

2025–2027 Consolidated Grant: Regional Priority Ranking Process Debrief

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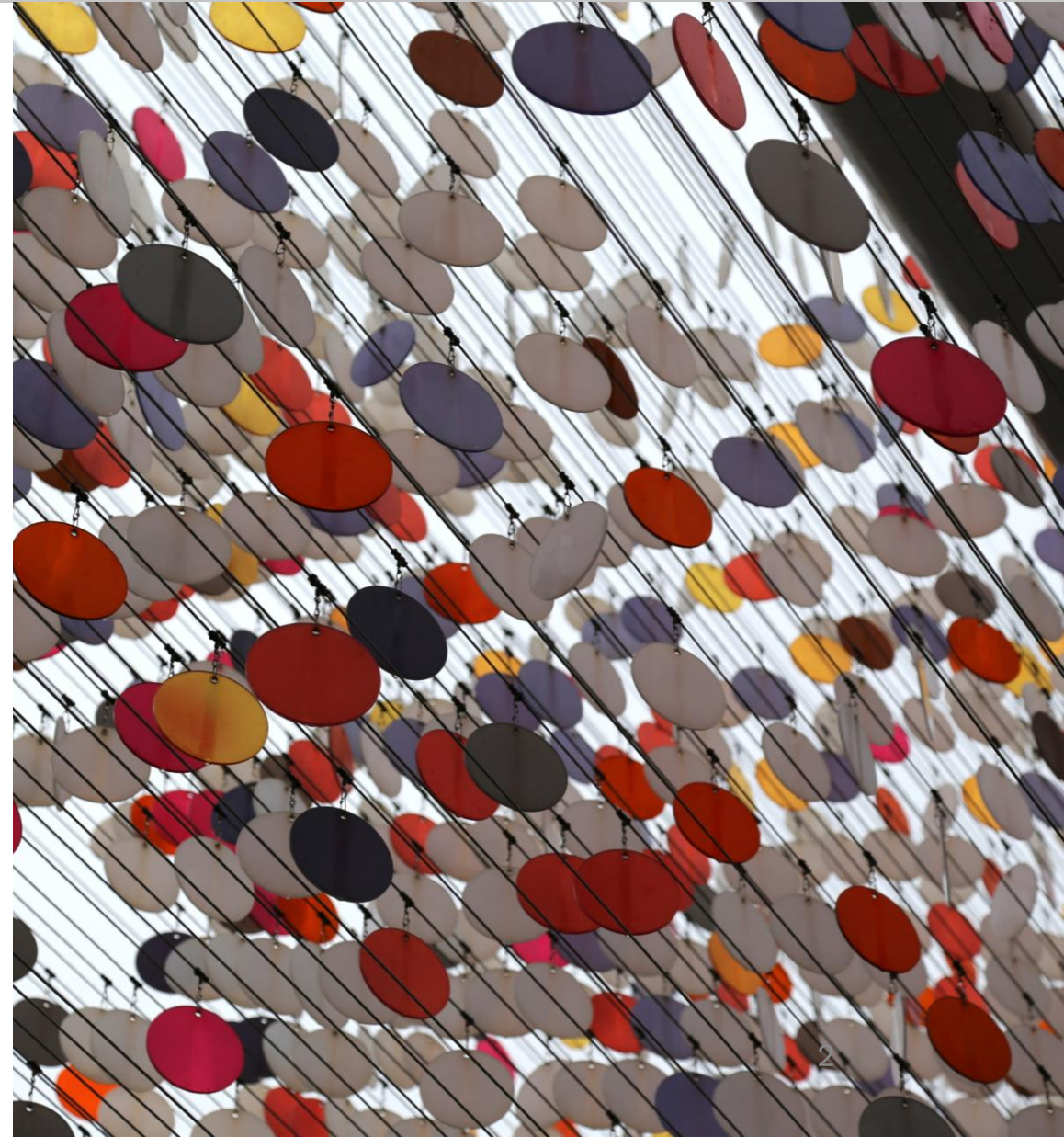


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Today's Agenda

- Review the Regional Priority Ranking Process conducted for the 2025-2027 Consolidated Grant program
- Review results of ranking and final awards
- Discussion
- Next Steps



Overview of the Consolidated Grant

The state consolidates a variety of statewide funding sources to meet a variety of mobility needs:

- Public transportation within and between rural communities
- Tribal transportation
- Transportation services between cities
- Purchases of new buses, vans, and equipment
- Public transportation services to older adults and people with disabilities (specialized transportation)

One of the only funding competitions for private nonprofit and human service agency transportation providers.

PSRC works with the Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee to prioritize projects.



2024 Process for 2025–2027 Biennium



NOTE: Kitsap County participates in the WSDOT Consolidated Grant regional ranking process through the Peninsula RTPO.



2024 Process for 2025–2027 Biennium



PSRC announced **call for projects** for regional priority ranking process:

- Detailed timeline
- Application review guidance (including review factors, additional resources)

Training was provided on July 31 to review the process and factors.



2024 Process for 2025–2027 Biennium



Second grant cycle with **sponsor presentations**.

All project applicants provided a short presentation (and Q&A) on Zoom.



2024 Process for 2025–2027 Biennium



PSRC conducted **CMAC deliberation** in early December 2024 to submit rankings to the state by January.

PSRC Executive Board reviewed the recommended rankings as a final step of this process.



Regional Priority Ranking Factors for PSRC Assessment

- Preservation of Existing Programs
- Addressing High Priority Strategies in the Coordinated Mobility Plan
- Service Coordination
- Performance Measures and Targets
- Equitable Engagement and Communications



Additional Considerations for Deliberation

Considerations from 2022 process used again in 2024:

- Acknowledge the importance of the largest county service providers (in terms of number of rides provided)
- Geographical distribution of priority rankings
- Project types
- Agency equity (number of projects per agency)
- Compelling cases for agencies with limited resources
- Strategic application of federal/state funds
- Coordination



Additional Considerations for Deliberation

Newly added considerations for the 2024 process:

- **Vehicle characteristics** (vehicle mileage or age, vehicle configuration and capacity), particularly relating to capital projects
- Consideration given to **vehicle projects applied for by agencies new to the grant process** to support existing operations
- **Precedent for past rankings** for projects that have competed in this competition in past grant cycles
- **Compelling cases for new agencies** applying for existing projects
- **Unique populations** currently not well served by specialized transportation



2025–2027 Projects Awarded Grants

PSRC received 24 projects for the 2025–2027 biennium:

- 11 ABC-ranked projects (3 A's, 3 B's, 5 C's)
- 13 D-ranked projects

Final Consolidated Grant Awards:

- 17 projects received funding from WSDOT
- All A & B ranking projects were funded
- Two C- and 5 D-ranking projects were not funded by the state

See **Attachment A** for the complete list.



Lessons Learned

- **Applicant training or support on equity factor:** Provide clear guidance and expectations on the Equitable Engagement & Communications factor.
- **Clarify ranking factors:** Arrange CMAC discussions on ranking factors and potential “additional considerations” earlier.
- **Strengthen performance measures:** Discuss performance measures tailored to capital projects and remind of guidance on equity-focused measures.
- **Respect all project types:** Ensure all project types, including microtransit, are fairly considered within the ranking process.



Discussion



- Do you have any feedback on:
 - Call for projects materials
 - Training webinar
 - Sponsor presentations
 - CMAC deliberation meeting
 - Staff assessment
- Other comments



Next Steps

Spring 2026

Prepare for the 2027–2029
Regional Priority Ranking
Process

Summer 2026

Tentative timeframe for next
Call for Projects





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