CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 7:00 PM ♦ City Hall – 2224 104th Avenue East ♦ Edgewood, WA
Meeting Link: https://cityofedgewood-org.zoom.us/s/86916509308

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance
2. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**
   - **A.** Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council Sub-Committee Update
   - **B.** Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) Updates
   - **C.** Commission and Board Liaisons
   - **D.** Pierce Transit Long Range Plan
3. **OTHER COUNCIL ITEMS**
4. **ADJOURN**

Study Sessions are meetings for Council to review upcoming and pertinent business of the City, no action is taken by the City Council. Study Sessions are open to the public, but public input is reserved for the regular Council meetings

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City Of Edgewood
Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Subject: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council Sub-Committee Update	**Agenda Item #: 2.A**
	For Agenda of: 1/21/2025
	Prepared by: Jill Schwerzler-Herrera
Attachments (list):	

Approval of Materials:		**Expenditure Required:**
Jill Schwerzler-Herrera		**Amount Budgeted:**
Rachel Pitzel, Assistant City Administrator	1/16/2025	**Timeline:** Topic to be added to all future Study Sessions (see item history below)
Dave Olson, Mayor	1/16/2025	

Summary Statement:

Item History:
The council has asked that this topic be discussed at all study sessions for the foreseeable future. As such, this has been a reoccurring agenda item since September of 2020.

Recommended Action:
N/A

Fiscal Note/Consideration:
N/A

City Of Edgewood
Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Subject: Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) Updates	**Agenda Item #: 2.B**
	For Agenda of: 1/21/2025
	Prepared by: Jeremy Metzler
Attachments (list):	

Approval of Materials:		**Expenditure Required:**
Jeremy Metzler		N/A
Rachel Pitzel, Assistant City Administrator	1/15/2025	**Amount Budgeted:** N/A
Dave Olson, Mayor	1/16/2025	**Timeline:** Monthly Report to Council, 2nd Study Session

Summary Statement:
The EDAB last met on January 6, 2025, and the materials and recording can be found here: https://edgewoodwa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1076/overview. The board members continued their review of the draft 2025 Work Plan, discussing how to prioritize the items listed therein for Council's consideration, again in preparation for discussion and vetting at the annual joint meeting with the City Council in February 2025.

Staff also presented an Impact Fee Primer to the EDAB Members, focusing on Traffic Impact Fees and preparing for further discussion at a future meeting. Some members expressed their general concerns and experience regarding impact fees and how they looked forward to further review and conversation. There are no other items on the EDAB's agenda at this time, pending tonight's discussion and direction.

Item History:
The council has asked that this topic be discussed at every second study session of the month for the foreseeable future. This is a reoccurring agenda item.

Recommended Action:
Hold a discussion regarding Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) Updates

Fiscal Note/Consideration:
N/A

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Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Subject: Commission and Board Liaisons	**Agenda Item #:**
	For Agenda of: 1/21/2025
	Prepared by: Rachel Pitzel

Attachments (list):
1. Resolution No. 25-0xx - Council Liasions
2. EX A 2025 Appt to Ext Boards
3. EX B 2025 Council Liasion to COE CommissionsandBoards - Copy

Approval of Materials:		**Expenditure Required:**
Rachel Pitzel		**Amount Budgeted:**
Rachel Pitzel, Assistant City Administrator	1/15/2025	**Timeline:** 01/21/2025 - Study Session discussion item 01/28/2025 - Action under consent agenda
Dave Olson, Mayor	1/16/2025	

Summary Statement:
There are several opportunities for Councilmembers to serve on local and regional boards, committees, or commissions as a representative of the City of Edgewood and the City Council. Changes in the make-up of the City Council, and in some cases interests among individual members, require the need to update these council liaison assignments from time to time.

It is anticipated that City Council will discuss the 2025 External Boards and the 2025 Council Liaisons list and add or remove any boards, committees or commissions, and make new assignments where applicable. You will see the proposed changes for council to take action during the next regular council meeting.

Once approved, this list will be provided for each of the organizations designated therein to make them aware of any change in Edgewood's representation.

Item History:

Recommended Action:
Hold a discussion and provide staff directions for Commission and Board Liaisons to be brought forward on the consent agenda of the next regular council meeting.

Fiscal Note/Consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-0xxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, APPOINTING COUNCIL LIAISONS TO CITY OF EDGEWOOD AND REGIONAL EXTERNAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 22-0611 to establish a list of City Council representatives to serve on various external Boards, Commissions, Committees and other organizations in 2022, or until a replacement has been selected; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-0611 amending the Council Rules of Procedure to provide for Council Liaisons on City and Regional Boards, Committees, and other Bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish the 2025 list of appointees to serve as Council Liaisons and representatives on various City and regional boards, commissions, committees, and other organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Regional Board Representatives Appointed. City Council representatives are hereby appointed and/or reappointed to serve on the designated external Board(s), Commission(s), Committee(s) and/or other organization(s) as indicated on the list of Council representatives, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. City Council Liaisons Appointed. City Council Liaisons are hereby appointed and/or reappointed to serve on the designated City of Edgewood Board(s), Commission(s), and Committee(s), as indicated on the list of Council Liaisons, attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. Appointment Term. The term for the appointments made pursuant to this resolution shall be for the calendar year 2025, or until a replacement is appointed by the City Council.

