

Puget Sound Regional Council

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

working together for the future



Mayor Ray Stephanson, City of Everett, President of PSRC and Chair of the Executive Board and Commissioner Josh Brown, Kitsap County, Vice President of PSRC and Chair of the Operations Committee.

Regional cooperation is more important than ever before as we work together on economic recovery efforts and lay the foundation for future prosperity and a vibrant, livable region. In 2009, PSRC provided funding needed to move transportation projects forward, promoted economic development through the Prosperity Partnership, and continued the long-range planning and data activities that are part of our mission.

Like many of our member jurisdictions, we implemented several reductions in agency expenditures and overall operation in order to balance our budget for the new biennium, and we continue to look for ways to streamline our organization. Below are highlights from our efforts during 2009. We welcome your comments and encourage your participation in PSRC's activities as we all work together to create a bright future for this region.



About PSRC

PSRC is the regional transportation, economic, and growth planning agency for the central Puget Sound region. The agency functions as the regional transportation planning organization under the state's Growth Management Act and as the metropolitan planning organization under federal law. PSRC's work includes:

- Long-range planning for transportation, economic development and land use
- Transportation funding
- Regional data and research
- Regional coordination and outreach



mobility to support a growing region

Transportation 2040 sets a new direction for transportation

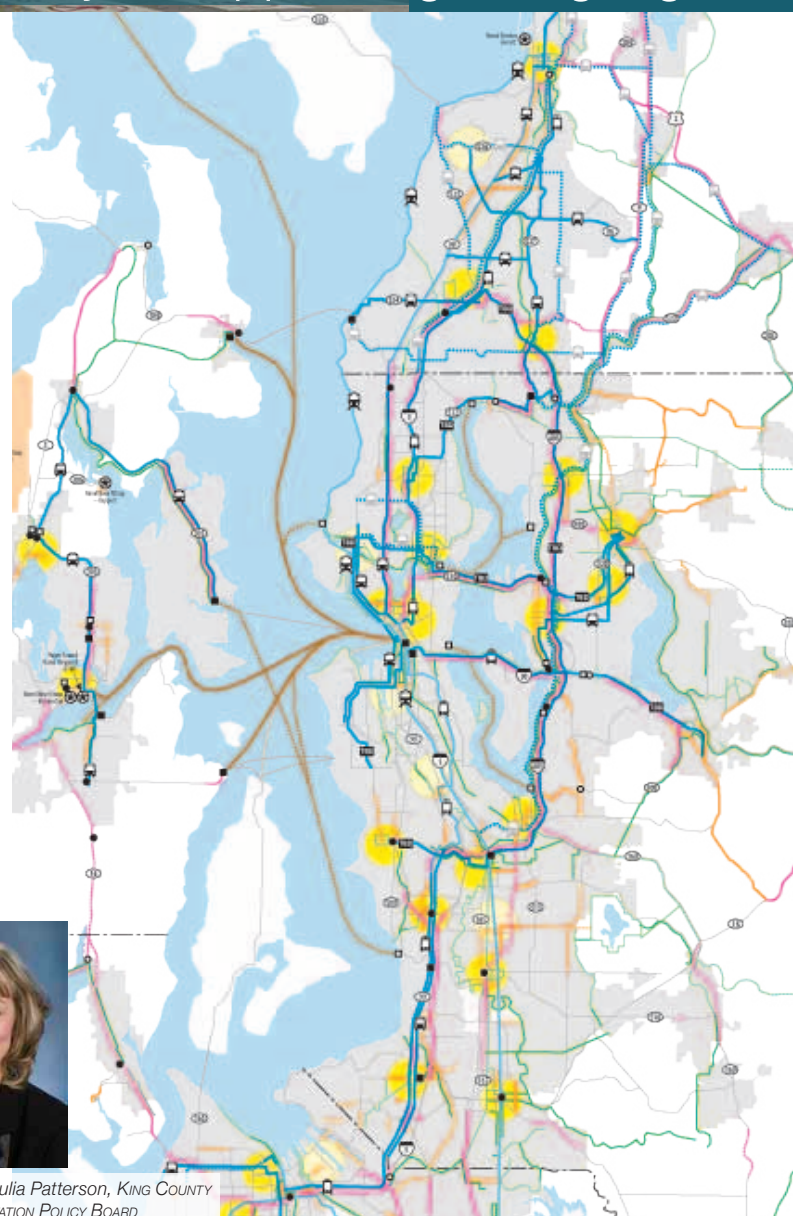
In 2010, PSRC developed the final draft Transportation 2040, an action plan for transportation in the central Puget Sound region for the next 30 years. Transportation 2040 is a blueprint for sustainable transportation that provides mobility for a growing region while improving the region's environmental health and supporting livable communities.

