



City of
Bellevue

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SUBJECT: Puget Sound Regional Committees Update, November 2025

Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

At its November 6 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Received a briefing on the Regional Centers redesignation process** and provided feedback on the draft criteria and certification reports for centers in Everett, Seattle and Tacoma. Members expressed support for the overall process and for allowing flexibility for centers that may not meet all criteria but are otherwise functioning successfully. In early 2026, the GMPB will receive draft criteria reports for the remaining centers and will be asked to provide a recommendation to the Executive Board on the redesignation of all existing centers, including Downtown Bellevue.
- **Received a briefing on the 2025 Regional Housing Strategy monitoring update**, including new data and analysis on the production of emergency housing and permanent supportive housing. The Board discussed how housing monitoring data can help jurisdictions meet new state housing requirements and implement recently adopted comprehensive plans.
- **Received a briefing on the Regional Economic Strategy Update.** To inform the development of the strategy, PSRC staff coordinated the development of a regional profile and SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats) analysis assessing high-level challenges and opportunities facing the region's economy. The GMPB received an overview of the draft strategies, which will be presented to the Economic Development District Board in December.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for January 15. Councilmember Vishal Bhargava represents Bellevue on the GMPB.

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its November 13 meeting, the TPB:

- **Discussed the Regional Transportation Plan financial strategy.** The next Regional Transportation Plan, slated for adoption in 2026, outlines transportation investments and needs through 2050, including maintenance, operations, and system improvements. The region's forecasted transportation revenues through 2050 fall short of projected expenditures by \$49 billion. The TPB has identified five potential new funding sources: road usage charge, vehicle fees, sales tax for local transit, county road levy, and retail delivery fee. Bellevue advocated for removing retail delivery fee from the list of options.
- **Received a briefing on state policy and transportation** from Representative Jake Fey, Chair of the House Transportation Committee. Representative Fey introduced a road usage charge bill, [House Bill \(HB\) 1921](#), which was heard in the House

Transportation Committee but was not voted out of committee. The state has historically relied on gas taxes to pay for transportation infrastructure and maintenance, but this revenue has been dwindling year after year. The proposed road usage charge would replace the gas tax. Representative Fey expects the next steps for the road usage charge would be a voluntary program.

- **Received a briefing on Regional Transportation Plan development and outreach.**

The draft plan is anticipated to be released for public review and comment between mid-December and the end of January 2026. PSRC staff provided a summary of public outreach to date, which included six public meetings throughout the region with over 260 total attendees.

The next TPB meeting is scheduled for December 11. Councilmember Dave Hamilton represents Bellevue on the TPB.

Executive Board

The Executive Board did not meet in November. The Executive Board meets on December 4 and a summary will be included in the January Intergovernmental Affairs update to City Council. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for January 22. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.