



DATE: January 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Puget Sound Regional Committees Update, December 2025

Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

There was no GMPB meeting in December 2025. The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for January 22.

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its December 11 meeting, the TPB:

- **Released the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for public comment.** The next RTP, slated for adoption in 2026, outlines transportation investments and needs through 2050, including maintenance, operations, and system improvements. The draft plan will be available for public comment through February 2. The TPB will review comments in February.
- **Discussed PSRC's project selection process.** PSRC has project selection authority for several sources of federal transportation funds. PSRC typically administers a competitive project selection process every two years. Prior to each funding cycle, the policies and procedures for the project selection process are reviewed and updated as needed to reflect current regional priorities and requirements. The last competitive process was conducted in 2024 for PSRC's 2027-2028 federal transportation funds. In 2026, PSRC will review and update its process to align with new federal policies, with the goal of launching the next project selection process in 2027. Loo
- **Discussed the year in review.** Many transportation projects are planned, begun, and completed on an annual basis. Over \$7 billion dollars was programmed in PSRC's Regional Transportation Improvement Program in 2025, reflecting the expenditures of federal, state and local funds for projects of wide variety in size and scope. PSRC staff provided highlights of a few of these milestones and provided a brief look forward into major project completions anticipated in 2026.

The TPB meets on January 8, and a meeting summary will be included in the February Intergovernmental Affairs packet. The next TPB meeting is scheduled for February 13.

Executive Board

At its December 4 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Approved recommendations to the 2026 State Legislature.** On an annual basis, the Executive Board adopts recommendations to the Legislature to support progress on adopted regional plans and policies. Three changes to the draft recommendations were made based on feedback from the Executive Board, GMPB, TPB, and Economic

Development District Board. First, the recommendations have been streamlined to enhance readability. Second, new language acknowledges the economic uncertainty facing the region and emphasizes that local elected officials value consultation by state legislators on policy changes. Finally, the recommendations highlight the need for the implementation of newly adopted housing policies. The updated recommendations were unanimously approved.

- **Discussed Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development.** As described above in the TPB meeting summary, the next RTP is slated for adoption in 2026. PSRC staff briefed the Executive Board on the TPB's progress in developing a draft plan, and the intention to release the plan for public comment in mid-December.
- **Met in executive session to review the performance of Executive Director Josh Brown.** Following the Executive Session, the Executive Board approved a merit-based salary increase for Mr. Brown.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for January 22.

Economic Development District Board (EDDB)

At its December 3 meeting, the Central Puget Sound EDDB:

- **Received a Legislative Update** on state and federal developments including an update on the application for US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration funding. Due to the government shut down in the fall 2025, the review process is behind. It was stated that while regular funding is limited, there are opportunities through supplemental disaster funding for restoration and recovery work. An update on Washington Economic Development Association's (WEDA) legislative agenda and advocating for state legislators to know that investments in economic development has a positive impact in other areas can be impactful. PSRC will also draft recommendations for the updated state budget cuts.
- **Approved Nominating Committee for Election of Officers** for the next board president. The nominating committee will identify the next president at the March meeting.
- **A Regional Economic Strategy working session** was conducted for all attendees to brainstorm how PSRC can assist in advancing regional economic development, what strategic areas they should lean into where there are gaps, and what role they should play and how.

The next EDDB meeting is scheduled for March 4.