



DATE: May 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Puget Sound Regional Committees Update, April 2026

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its April 9 meeting, the TPB:

- **Approved a routine amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Six agencies submitted nine projects:
 - Everett Transit:
 - 2023 Everett Station Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement
 - 2026 Operations Base Generator Enhancements
 - Kenmore: NE 155th Street Pedestrian-Bicycle (81st Avenue NE – Simonds Road NE)
 - King County Department of Transit:
 - King County Metro Bus Acquisition 2023-2024
 - Vehicle, Equipment and Facilities Maintenance 2021-2024
 - Kitsap Transit: Kitsap Transit Training Facility
 - Puyallup: Meeker Pedestrian Improvements
 - Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT):
 - State Route (SR) 99 Northbound Duwamish River Bridge – Grid Deck Replacement
 - SR 16/Burley Creeks – Remove Fish Barriers
- **Recommended certifications of comprehensive plans for Bonney Lake, Pacific and Seattle.** The plans were reviewed by PSRC staff, who found the plans to be substantially consistent with VISION 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and to conform to transportation planning requirements in the Growth Management Act.
- **Recommended authorizing a change in the RTP project status for Auburn's East Valley Highway Widening Project from "candidate" to "conditionally approved."** Conditional approval will allow for expedited processing of the right-of-way phase while the city finalizes the environmental review of the project; these actions are allowed to occur concurrently because the right-of-way phase is locally funded. This project will widen East Valley Highway between Lakeland Hills Way and East Valley Access Road
- **Recommended the Executive Board approve the 2026 project extensions and exceptions.** This includes a one-year extension for Bellevue's Eastrail – Mountains to Sound Greenway Regional Trails Connection. Additional right-of-way needs have been identified for this project that were not originally anticipated. This action also recommends approval of three requests for an exception to allow additional time under PSRC's adopted Project Tracking Policies.
- **Recommended the Executive Board approve the bridge pilot program and**

contingency awards. The bridge funding pilot program would be funded as part of PSRC's adopted project tracking program and the provision by which a supplemental funding action is required to achieve the annual delivery target for PSRC's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. The pilot would be for a two-year period and begin with the four counties, focused on immediately ready-to-go bridge replacement, rehabilitation or maintenance projects. Three bridge projects were recommended for funding under the parameters of the pilot program. In addition, the TPB recommended allocating \$300,169 in returned project funding to City of Sumner's Puyallup River Trail Crossing Planning Study.

- **Recommended approval of the 2026-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).** Over the last two years, work to develop the 2026-2050 RTP included extensive public outreach and engagement, comprehensive discussions of investment levels and transportation finance, and review of detailed analyses reflecting system performance and ongoing needs. Adoption of the draft RTP benefits Bellevue by keeping PSRC eligible for federal funding, which Bellevue competes for.

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

Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

At its April 16 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Received a briefing on the 2026 State Legislative Session.** Staff from the State Department of Commerce provided a recap of the legislative session, focused on land use, housing and other planning-related bills. Council heard a recap of the state legislative session at the [March 24 meeting](#).
- **Provided input on future implementation of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).** The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) presented on the CCAP and potential next steps for implementation. Board members expressed interest in regional coordination and the need for technical support and incentives to encourage widespread engagement.
- **Received a briefing on redesignation of Manufacturing/Industrial Centers (M/ICs).** PSRC staff walked through the proposed process for redesignation of M/ICs. They also shared draft redesignation reports for five M/ICs all of which have substantial conditions highlighting the challenges for industrial lands and industries in the region. Bellevue does not have an M/IC and no areas in the city are eligible for designation.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for May 21. Councilmember Vishal Bhargava represents Bellevue on the GMPB.

Executive Board

At its April 23 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Heard a briefing on the newly launched University of Washington Housing Futures Center.** Gregg Colburn, Executive Director, shared information on the vision of the newly launched center. The primary focus is the development of a "real time" housing inventory dashboard funded by Challenge Seattle and Microsoft. An eviction database, supported by the state Attorney General, is also forthcoming.
- **Recommended the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Supplemental Budget and Work Plan for adoption at the PSRC General Assembly.** The budget and work plan were unanimously recommended for approval at the General Assembly. The supplemental budget does not include a change in Bellevue's membership dues. The supplemental budget continues the regional planning, data and funding work that supports Bellevue's local work and goals.
- **Recommended the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for adoption at the PSRC General Assembly.** The plan was unanimously recommended for approval at the General Assembly. To meet federal requirements, PSRC must update the region's transportation plan every four years. The 2026 plan meets this requirement. Bellevue staff provided both policy and technical comments that were well received by PSRC and incorporated into the draft plan and proposed future work plan.
- **Approved Bridge Pilot and Contingency Funding.** The new pilot program allocates any federal funding that remains at the end of a funding cycle be allocated to bridge projects to provide funding for the region's failing bridge infrastructure. This pilot project will be reevaluated in the future. The pilot does not add or take away federal funding from Bellevue transportation projects.

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