



City of Bellevue

City Manager's Office

**DATE:** June 9, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Puget Sound Regional Committees Update, May 2026

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

At its May 21 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Acted to redesignate the region's ten Manufacturing/Industrial Centers (MICs).** Several MICs have planning conditions that require review in 2028. Bellevue does not have a regionally designated MIC and no areas in the city meet the minimum criteria.
- **Heard a briefing on data analysis of homelessness and shelter needs in the region.** PSRC staff shared data on unhoused individuals in the region and service and housing models in other parts of the country. Board members cited lack of funding as the major hurdle to providing more beds and resources.
- **Discussed VISION 2050 implementation and the forthcoming update.** VISION 2050 is the region's long-range plan for growth. It informs the countywide planning policies (CPPs) and Bellevue's comprehensive plan. PSRC staff walked through key implementation milestones since VISION 2050 was adopted in 2020 including adoption of the Regional Housing Strategy, Sound Transit openings, tribal coordination, and ongoing data monitoring. Board members were asked about what they see as key issue areas for the next VISION update. Board members discussed the need to better address physical and social infrastructure.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for June 18. Councilmember Vishal Bhargava represents Bellevue on the GMPB.

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

The TPB did not meet in May. The next TPB meeting is scheduled for June 11. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis represents Bellevue on the TPB.

### **Executive Board**

The Executive Board did not meet in May, in lieu of the PSRC annual General Assembly.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for June 25. Mayor Mo Malakoutian represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.

## **General Assembly**

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) General Assembly includes all mayors, county executives, commissioners and councilmembers of PSRC member jurisdictions. Each elected representative is a voting member of the General Assembly, which meets at least annually to vote on major decisions, establish the budget and elect new officers. At the May 28 General Assembly, attendees:

- **Adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Supplemental Biennial budget and work plan.** The proposed FY 2026-2027 Supplemental Biennial Budget and Work Program is \$45.6 million. The budget contains the following elements: Planning Management, Regional Growth Planning, Transportation Planning, Economic Development, Data, Council Support, Communications and Administrative Services.
- **Adopted the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).** Adoption of the draft Plan benefits Bellevue by keeping PSRC eligible for federal funding, which Bellevue competes for. The following priority areas of the RTP are aligned with adopted Bellevue transportation plans and policies:
  - **Health and Safety** – this is aligned with Bellevue’s Vision Zero policies, which aim to eliminate traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030.
  - **Multimodal Mobility** – this supports Bellevue’s Transit Master Plan, which was adopted by City Council in 2014 and Bellevue City Council’s 2024-2026 Vision and Priorities.
  - **System and Performance** – this is aligned with Council’s 2024-2026 Vision and Priorities, which state that “Regional road capacity handles the movement of goods and vehicles, limiting the impact on neighborhoods from cut-through traffic. A state-of-the-art intelligent transportation system provides a predictable travel experience to improve mobility, increase safety and reduce emissions.”
- **Elected Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers as PSRC President and Pierce County Executive Ryan Mell as PSRC Vice President.** This is a second one-year term for both.
- **Heard a discussion on regional mobility from TPB Chair Mayor Ralph, Kent and Vice Chair Mayor Putansuu, Port Orchard.** See RTP item above.
- **Heard a panel discussion from Challenge Seattle on work to develop a Regional Economic Strategy.** Former Governor Chris Gregoire, CEO of Challenge Seattle, introduced a conversation on the future of the Puget Sound economy with a presentation by Boston Consulting Group. A fireside chat featured Erik Nordstrom, CEO of Nordstrom; Kerri Schroeder, Pacific Northwest Region Chair of JPMorgan Chase; and Brad Smith, Vice Chair and President of Microsoft and was moderated by PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown.

The next General Assembly will take place in May 2027, date to be announced.