



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Via Zoom

4:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Participating Jurisdictions/Members

City of Arlington	Mayor Don Vanney
City of Bothell	Councilmember Carston Curd
City of Darrington	Mayor Dan Rankin
City of Edmonds	Councilmember Chris Eck
City of Everett	Councilmember Ben Zarlingo
City of Gold Bar	Councilmember Chuck Lie, Rich Norris
City of Lynnwood	Mayor George Hurst
City of Mill Creek	Mayor Stephanie Vignal
City of Monroe	Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Walker, Councilmember Brandi Blair
City of Mountlake Terrace	Councilmember Bryan Wahl
City of Snohomish	Councilmember Gabe Jacobs
Town of Woodway	Councilmember John Brock
Snohomish County Council	Councilmember Nate Nehring
Snohomish County Executive Office	Josh Dugan
Community Representative	Mike Appleby
Community Representative	Allan Giffen

Other Attendees/Presenters:

PSRC	Ben Bakkenta
City of Edmonds	Councilmember Jenna Nand
Sno-Isle Libraries	Eric Howard, Meredith Kraft
Snohomish County Human Services	Mary Jane Brell Vujovic
Snohomish County	Kara Main-Hester, Jackie Anderson
Snohomish County	Frank Slusser
Snohomish County	Steve Toy
Economic Alliance	Ray Stephanson
CAB rep	Samantha Politano
City of Everett	Kembra Landry
City of Lake Stevens ,PAC Co-Chair	Russ Wright
City of Monroe	Lance Bailey
Snohomish County, PAC Co-Chair	Michael McCrary

SCT Manager	Ann Larson
Snohomish County PUD	Brenda White
Snohomish County, ICC Co-Chair	Doug McCormick
Snohomish County	Taylor Twiford
Community Members	Daniel Lucier

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Councilmember Nate Nehring.

2. Introductions/Roll Call

Roll call was taken (as listed above).

3. Citizen Comments

No comments.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (01-25-26)

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Vignal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Update Items

a. PSRC Board Actions and Activities,

Ben Bakkenta, Director of Regional Planning, updated the group. The Executive Board will receive a state legislative update from Robin Kosky about what's going on in the state legislature, as well as a federal legislative update and discussion items will include a briefing on the regional center's monitoring and upcoming redesignation process. The Economic Development District Board will elect new officers and ratify presidential appointments to the board, and to the executive committee. Other business will include continued work that they have ongoing on developing the next regional economic strategy, and that's required to be adopted by the Economic Development Administration by the end of the year. The Transportation Policy Board will review those Regional Transportation Plan public comments and begin considering edits and amendments to the plan. They'll also begin a discussion of the policy framework that will be used to guide the project selection process. The Growth Management Policy Board will meet and take action to recommend certification of the next group of comprehensive plans. They're also scheduled to take action to redesignate those 30 regional growth centers. The Growth Management Policy Board will next turn its attention to reviewing and redesignating the region's manufacturing industrial centers.

6. Action Items

a. SCT Exploratory Committee Recommendations to Operating Guidelines

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl to adopt the changes to the Operating Guidelines as recommended by the Exploratory Committee. Mayor Vignal seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Election of Officers (Co-Chair, 10 min.)

I. Co-Chair election

Mayor Vignal moved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Wahl as Co-Chair and was seconded by Councilmember Zarlingo. Motion passed unanimously.

II. **Vice Chair election**

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl moved to nominate Mayor Vignal as Vice Chair and Josh Dugan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Briefings, Discussion Items**

a. [Sno-Isle Libraries](#)

Eric Howard, Executive Director, briefed the group on Sno-Isle libraries. They span two counties and have 23 libraries. They will be experimenting this coming year with Library on Wheels to continue to engage in early learning to communities that can't easily make it to the library. The Library on the Wheels program is to provide a break down those barriers and provide better access to library services. In March, they will have their first library district conference on early learning, and the state partners with us on this, so that they are able to help credential early learners.

b. [Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund](#)

Mary Jane Brell Vujovic, Human Services Director, updated the group on the Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund Report. The Human Services Department submits quarterly reports to the Snohomish County Council regarding expenditures and services for the two councilmanic sales tax funds incorporated into the Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund. The Affordable Housing Sales Tax is authorized under RCW 82.14.540. These funds have been coupled with the Affordable Housing and Behavioral Health Sales Tax authorized under RCW 82.14.530. Taken together, these funds may be used for capital, operating and maintenance, and services costs associated with affordable housing, including emergency housing, permanent supportive housing, and behavioral health facilities. Capital projects are selected through Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) processes through which applications are reviewed and selected in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) among Snohomish County and each municipality in the County. The amounts included in the NOFOs are established through the County's biannual budget process through which the Department submits an updated 6-year investment plan for these funds for consideration in the Executive's proposed budget and approval of the final budget by Snohomish County Council.

