, 2022
  • [https://engage.psrc.org/welcome-rtp](https://engage.psrc.org/welcome-rtp)
    ➢ Short videos available

• Public Webinars
  • Wednesday, February 2, 8-9 am
  • Tuesday, February 8, 12-1 pm
  • Wednesday, February 9, 5:30-6:30 pm
Welcome to the Regional Transportation Plan Open House

PSRC is seeking public comment on the draft Regional Transportation Plan through February 28, 2022.

Learn more about the draft plan from this online open house. It is organized around key elements of the plan, including: climate, equity, transit, walking and biking, the Coordinated Mobility Plan, system performance, freight, safety, the financial strategy, the plan’s visualization tool, maintenance and preservation, and demand management. Each topic includes a short video with highlights of the plan and the opportunity to comment. View all the topics. Download the draft plan from the column on the right.

We will also be hosting three webinars with a live presentation and time for questions. Check back here for the Zoom links:

- [Watch the video from February 2](#)
- Tuesday, February 8, 12-1 pm
- Wednesday, February 9, 5:30-6:30 pm

What is the Regional Transportation Plan?

The Regional Transportation Plan is updated every four years to describe how the four-county central Puget Sound region plans for and improves the transportation system into the future, while addressing existing needs and expected growth.

Building from the policies and goals in [VISION 2050](#), the plan outlines investments the region is making in transit, rail, ferry, streets and highways, freight, bicycle and pedestrian and other systems to ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. It lays the region on the path to:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet regional climate goals
- help create a healthier, safer, more equitable system with access to an expanded transit network

View the draft plan documents

- Draft plan by chapter
- Full Draft Regional Transportation Plan
- Appendices

How to comment

- Use the [comment form](#)
Thank You!

How to comment on the draft plan:

• Visit online open house: psrc.org
• Use online comment form
• Email: transportation@psrc.org
• US Mail: 1011 Western Ave #500 Seattle, WA 98104