Section 4. Notice to External Organizations. The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution to organizations named in Exhibit A, as necessary.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025

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Mayor, Dave Olson

ATTEST:

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Jill Schwerzler-Herrera, CMC
City Clerk

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~~2024~~ 2025External Board Council Representatives

Organization	Representative(s)	2024 Meeting Information
Pierce County Regional Council	*Mayor Dave Olson* *Councilmember John West (Alt)*	Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month (no meetings in August or December) - 6:00 pm Pierce County Annex - *Hybrid Meeting* (*with the exception of the General Assembly meeting*) *Danica Williams (253) 798-7156 danica.williams@piercecountywa.gov*
Pierce County Cities & Towns Association	*Mayor Dave Olson* *Councilmember Rosanne Tomyn (Alt)*	Zoom meeting – Quarterly (agenda sent in advance) – 5:00pm *Paul Loveless, paulloveless@ci.steilicoom.wa.us*
FME Chamber of Commerce	*Councilmember John West* *Mayor Dave Olson (Alt)*	Chamber Luncheon Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month – 11:30am at 5580 Pacific Hwy E, Fife (Emerald Queen Conf. Center) *Steve Lindberg (253) 922-9320 - steve@fmechamber.org*
Mt. View Edgewood Water Company	*Councilmember Jennifer Pazaruski* *Councilmember Jason Ramirez (Alt)*	Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month – 6:00pm – as long as it falls on or after the 10th. If so, default to the next Wednesday. Meets at the Mt. View Edgewood Water Company – *Mike Craig, 253-863-7348 – mikec@mtvewater.com*
South Sound Housing Affordability Partners Steering Committee	*Mayor Dave Olson* *Councilmember Christi Keith (Alt)*	Meets the 1st Friday of each month – 8:30am – 10:00am. *John Howell, john@cedarrivergroup.com*
Opioid Abatement Council	*Councilmember Christi Keith* *Councilmember John West (Alt)*	On-Call – notified by email
Behavioral Health Opioid Committee (BHOC)	*Councilmember Christi Keith* *Councilmember Erica Buckley (Alt)*	***Information to be determined by the BHOC – will be updated as soon as it is available.***

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Exhibit B

~~2024~~ 2025 Council Liaisons to COE Commission and Boards

COE Boards/Commissions	Council Liaison(s)	Monthly Meeting Information
Planning Commission	**Councilmember**: *Jason Ramirez* **Councilmember**: *Rosanne Tomyn (Alt)*	**Date/Time**: 2nd Monday @ 6:00 p.m. **Staff Contacts**: *Lauren Balisky and Evan Hietpas*
Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB)	**Councilmember**: *Rosanne Tomyn* **Councilmember**: *Jennifer Pazaruski (Alt)*	**Date/Time**: 1st Monday @ 6:00 p.m. **Staff Contacts**: *Lauren Balisky and Morgan Dorner*
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)	**Councilmember**: *Jeff Southard* **Councilmember**: *Rosanne Tomyn (Alt)*	**Date/Time**: 2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. **Staff Contacts**: *Jeremy Metzler, Matthew Ray, and Jill Schwerzler-Herrera*

~~2023~~ 2025 Council Subcommittee Representation

Council Subcommittee	Council Representatives	Monthly Meeting Information
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Council Subcommittee	**Councilmember**: *Rosanne Tomyn* **Councilmember**: *Erica Buckley* **Councilmember** *Jeff Southard* **Councilmembers**: *Jennifer Pazaruski (Alt) & Jason Ramirez (Alt)*	**Date/Time**: 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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City Of Edgewood
Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Subject: Pierce Transit Long Range Plan	**Agenda Item #: 2.D**
	For Agenda of: 1/21/2025
	Prepared by: Jeremy Metzler

Attachments (list):
1. DRAFT RESOLUTION 25.0xxx
2. DRAFT Long Range Plan Comment Ltr

Approval of Materials:		**Expenditure Required:**
Jeremy Metzler		N/A
Rachel Pitzel, Assistant City Administrator	1/16/2025	**Amount Budgeted:** N/A
Dave Olson, Mayor	1/16/2025	**Timeline:** 01/21/2025 SS 01/28/2025 RCM

Summary Statement: Pierce Transit issued the following news release on December 23, 2024:

> Over the next 20 years, Pierce County's population will grow, new technologies will change how and why people travel, and the funding to deliver robust transit service will continue to be a challenge. To address and prepare for all of these changes, Pierce Transit is drafting its Long Range Plan called *Destination 2045*. The public is invited to give input at various stages of creating, drafting and finalizing the Plan.
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> Following this summer's robust public involvement phase with several virtual and in-person opportunities to engage, **a first draft of the Long Range Plan is now open for comments until February 3**. Feedback and suggestions gathered will be used to develop a second draft Long Range Plan document, to be released at the beginning of March 2025. The initial draft is available at PierceTransit.org/LongRangePlans.

