



City of
Bellevue

City Manager's
Office

DATE: May 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Puget Sound Regional Committees Update, April 2025

Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

At its April 3 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Recommended the PSRC Executive Board certify the comprehensive plans for Arlington, Carbonado, Kent, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, North Bend, Orting, SeaTac, South Prairie, Sultan, University Place and Woodway.** The comprehensive plans were reviewed by PSRC staff in accordance with the adopted plan review process using PSRC's Plan Review Manual and VISION 2050 consistency tool. The plans were found to be substantially consistent with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan and to conform to transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act. Bellevue's 2024 comprehensive plan was certified in March 2025.
- **Heard a briefing on work to update the Regional Economic Strategy.** The strategy must be updated every six years pursuant to federal standards. The Regional Economic Strategy provides regional guidance for Bellevue's Economic Development Plan which is currently in the process of being updated. The Executive Board will be asked to adopt the final updated plan in 2026.
- **Received an update on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's (PSCAA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant work.** The federal grant funded work will result in a climate action plan for PSCAA's five county area. Federal funding for the project appears to be secure.

The GMPB met on May 1; the meeting summary will be included in the May Intergovernmental Affairs update. The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for June 5. Councilmember Dave Hamilton represents Bellevue on the Board.

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its April 10 meeting, the TPB:

- **Approved five projects for routine amendment into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**
 - Community Transit: Marysville Urbanized Area (UZA) Transit Operations 2021-2022
 - Federal Way: 21st Avenue SW Preservation Project
 - Port of Seattle: Sea-Tac S Concourse Reconstruction

- Sound Transit: State Route (SR) 522/NE 145th Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT): SR 512 and SR 410 Puyallup and Sumner Vicinity Paving
- **Recommended the PSRC Executive Board certify the comprehensive plans for Arlington, Carbonado, Kent, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, North Bend, Orting, SeaTac, South Prairie, Sultan, University Place and Woodway.** See GMPB summary for more information.
- **Recommended Authorizing a Change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Bellevue's 150th Avenue SE Mobility Improvements Project.** This action is a procedural step required for regionally significant projects. PSRC staff confirmed that the project is consistent with regional policy and recommended the action for approval on the consent agenda. The 150th Avenue SE Mobility Improvements project will improve highway access to I-90, provide additional roadway capacity and reduce traffic congestion. After the construction of these improvements, travel delays during the peak evening periods are expected to be reduced by half through this section of the 150th Avenue SE corridor.
- **Received a legislative update.** On March 24, Transportation Committee chairs Senator Marko Liias (D-Edmonds) and Representative Jake Fey (D-Tacoma) released transportation budget proposals – both budget proposals included new revenue. The Senate also published a current law budget to demonstrate substantial cuts and project delays would be necessary without new revenue. Budget writers identified that the transportation budget has a deficit of over \$1 billion and a six-year deficit of over \$6 billion due to lower revenues, cost increases and addressing culverts.
- **Recommended approval of the 2025 project extension requests and contingency funding.** This included 17 projects requesting one-year extensions for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds and funding allocations to three projects on the approved contingency lists. PSRC staff reviewed the requests and confirmed they are consistent with PSRC's adopted policies.
- **Recommended approval of the Regional Action Safety Plan.** The Regional Safety Action Plan has been under development since Fall 2023, following the Regional Safety Summit and grant funding from USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. PSRC released the Draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment in mid-January, concluding on February 14, 2025. The TPB reviewed revisions and corrections to the draft Regional Safety Action Plan proposed by staff based on public comments received. The TPB recommended the adoption of the Regional Safety Action Plan as revised to the Executive Board.
- **Discussed Regional Transportation Plan development.** PSRC staff provided key findings on the current transportation system related to maintenance, preservation and operational activities and expenditures. Staff shared information on the inventory and

data collection efforts for these elements, including key findings.

The next TPB meeting is scheduled for May 8. Councilmember Dave Hamilton represents Bellevue on the TPB.

Executive Board

At its April 24, 2025 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Approved five projects for routine amendment into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** See TPB summary for more information.
- **Certified the comprehensive plans for Arlington, Carbonado, Kent, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, North Bend, Orting, SeaTac, South Prairie, Sultan, University Place and Woodway.** See GMPB summary for more information.
- **Authorized a change in the Regional Transportation Plan Project Status for the City of Bellevue's 150th Avenue SE Mobility Improvements Project.** See TPB summary for more information.
- **Recommended the General Assembly adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget & Work Program.** The recommended budget and work plan continue regional transportation, growth management, and economic development planning, and include a modest increase in dues for the City.
- **Recommended the General Assembly adopt the Regional Safety Action Plan.** See TPB summary for more information.
- **Welcomed WA State Department of Commerce Director Nguyen.** Director Joe Nguyen was appointed by Governor Ferguson and began his role in January. He previously served as a state senator. He is focused on improving outcomes and is currently fielding a survey on how Commerce can better serve its customers, including local governments.
- **Received an update on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's (PSCAA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant work.** See GMPB summary for more information.

There is no Executive Board meeting scheduled in May as the PSRC General Assembly will meet on May 22. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for June 26. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.