



Puget Sound Regional Council

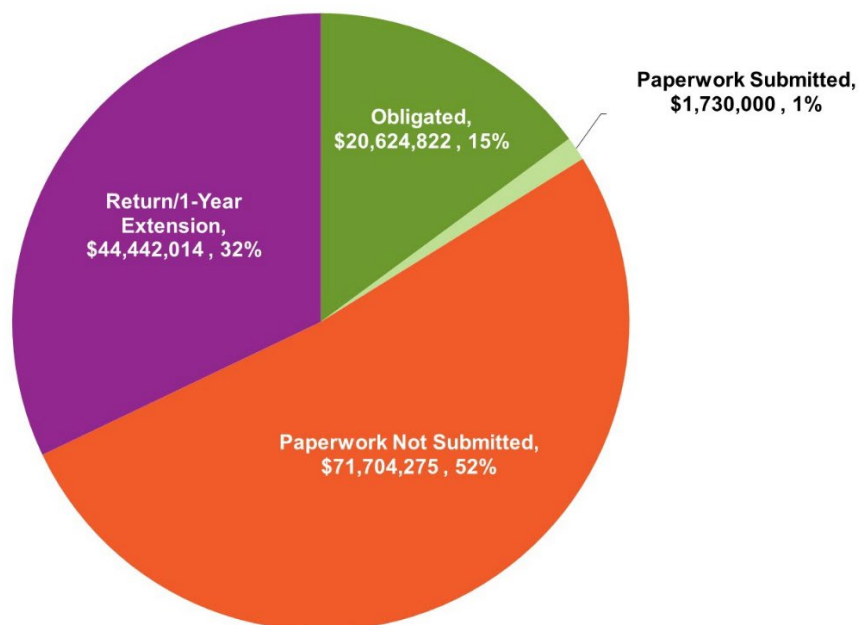
Regional Project Evaluation Committee – March 2026 Information Items

Following is the status of PSRC Transportation work program items currently underway.

Project Delivery

PSRC’s rebalancing and delivery of projects with 2026 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds is underway. Extension requests reviewed by staff, RPEC and countywide forum chairs, and WSDOT (“Chairs group”). Sponsors who requested 45-day extensions will be notified of approvals, and recommendations on 1-year extension requests will go to the board for approval in April. Advancement to 2026 of projects with future PSRC funds has been confirmed. Staff has been working with sponsors of eligible projects to confirm 2026 increased federal share awards, which are being processed in the March Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment and will be approved into the Statewide TIP in mid-April, to allow ample time for delivery by the June 1 deadline. Current delivery status is summarized as follows (totals do not yet reflect increased federal shares).

FFY2026 Delivery of PSRC’s FHWA Funds (75 projects)



For projects receiving an increased federal share, sponsors are encouraged to complete obligation paperwork and coordinate WSDOT review concurrent to the STIP update process, to be ready to finalize obligation as soon as possible after the STIP update is approved.

For more information, or to notify of any issues or questions about delivery of PSRC-funded projects, please contact Kalon Thomas (kthomas@psrc.org) or Jennifer Barnes (jbarnes@psrc.org).

Regional Transportation Plan

The public comment period for the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) concluded on February 2, 2026. Staff has reviewed and categorized all comments received, organized in a summary matrix that was posted on PSRC's [RTP Engagement Hub](#). At the March 12 Transportation Policy Board meeting, staff reported on the comments received, the categorization process and next steps. The board began discussion of potential final plan refinements, to be concluded in April, when a recommendation to the Executive Board to adopt the final RTP is scheduled. The Executive Board is scheduled to take action at their April 28 meeting to recommend that the General Assembly adopt the final RTP at their meeting on May 28, 2026.

For more information please contact Kelly McGourty at kmcgourty@psrc.org.

Grant Competitions

PSRC's Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) Program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) competitions are underway. PSRC staff are currently coordinating with applicants to address review comments on their submitted screening forms. The RTCC Program was established by PSRC to recognize and support the needs of the region's rural areas and provides funding for projects in smaller rural towns and cities—approximately \$6 million in RTCC funds will be awarded for 2027 and 2028 program years its application due date is April 17. TAP is an FHWA funding program for community-based transportation improvements, such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets, and environmental mitigation—approximately \$16 million in TAP funds will be awarded for 2027 and 2028 program years its application due date is April 3. More details and all related documents are available on PSRC's [Project Selection website](#).

For more information, please contact Doug Cox at dcox@psrc.org.

Attachments

VISION 2050 Award Nomination Flyer
Summer Planning Academy (SPA) Flyer

VISION 2050 AWARDS



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Call for Nominations 2026

The Puget Sound Regional Council is seeking nominations for the VISION 2050 Awards Program through **March 27, 2026**.

The VISION 2050 Awards celebrate progress to enhance the region's communities and natural environment while advancing equity and opportunity for all. The awards recognize innovative work to create a better future for central Puget Sound.

Eligibility

PSRC will only be accepting nominations directly from its [membership](#). Others seeking to nominate projects can do so through the member jurisdiction in which the project is located. PSRC will help connect potential nominees with local governments to help with the nomination process. Please contact [Michele Leslie](#) with questions.

Nominations must be for projects, programs, plans or partnerships within the four-county region of King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties that help achieve VISION 2050. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at psrc.org/vision.

All nominated projects must be completed and open, plans must be adopted by their jurisdictions, programs must be in operation and partnerships must be formally working together.

Submit a Nomination!

Nominations must be submitted online through the [VISION 2050 Awards Nomination Form](#)

Learn more at: www.psrc.org

Scan the code for
the nomination form



The region's VISION for 2050

is to provide exceptional quality of life, opportunity for all, connected communities, a spectacular natural environment, and an innovative, thriving economy. More information about the goals and themes of VISION 2050 can be found at www.psrc.org

Summer Planning Academy (SPA) for High School Students

Are you curious about how cities grow, change, and develop? Have you ever wondered how governments decide where train lines should go? Do you have ideas about how to make our communities better places for everyone? If so, you should apply for the Summer Planning Academy (SPA)!



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The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is looking for high school students from King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties who want to learn about urban planning in our region and share ideas about how to make the central Puget Sound region a better place to live, work, and play.

SPA is a leadership development opportunity offered free of charge to students interested in planning a better future for our region. The program encourages students to think creatively about how better planning can help people lead better lives.

Upon successful completion of SPA, students are eligible to receive a **\$500** scholarship. SPA sessions will take place in Downtown Seattle on July 29, 31, August 5, and 7.

Applications are due **May 18**.

To learn more about PSRC, SPA, and to apply, go to www.psrc.org/our-work/summer-planning-academy or scan the QR code.

Questions? Email us at spa@psrc.org.

