



DATE: February 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Puget Sound Regional Committees Update, January 2026

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its January 8 meeting, the TPB:

- **Approved a routine amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Eight agencies submitted nine projects:
 - Auburn: 15th Street NW Bridge Deck Preservation
 - Bothell: Beardslee Boulevard Widening (Campus to I-5)
 - Everett Transit:
 - 2025 Paratransit Vehicles
 - Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Hybrid Bus Replacement
 - Kenmore: 61st Avenue NE Sidewalk Replacement
 - Seattle: East Marginal Way S Preservation
 - Sound Transit: Graham Street Infill Light Rail Station
 - Tukwila: E Marginal Way S Overlay
 - Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT): I-5 Fort Lewis Truck Parking Northbound – Truck Parking Improvements
- **Received a legislative briefing.** The 2026 State Legislative Session began on January 12. For the first time in several legislative sessions, the Transportation Budget is not facing an urgent shortfall heading into the 2026 session. However, the 10-year transportation spending plan has a \$500 million shortfall based on current project estimates. For more information on the state legislative session, please see *Attachment A. State Legislative Update* in this packet for more information.
- **Discussed PSRCs project tracking policies,** which are designed to ensure the timely use of PSRCs federal funds and to increase the delivery of transportation investments that support the region's long-range plans. Among other things, the policies address the required annual delivery target of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. Each year, following a specific set of procedures identified in the project tracking policies, a rebalancing process is conducted to address any gaps in delivery. Two potential updates to the project tracking policies are recommended by PSRC's Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC). The first change would allow administrative transfers of up to \$100,000 between project phases. The second change would allow project sponsors to adjust their project cost estimates when unanticipated increases occur. The TPB plans to take action on the two proposed policy changes in February.
- **Discussed the TPBs 2026 work program.** The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has been released for public review and comment through February 2. During the first several months of 2026, the TPB will review RTP public comments and finalize the plan in anticipation of adoption for the May General Assembly. Later in the year, the TPB will focus on RTP implementation items and updating PSRC's federal funding processes.

The next TPB meeting is scheduled for February 12. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis represents Bellevue on the TPB.

Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

At its January 15 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Recommended certification of the Des Moines comprehensive plan.** The Executive Board will be asked to take action on this recommendation at its February meeting. Bellevue's comprehensive plan was certified in October 2024.
- **Reviewed regional growth centers criteria and continued discussing redesignation for existing centers.** PSRC staff shared the next batch of draft center criteria and certification reports for 12 centers, including Downtown Bellevue. PSRC staff recommend redesigning Downtown Bellevue as a Metro Regional Growth Center. In February, staff will share a final batch of certification reports and ask the GMPB to make a recommendation to the Executive Board on redesignating regional centers.
- **Reviewed the 2026 work plan for the Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee (RTODC) and provided input.** The committee will begin implementation of the work plan at its next meeting on March 20. Bellevue holds a seat on the committee through 2028.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for February 19. Councilmember Vishal Bhargava represents Bellevue on the GMPB.

Executive Board

At its January 22 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Heard an update on federal legislation from PSRC's federal consultants.** This included information on continuing budget discussions, and work to implement H.R. 1 (Big Beautiful Bill). See *Attachment B. Federal Legislative Update* in this packet for more information.
- **Reviewed findings from the 2025 Regional Housing Monitoring Report.** This annual data update is part of implementation of the Regional Housing Strategy. Findings highlight continuing affordability challenges for renters and first-time homebuyers, despite an uptick in construction.
- **Reviewed findings from a 2025 survey of local planning implementation of new state requirements.** The Housing Incentives and Tools Survey provides insight on local implementation of state law, including comprehensive plan updates and middle housing. Bellevue staff responded to the survey and recommended that survey findings will be shared with state legislators.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for February 26. Mayor Mo Malakoutian represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.