The plan includes:

- Transit, bike, pedestrian, and roadway investments needed to support the region's expected growth (1.5 million more people and 1.2 million more jobs by 2040).
- Strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting the health of Puget Sound.
- Transportation investments that fully support the region's growth strategy, VISION 2040, focusing job and housing growth in vibrant centers and supporting livability throughout the region.
- An innovative and equitable financing plan that shifts how transportation improvements are funded, with more reliance on users paying for transportation improvements through variable tolling.



COUNCILMEMBER Julia Patterson, KING COUNTY
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Members

Elected leaders of PSRC's member jurisdictions direct the work of the agency. PSRC members include King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties, 72 cities and towns, the region's port districts, tribes, transit agencies, and state transportation agencies. In 2010 PSRC welcomed Darrington, Normandy Park and the Puget Sound Partnership as new members.

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funding for regional transportation



Federal economic recovery dollars put people to work and improve mobility

Projects selected by PSRC to receive \$214 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are moving forward quickly, benefiting from the current low bidding climate. Several of the originally funded projects returned money, allowing PSRC to redistribute funds to additional projects on the contingency list. Additional projects in Arlington, Bothell, Lake Stevens, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, North Bend, Poulsbo, Snohomish County, University Place and others were funded with the returned money. The region met and exceeded Recovery Act goals.

Regional Transportation Improvement Program — \$6.4 billion for 2011-2012

PSRC approved an updated Transportation Improvement Program, accounting for all the funds committed to major transportation projects in the region and ensuring they help achieve the region's long-range transportation plan and meet clean air requirements.

Prioritizing projects for funding

PSRC approved \$388 million in federal funds for transit service, improved roads, and other priority projects in fall 2009.

Special needs transportation

PSRC approved \$2.6 million for projects providing mobility for people who, because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age, are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation.

“PSRC helps local jurisdictions fund important transportation projects. Especially as local governments are facing budget cuts, jurisdictions are relying on federal funds to help move projects forward.”

— COMMISSIONER JOSH BROWN, PSRC VICE PRESIDENT



Puyallup's Shaw Road Extension: This \$24.6 million project provides an important connection from South Hill to SR 410. A priority FAST Corridor project, the bridge over the railroad crossing provides better access for the Port of Tacoma to SR 167.



Community Transit's new SWIFT bus rapid transit between Everett and Shoreline began in November. Nearly 17 miles long, SWIFT is the longest bus rapid transit line in the nation and the first in the region. PSRC provided \$7.4 million in federal funding to the project.

enhancing economic vitality



The Prosperity Partnership is advancing a regional economic strategy that furthers regional prosperity while sustaining the resources and quality of life on which our economic future depends.

“I think Prosperity Partnership rocks.”

— ALAN MULALLY, PRESIDENT & CEO FORD MOTOR CO.

• Global Health Nexus

Prosperity Partnership is working to increase the international recognition of our region as a global center for the discovery, development and delivery of innovative solutions to improve the health of the world's most vulnerable people.

• Metropolitan Business Plan

In collaboration with Brookings Institution, the Puget Sound region is piloting an innovative approach to increasing the region's ability to sell energy efficiency goods and services to the rest of the world.

• Performance First

The Prosperity Partnership created a new program to help corporations from the region's leading industry clusters improve their procurement and purchasing systems with regard to minority-owned businesses.



COUNCILMEMBER BRUCE HARRELL, CITY OF SEATTLE
CHAIR - PERFORMANCE FIRST

• Washington Aerospace Partnership / US Tanker 2010

Prosperity Partnership helped to launch this coalition of civic, business and labor leaders interested in securing the region's aerospace future. In partnership with WAP, the Governor's office, and eight other states, Prosperity Partnership joins the US Tanker 2010 coalition, in support of Boeing's New-Gen tanker proposal, which would create or retain 11,000 jobs in Washington.

Over 700 people turned out for the annual Prosperity Partnership luncheon, which featured keynote speaker Alan Mulally.



providing data, research, and technical assistance

Geographic Information Systems

PSRC maintained and updated the geodatabase of the region's plans, programs and projects in support of Transportation 2040 and the Transportation Improvement Program, provided technical assistance, and distributed GIS products to staff, member jurisdictions and other customers.

UrbanSim

PSRC's new integrated modeling system combines the travel model with the UrbanSim land use model, and was used to support analysis for the update of Transportation 2040.

Recognized as one of the most innovative modeling systems in the nation, it can simulate location decisions for each household and job in the region and show how land use and transportation interact.

Digital media outreach

The agency launched a fresh new website and began streaming PSRC board meetings online. Users can watch meetings as they occur and access archived videos of past meetings on the PSRC website. PSRC Information Center staff also began "tweeting" via Twitter and used RSS feeds to keep people up to date on new agency publications.