Given the content of the plan and potential for better serving the residents of Edgewood, staff felt it appropriate to share and prepare a draft comment letter for submittal before the February 3, 2025 public comment deadline. Attached for Council's consideration are a draft resolution and comment letter.

Item History:
N/A

Recommended Action:
Hold a discussion and provide staff guidance regarding Pierce Transit Long Range Plan

Fiscal Note/Consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-0xxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING A FORMAL COMMENT LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PIERCE TRANSIT'S LONG RANGE PLAN, DESTINATION 2045

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit is a public transit agency that serves 292 square miles of Pierce County, Washington, which includes the City of Edgewood; and

WHEREAS, Pierce Transit is drafting its Long Range Plan called Destination 2045, to address population growth, new technologies, and the funding to deliver robust transit service over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, current Pierce Transit service offers hourly trips along Route 402, with the low frequency of trips making it very difficult to encourage residents to use transit as an alternative to a personal vehicle or other independent means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, Destination 2045 includes four scenarios for growth and funding, all of which increase trip frequency and provide additional service offerings in the Edgewood area; and

WHEREAS, Scenarios C and D propose new routes that would connect Edgewood to the east and west, improving connectivity and reliability to nearby employment centers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that supporting Pierce Transit's long range planning effort benefits and supports the goals and policies of the City of Edgewood;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes execution of the comment letter attached herewith as Exhibit A.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution will take effect immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

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Dave Olson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jill Schwerzler-Herrera, CMC
City Clerk

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Exhibit A
Comment Letter to Pierce Transit regarding Destination 2045

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January 28, 2025

Pierce Transit
3701 96th Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

RE: Destination 2045 – Comments from the City of Edgewood

Pierce Transit Planning Staff –

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on your new long-range plan, *Destination 2045*. We understand that current service offers hourly trips along Route 402, with a couple additional trips offered during the morning and evening commute hours. Unfortunately, the low frequency of service makes it difficult to encourage our residents to use transit as an alternative to a personal vehicle or other independent means of transportation. For example, a trip from Edgewood City Hall to Lakewood Town Center takes about 30 minutes by car, but can take 1.5 to 2 hours by bus.

There are four scenarios outlined in the plan, each building on the prior one: *Scenarios A and B* propose increasing the frequency to every 30 minutes, six days a week, which is a great start. The immediate effect this would have on our example trip to Lakewood is ensure it only takes 1.5 hours regardless of the time of day. *Scenarios C and D* propose adding new fixed-route services that would connect Edgewood to neighboring communities, improving connectivity to nearby employment centers. There are currently no safe and reliable alternatives to personal vehicles between Edgewood and Sumner's Industrial Area, so we strongly support this effort.

Additionally, we would appreciate clarification on whether the proposed scenarios include the potential impacts from the middle housing bill (HB 1110). The City of Edgewood is approximately 8.5 square miles and is largely comprised of half-acre or larger lots that can be subdivided to comply with Comprehensive Plan densities. However, HB 1110 would also allow two middle housing units per lot that exceeds the zoning district densities. These changes include reduced parking requirements. We cannot overstate how crucial providing the Scenario C and D fixed connections and increased transit frequencies are to reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions in our community.

We also understand that Route 402 has been identified as a potential corridor for millions of dollars in speed and reliability upgrades. This would directly support projects identified in WSDOT's *State Route 167 Master Plan* and Edgewood's *Meridian Corridor Study*, both recently completed and adopted. As we seek funding sources for design and development of the Meridian Corridor within Edgewood, we look forward to collaboration with and support from Pierce Transit so we can both achieve our common goals.

In conclusion, the City of Edgewood is in full support of this planning effort, and we strongly encourage the pursuit for funding *Scenario D* as soon as practicable. As the City of Edgewood continues to experience rapid growth, we are encouraged and excited by your ongoing efforts to improve reliability and expand service offerings in our area. Please contact our Community Development Department at comdev@cityofedgewood.org if you have any questions about our comments and thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Olson, Mayor

Rosanne Tomyn, Deputy Mayor
City Council Position 4

Jennifer Pazaruski
City Council Position 1

Jason Ramirez
City Council Position 2

Christi Keith
City Council Position 3

John West
City Council Position 5

Erica Buckley
City Council Position 6

Jeff Southard
City Council Position 7