



City of  
Bellevue

City Manager's  
Office

**DATE:** June 10, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Puget Sound Regional Committees Update, May 2025

### **Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)**

At its May 1 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Recommended the PSRC Executive Board certify the comprehensive plans for Covington, Edgewood, Enumclaw, Fircrest, Granite Falls, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Stevens, Milton, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Snohomish.** 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 moderate housing data trends.** Staff shared new data on the types and sizes of units built in the region over the past twenty years. The region is building more small rentals and some very large single-family homes, underscoring the need for moderately sized ownership options. This analysis will be part of the larger Regional Housing Strategy monitoring work released in the fall.
- **Received an update on transfer of development rights (TDR) and landscape conversation and local infrastructure program (LCLIP) support from the Washington State Department of Commerce.** Staff shared existing and forthcoming resources on TDR and LCLIP, including an in-person staff workshop hosted at Bellevue City Hall in June. Bellevue's comprehensive plan included policies that support TDR, but no new programs are currently being explored for the City.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for June 5. Councilmember Vishal Bhargava represents Bellevue on the GMPB.

### **Transportation Policy Board (TPB)**

At its May 8 meeting, the TPB:

- **Recommended the PSRC Executive Board certify the comprehensive plans for Covington, Edgewood, Enumclaw, Fircrest, Granite Falls, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Stevens, Milton, Redmond, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Snohomish.** See GMPB summary for more information.
- **Received a legislative update.** Prior to the 2025 state legislative session, budget writers indicated that the Transportation Budget faced a \$1 billion shortfall in 2025-27 alone, and a multi-billion-dollar shortfall over the next six years. The Legislature

adjourned on April 27, raising revenue to generate \$3.2 billion for transportation over the next six years. Additionally, the state transfers a portion of state sales tax revenue (0.1 percent of 6.5 percent) to the Transportation Budget starting in fiscal year 2028 to generate additional revenue. The final transportation budget does not fund any new projects but also does not delay projects as significantly as was proposed by the House earlier in the session. Governor Bob Ferguson signed the Transportation Budget into law on May 20.

- **Recommended the Executive Board approve project tracking exception requests.** Two agencies that were awarded PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds requested deadline extensions per PSRC's tracking Project Tracking Policies. The requests, from the City of Bothell and Kitsap County, are for additional time to deliver their projects beyond previously approved deadlines. For both projects, the exception request is needed for additional time above and beyond the one-year extension already granted, due to unforeseen and lengthy delays related to Biological Assessment reviews by the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). All deadline exception requests require PSRC Executive Board approval.
- **Received a briefing on public survey results regarding safety and transportation.** As part of the grant PSRC received from U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, funds were allocated for public outreach and engagement, including conducting a statistically valid public opinion survey. This survey was conducted from March 3-12. Interviews were conducted with 2,000 people. Across transportation modes, residents feel safest moving around residential streets. Majorities of residents feel unsafe walking or bicycling along or crossing major roadways. To improve safety, residents are open to changing the built environment. They also see a need for more education and enforcement.
- **Received a briefing on the preliminary revenue and expenditures for the 2026-2050 Regional Transportation Plan.** PSRC staff gathered information on available revenues and planned expenditures for the transportation system through 2050. This includes programmatic expenditures such as maintenance and operational activities as well as system improvements and expansions. PSRC calculated that the gap between projected revenues and expenditures through 2050 is approximately \$84.1 billion, or approximately 23 percent. At future meetings, the TPB will identify potential new revenue sources that could close the funding gap.

The next TPB meeting is scheduled for June 12. Councilmember Dave Hamilton represents Bellevue on the TPB.

### **Executive Board**

The Executive Board did not meet in May. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for June 26. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.

### **General Assembly**

The 2025 PSRC General Assembly was held on May 22. The General Assembly is the annual meeting of the Puget Sound Regional Council. The General Assembly includes all mayors, county executives, commissioners, and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions,

including the Bellevue City Council.

At the meeting, the General Assembly:

- **Adopted the fiscal year 2026-27 Biennial Budget and Work Plan.** This is a “steady-state” budget and the work plan continues regional funding and support.
- **Adopted the Regional Safety Action Plan.** Safety is a key policy focus area in the Regional Transportation Plan. VISION 2050, the region's overarching policy framework, includes a policy to support and achieve the state's long-term goal of zero deaths and serious injuries. To help the region achieve this goal, PSRC launched a multi-year effort to improve traffic safety in the central Puget Sound region in a comprehensive, data-informed, equitable, and collaborative way. Identified as an action item in the Regional Transportation Plan and funded primarily by a Safe Streets and Roads for All grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, PSRC developed a Regional Safety Action Plan that:
  - Fosters a regional culture of safety through increased awareness and focus on a [Safe System](#) approach to protect vulnerable roadway users.
  - Identifies safety issues and proven countermeasures, strategies, and tools.
  - Is based on extensive research, analysis and public engagement.
  - Complements the development of local safety action plans.
  - Informs PSRC's competitive project selection processes and future Regional Transportation Plans.
- **Elected Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers as PSRC President and Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello as PSRC Vice President.** They will each serve a one-year term with possible reelection for a second year in 2026.
- **Heard from keynote speaker Shailen Bhatt on his work on transportation safety in the private and public sectors.** A video recording of Mr. Bhatt's presentation is [available online](#).

All Bellevue councilmembers are invited to the General Assembly. Mayor Lynne Robinson and Councilmember Lee attended. The next General Assembly will be held in spring 2026, date to be announced.