1590 funds totaling \$11,000,000 were obligated for the following projects:

\$434,738 for Sea Mar Community Health Centers – Monroe Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Clinic

\$2,565,262 for Compass Health - Broadway Redevelopment Phase 2

\$1,788,513 for HASCO - 200th Street Redevelopment

\$6,211,487 for Housing Hope Properties - Everett United Church Redevelopment

1406 funds totaling \$5,000,000 were obligated for the following projects:

\$3,250,000 Integra Property Group - Stillaguamish II Apartments

\$1,358,513 for Catholic Housing Services - Monte Cristo Apartments

\$391,487 for HASCO - 200th Street Redevelopment

Of these amounts, \$5,686,998 was committed by the end of 2025.

c. [New Starts Centers](#)

Kara Main-Hester, Chief Budget Officer, and Jackie Anderson, Division Manager, updated the group on the New Starts Centers. The Edmonds New Start Center is primarily complete as far as construction goes. Power's been restored to the building,

and the elevator company is in doing some of the final work on the elevators. It will hopefully be completed this week. And then, the county working with the city on the final inspections and getting the certification of occupancy. The site has 40 rooms, 5 staff offices, and 3 multi-purpose rooms. For the Everett site, there's two buildings. The front building's pretty much complete as far as constructions is concerned. The back building is close to completion. There are 71 rooms, there's 3 staff offices, and then the multi-purpose spaces.

d. *PAC recommendation: [Revisions to MUGA map in Appendix A of the CPPs](#)*, Frank Slusser, Senior Planner, gave an update on proposed amendments to maps in Appendix A of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). Appendix A: Urban Growth Area (UGA) Map Amendments provide consistency with the UGA amendments adopted by the County Council with the Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update and include the following UGAs: Darrington, Arlington (technical correction), Marysville, Monroe, and Southwest Urban Growth Area (SWUGA). The amendments maintain city/town boundaries as of August 26, 2021 and mapped boundaries correspond to proposed reconciled growth targets in Appendix B for UGAs and incorporated areas.

Appendix A: Municipal Urban Growth Area (MUGA) Map Amendments provides consistency with County Council action on 2024 Comp Plan to amend the SWUGA. The Woodway Area SWUGA Amendments are technical changes to include full incorporated boundary and add deepwater pier to MUGA, and were requested by the Town of Woodway.

e. *PAC recommendation: [Briefing 2026 Growth Target Reconciliation](#)* Steve Toy, Principal Demographer, gave a briefing on the 2026 SCT Target Reconciliation. Following review of the 2024 comprehensive plan updates of all cities, there are no discrepancies to reconcile between the city targets adopted by cities and the county's adopted targets for cities. However, there are differences in the county's adopted targets and the initial targets in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) for several unincorporated UGAs and MUGAs which need to be reconciled. Many differences were the result of higher than originally anticipated housing growth targets provided by Commerce (which resulted in some shifts of unincorporated urban residential growth from areas with insufficient capacity to areas with surplus capacity). In three Urban Unincorporated Areas (Monroe, Maltby, and the Silver Firs Gap), there were large residential projects that were pending or already underway which were not fully included during the development of the initial population targets by SCT in 2021.

For these three locations, the 2044 population and housing targets were adjusted upwards in order to fully account for the buildout of the pending projects. Some changes reflect refinements to the county's UGA Land Capacity Analysis that used a corrected critical areas layer in four unincorporated urban areas (Lake Stickney Gap, Larch Way Overlap, Silver Firs Gap, and Maltby UGA) which reduced capacity, and updated pending residential project information in three unincorporated urban areas (Bothell MUGA, Lynnwood MUGA, and Maltby UGA) which increased capacity. Some growth target revisions were required to reflect changes in capacity in unincorporated areas resulting from final future land use plan designations and development regulation decisions adopted by the County Council. Revisions to the employment targets in some parts of the unincorporated UGA where the initial employment target exceeded capacity (which resulted in some shifts of unincorporated urban employment growth

from areas with insufficient capacity to areas with surplus capacity). Within the Urban Unincorporated Areas regional geography, excess jobs were primarily shifted from locations with employment capacity shortfalls (mainly the Silver Firs Gap) to the Paine Field Area, consistent with the Manufacturing/Industrial Center (MIC) designation at that location.

8. SCT Manager's Report

a. SCT Committee Report

9. Go-Round

10. Next Meeting Date

a. Wednesday, March 25, 2026

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. by Councilmember Nate Nehring

All presentations given, discussions held, and actions taken at this meeting are kept on file (via recording) in PDS until six years from December 31st of this year.