



City of
Bellevue

City Manager's
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DATE: February 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Update, January 2025

PSRC Executive Board

At its January 23, 2025 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Approved the PSRC Executive Board approve regional priority rankings for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program.** WSDOT manages an ongoing statewide competition called the Consolidated Grant Program. It provides funds for transit, including public transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities, which is called “specialized transportation services.” WSDOT holds the competition once every two years to fund projects for the upcoming biennium. The grant consolidates funding from a variety of federal and state sources that are available for distribution statewide. PSRC provides regional priority rankings for this statewide funding competition.
- **Discussed PSRC plan certification.** Staff shared information on the Executive Board’s role to approve certification of comprehensive plan updates. Certification allows local jurisdictions to compete in PSRC’s competitive cycles for federal transportation funds. The City of Bellevue’s 2024 Comprehensive Plan is currently under review and is tentatively scheduled for full certification later this spring.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for February 27. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its January 9 meeting, the TPB:

- **Approved 17 projects for routine amendment into the Regional TIP:**
 - Everett: Everett Point Industrial Center Green Bridge
 - King County Parks Department: Closing the Eastrail I-90 Gap
 - Northwest Seaport Alliance: Zero Emission Truck and Charging Infrastructure for Small and Independent Operators
 - Seattle: Roosevelt Way Preservation
 - Steilacoom: Garrison Springs Creek Culvert Replacement
 - Woodinville: Eastrail Multi-Use Trail Plan
 - WSDOT Northwest Region:
 - I-90/Eastbound East Channel Bridge – Modular Assembly Joints
 - SR 164 Charlie Jones Creek to White River – Fish Passage
 - SR 202/Mud Creek to Snoqualmie River – Fish Passage

- SR 410/Clay Creek to White River – Fish Passage
 - SR 522/Cat Whisker Creek – Fish Passage
 - SR 104/Unnamed Tributary to Lyon Creek – Fish Passage
 - SR 525/I-405 Interchange to SR 99 Vicinity – Paving and Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements
 - SR 525/Box Springs, Maple Creek and Unnamed Tributary to Swamp Creek – Fish Passage
 - SR 524/Martha Creek to Swamp Creek – Fish Passage
 - I-5/Unnamed to Penny Creek and Silver Lake – Fish Passage
 - SR 520/I-5 to Floating Bridge – Bridge Replacement and High Occupancy Vehicle
- **Recommended the PSRC Executive Board approve regional priority rankings for the WSDOT 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant Program**, as described in the January 27 Executive Board meeting summary on the previous page.
 - **Approved a project tracking exemption request from the City of Sumner**. The city requested a transfer of \$539,853 in PSRC’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds from the right-of-way phase to the construction phase for the Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge project. PSRC staff confirmed that the request met the exception conditions laid out in PSRC’s adopted Project Tracking Policies.
 - **Released the draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment**. The Puget Sound region is currently experiencing a traffic safety crisis. Roadway deaths have risen sharply since 2010, and an increasing number of those killed are people walking or riding a bike — the most vulnerable travelers. Data show that people of color are disproportionately impacted. The draft Regional Safety Action Plan identifies safety issues and proven countermeasures, strategies, and tools. Public comment is open through February 14.
 - **Discussed development of the 2026-2050 Regional Transportation Plan**. The discussion focused on VISION 2050 and the regional growth strategy, the distribution of people and jobs today and in the future, and the current transit network and services throughout the region. The 2026-2050 RTP is scheduled for adoption in May 2026.

The next TPB meeting is scheduled for February 13. Councilmember Dave Hamilton represents Bellevue on the TPB.

Growth Management Policy Board

At its January 16 meeting, the Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB):

- **Heard from retired state Representative Frank Chopp about state efforts to support housing**. Rep. Chopp also shared information on Enterprise NW’s Home and Hope program to site childcare facilities with affordable housing developments. There are currently no eligible properties for this program in Bellevue.
- **Recommended full certification of the Town of Steilacoom’s 2024 Comprehensive Plan**. PSRC reviews and certifies comprehensive plans for consistency with regional

policy in VISION 2050, the region's long-range plan and for meeting the requirements of the transportation-related elements as required by state law in the Growth Management Act. Plans that receive full or conditional certification are eligible to compete in the PSRC grant cycles for federal transportation dollars. The board found the Town of Steilacoom's plan to be consistent with the requirements and recommended full certification. The Executive Board will take final action on this recommendation at the February 27 meeting.

- **Heard a briefing on the update to the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Safety Action Plan.** Both plan updates are being led by the Transportation Policy Board.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for February 6. Councilmember Janice Zahn represents Bellevue on the GMPB.