



2010 Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program

PSRC Workshop June 8, 2010



Workshop Agenda

- Overview of Program
- Eligible Enhancement Activities
- Amount of Funds Available
- Schedule
- Regional Project Evaluation Criteria
- Regional Application



Transportation Enhancements Overview

- The Transportation Enhancements program is a setaside of the federal Surface Transportation Program
 - In place since ISTEA (1991)
- Transportation enhancements are designed to:
 - Strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's transportation system
 - Improve the transportation experience in and through local communities
- Projects must relate to surface transportation
 - Relationship is not met just by proximity
 - Surface transportation includes all elements of the intermodal transportation system except aviation
 - includes water and corresponding features such as canals, lighthouses, docks or piers



Eligible Activities

12 eligible categories of projects:

- Provision of Facilities for Bicycles and Pedestrians
- Acquisition of Scenic Easements and Scenic or Historic Sites
- Scenic or Historic Highway Programs (including tourist and welcome center facilities)
- Landscaping and other Scenic Beautification
- Historic Preservation
- Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities
- Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors (including conversion and use for pedestrian or bicycle trails)
- Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
- Archaeological Planning and Research
- Mitigation of Water Pollution due to Highway Runoff or Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality while Maintaining Habitat Connectivity
- Provision of Safety and Educational Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Establishment of Transportation Museums



Eligible Information

Additional Eligibility Information:

- May be a “stand-alone” project, or a component of a larger transportation project
- Must benefit the public interest and be accessible to the general public
- May not be used for project elements or mitigation that would normally be required
- Project sponsors must provide for the continued maintenance and operation of the funded facility over its economic or useful life
- Enhancement funds may not be used for routine maintenance and operations

New Information for 2010:

- Non-profit organizations may administer non-capital grants
 - Any project requiring design, right of way and/or construction must have a public agency sponsor
- Certification Acceptance requirement is waived
 - All federal project requirements must still be met
- Projects may be funded with 100% federal share – no local match required



Funds Available

\$20 million of FFY 2010-2011 Transportation Enhancements funds available to Washington State

- \$11,022,000 for competitive distribution to eligible projects located in King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties
- 2-year obligation deadline

Schedule

Regional Call for Projects Released by PSRC.....	June 1, 2010
Project Selection Workshop at PSRC.....	June 8, 2010
Applications Due to PSRC.....	July 12, 2010
Technical Scoring of Projects by PSRC Staff and Eligibility Review.....	July 12-30, 2010
Project Recommendation Committee Reviews Project Scores, Creates Recommended Project List	August 10-11, 2010
Transportation Policy Board Review and Release for Public Comment.....	September 9, 2010
Transportation Policy Board Recommendation.....	October 7, 2010
Executive Board Approval.....	October 21, 2010
Projects Due to WSDOT.....	November 1, 2010
Funds Available for Obligation.....	January 2011



Regional Project Evaluation Criteria

Total of 100 Points Available

PART 1 – CRITERIA FOR ALL PROJECTS (50 points)

- A. Support for centers (15 points)
 - Proximity and relationship to regional growth center, local town or activity center, or connecting corridor
- B. Community support (15 points)
 - Public meetings, letters of support, etc.
- C. Project Readiness/Financial Plan (20 points)
 - Status of milestones, prerequisites to obligation
 - Date of obligation
 - Funds will complete a phase or the entire project

Regional Project Evaluation Criteria

PART 2 – CATEGORY SPECIFIC CRITERIA (50 points)

Nonmotorized	Scenic Resources	Historic Resources	Environmental
Provision of facilities for bicycles and pedestrians	Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites	Historic preservation	Control and removal of outdoor advertising
Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists	Scenic or historic highway programs (including tourist and welcome center facilities)	Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities	Mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff <i>or</i>
Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion and use for pedestrian or bicycle trails)	Landscaping and other scenic beautification	Archaeological planning and research	Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
		Establishment of transportation museums	



Regional Project Evaluation Criteria

Category 1 – Nonmotorized Projects

- Extends, completes or adds to an existing nonmotorized system
- Connects to multimodal facilities
- Addresses a need – e.g., safety, missing link, etc.
- Level of public exposure and access

Category 2 – Scenic Resources Projects

- Promotes public appreciation of the transportation system
- Level of public exposure
- Long-term preservation plans
- Perpetual ownership
- Threatened resource, potential loss of opportunity



Regional Project Evaluation Criteria

Category 3 – Historic Resources Projects

- Relationship to surface transportation
- Historic significance
- Planned use of the facility
- Part of larger historic preservation plan
- Level of public exposure and access
- Threatened resource, potential loss of opportunity
- Long-term preservation plan, operating plan

Category 4 – Environmental Projects

- Relationship to surface transportation
- Level of public exposure
- Demonstrated need, benefits above and beyond required activities
- Long-term maintenance plan
- Threatened resource, potential loss of opportunity



Regional Application

Project Description Information

- Title
- Transportation 2040 id# for regionally significant projects
- Sponsor*
- Description
- Location
- Enhancements Category

Plan Consistency

- Comprehensive plan certification status
- Location relative to centers
- Project is identified, or consistent with, local plans



Regional Application

Part 1 – Questions for All Projects

- Relationship to centers
- Community support
- Financial plan – four tables:
 1. Enhancement funds requested
 2. Existing secured funds
 3. Needed future funding
 4. Total project cost
- Project readiness
 - Complete for phases other than preliminary engineering, planning, etc.
 - Demonstration of schedule and completion of milestones and prerequisites to obligation
 - For example – NEPA, right of way certification, permits, etc.



Regional Application

Part 2 – Category Specific Questions

- Nonmotorized projects
- Scenic resources projects
- Historic resources projects
- Environmental projects

Describe how the project addresses the criteria under each category



Summary

- Applications due to PSRC by July 12, 2010
- Projects must relate to surface transportation
- All eligibility requirements must be met
 - Call with questions or refer to FHWA's guidance at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/index.htm>
- No Certification Acceptance requirement
 - But all federal project requirements must still be met; refer to WSDOT's Local Agency Guidelines Manual for more information at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/LAG/>
- Non-profit agencies may administer non-capital grants without a public agency sponsor
 - Projects requiring P/E-Design, right of way, and/or construction must have a public agency sponsor
- There is a 2-year obligation deadline

Questions?

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