



City of
Bellevue

City Manager's
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DATE: October 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Puget Sound Regional Committees Update, September 2025

Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

At its October 2 meeting, the GMPB:

- **Discussed Kitsap County's approach for Streamlining Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) permitting with pre-approved plans.** The City of Poulsbo and the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) provided a briefing on the project to develop and publish pre-approved plans for ADUs for use by six jurisdictions in Kitsap County including Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC), cities, tribes and transit agencies.
- **Discussed recommendations for PSRC's 2026 State Legislative priorities.** Priorities fell into four key areas including transportation (keeping the region moving), increasing housing supply and affordability, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and sustaining a strong economy.
- **Discussed the PSRC Regional Centers monitoring update.** The Board received a briefing on the process and criteria for the monitoring and redesignation process. Some centers are not performing as anticipated, and the Board was asked to weigh in on flexibility that should be given in assessing whether centers should receive the redesignation.
- **Discussed the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.** The Board received a briefing on progress being made with the RTP since the last update at the beginning of the year, with adoption anticipated in 2026. The RTP includes a review of current transportation systems and identification of "gaps" as well as a review of proposed investments versus available revenues through 2050. The Plan is required to be funded under federal requirements, and current analysis identified a 21 percent funding gap (\$78 billion). The RTP includes regional projects, local improvement projects, maintenance and improvement, ADA accessibility, and growth in transit service.
- **Discussed PSRC Board representation composition and voting structure.** Every three years, PSRC is required to review the composition and makeup of the Executive Board under its existing interlocal agreement with member jurisdictions. As the voting structure and representation of a PSRC policy board has not been evaluated for several years, the PSRC Board was asked to determine if modifications were necessary. The board has now recommended that the Executive Board reevaluate its voting structure and representation.

The next GMPB meeting is scheduled for November 6. Councilmember Vishal Bhargava represents Bellevue on the GMPB.

Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

At its September 11 meeting, the TPB:

- **Approved a routine amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Five agencies submitted ten projects:
 - Everett: North Broadway Pedestrian Bridge
 - King County:

- Boise X Connection Bridge Replacement
 - Soos Creek Trail Phase 5 Segment 1
 - Green to Cedar South Interim Trail Segment A
- Port of Seattle: South Concourse Evolution
- Seattle: Renton Avenue S Sidewalk and Neighborhood Greenway
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT):
 - State Route (SR) 164 196th Avenue SE to High Point St – Paving and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance
 - SR 516 SR 181 to SR 515 Vicinity Paving with Exceptions and ADA
 - SR 305/Unnamed Tributaries to Eagle Harbor – Remove Fish Barriers
 - Preventative Maintenance – King County Metro/Washington State Ferries Pilot
- **Recommended the Executive Board certify the comprehensive plans for Bremerton, Buckley, Everett, Fife, Poulsbo, Tacoma, Tukwila, and Woodinville,** as described in the GMPB meeting summary above.
- **Recommended the Executive Board conditionally certify the plans for Snoqualmie and Kitsap County,** as described in the GMPB meeting summary above.
- **Discussed RTP scenario analysis results.** The next RTP, slated for adoption in 2026, outlines transportation investments and needs through 2050, including maintenance, operations, and system improvements. Forecasted revenues, based on existing sources, fall short by 21 percent (\$78 billion). In July, the TPB directed PSRC staff to develop financial models with a range of revenue and expenditure options. In September, most TPB members showed preference for the financial scenario that maintains the region's commitment to maintenance and operations and anticipates transit growth of two percent per year.
- **Discussed RTP development approach and schedule.** Through 2025, PSRC staff will share key discussion topics and decision points with a proposed a new format to make the Plan more user-friendly. A draft plan will be released for public comment in December 2025, with the final adoption of the plan in May 2026.

The next TPB meeting is scheduled for October 9. Councilmember Dave Hamilton represents Bellevue on the TPB.

Executive Board

At its September 24, 2024 meeting, the Executive Board:

- **Approved conditional certification of comprehensive plans for Snoqualmie and Kitsap County,** as described in the GMPB meeting summary above.
- **Discussed Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) 2026 Recommendations to the State Legislature.** On an annual basis, the Executive Board adopts recommendations to the Legislature to support progress on adopted regional plans and policies. PSRC staff propose following a similar framework to the recommendations adopted last year. Executive Board members requested that the *2026 Recommendations to the State Legislature* ask legislators to bring PSRC members into revenue conversations early and that the document describe cities' and counties' transportation funding responsibilities.
- **Discussed RTP development approach and schedule,** as described in the TPB meeting summary above. Members asked clarifying questions.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for October 23. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the Executive Board.