



Puget Sound Regional Council

Regional Project Evaluation Committee Agenda

Date: January 23, 2026, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Connection Information Provided Below

- 1. Introductions and Announcements (9:30)**
- 2. Approve Meeting Summary for December 5, 2025* (9:35)**
- 3. Transportation Policy Board Debrief**

Information from the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, is available on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

- 4. Discussion Item: Potential Bridge Funding Pilot (9:40)**

Staff will describe recent conversations with PSRC's leadership on the concept of a pilot bridge funding program as part of the annual rebalancing process.

- 5. Action Item: Project Tracking Policy Review* (10:00)**

The committee will continue discussion of potential update to the project tracking policy that would allow pre-bid cost estimate increases to be considered in PSRC's annual TIP rebalancing process. Staff will share board feedback on the committee's December discussion and initial recommendations. After review of additional information and further discussion, staff will request RPEC's final recommendation.

- 6. Other Business (10:55)**

- 7. Information Items:**

- RTCC and TAP Save the Dates*
- Regional Transportation Plan – Public Comment Flyer*

- 8. Next Meeting: February 27, 2026.**

- 9. Adjourn (11:00)**

***Supporting materials attached**

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager, at (206) 389-2876 or jbarnes@psrc.org.

Zoom Connection:

- [Join the meeting](#)
- Listen by phone 1-888-475-4499
- Meeting ID: 847 8126 8394 Passcode: 167856

RPEC Attendees:

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- Please keep your mic muted when not speaking
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Please Note: As this is an advisory committee meeting, we ask that interested parties remain in a "listen only" mode during the meeting by keeping their audio muted at all times.

Other Formats:

- Sign language, and communication material in alternative formats, can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling 206-464-7090, TTY Relay 711
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Regional Project Evaluation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: December 5, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Remote – Online Meeting Only (Zoom Connection)

Introductions and Announcements

Doug McCormick, Chair, welcomed everyone at 9:30 a.m. He then took roll call to confirm the members and alternates present.

Approval of Meeting Summary

The October 24, 2025, RPEC meeting summary was approved as presented.

Transportation Policy Board Debrief

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, reviewed the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting held on Thursday, November 13, 2025. The 'At Work' report for the Transportation Policy Board meetings are available on the PSRC website at:

<https://www.psrc.org/board/transportation-policy-board>.

Discussion: Project Delivery Update

Kalon Thomas, PSRC, shared the final update on the region's project delivery of 2025 FHWA funds. The PSRC region obligated 65 projects with a total of ~\$125 million in FHWA funds, achieving its delivery target, and received ~\$7 million in redistributed obligation authority (OA). 35 projects were completed that included ~\$58.5M in PSRC-awarded FHWA funds. Looking forward to fiscal year 2026, progress report request is out with a due date of December 24. Extension and advancement requests will go out in January, and due by February 15. At that point the annual TIP rebalancing process will launch, with advancements, exchanges, and increased federal shares are planned to be confirmed for March TIP amendment.

[View the presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Kalon Thomas at KThomas@Psrc.org.

Discussion: Project Selection Update

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provide an update on the next planned project selection competitions. In order to allow sufficient time to conduct necessary policy review and understand federal guidelines, the next biennial federal funding competition is planned to

happen in 2027, rather than 2026. She reminded that awarded funds are currently programmed through 2028, and the next competition will award funds for 2029 and 2030, all of which will be authorized under the next federal transportation act. PSRC is not expecting impacts to the funds that have been awarded, and sponsors are strongly encouraged to continue to deliver federal funds in a timely manner. The Rural Town Centers & Corridors (RTCC) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) competitions will be conducted in the first half of 2026, with funds awarded for 2027 and 2028. PSRC will send a Save the Dates email with key dates for the calls and workshops for each competition.

For more information, contact Kelly McGourty at KMcGourty@psrc.org.

Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan

Kelly McGourty, PSRC, provided an update on recent work in the development of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), planned to be released for public review in mid-December. The draft plan and other materials are available through PSRC's [RTP Engagement Hub](#). Elements reviewed to date include investments and revenues, major plan scenario results, performance metrics, financial strategy, Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, Regional Safety Action Plan, Outreach and Engagement, and Coordinated Mobility Plan. The draft plan more detailed assessments of these elements, as well as a System Performance Report – plus standalone information on climate, air, health, freight, maintenance and preservation background, financial strategy background, and the Active Transportation Plan. The public comment period will extend through the end of January, and the final plan developed for adopted by the General Assembly in May.

[View the presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at JBarnes@psrc.org.

Action: Project Tracking Policy Review

Jennifer Barnes, PSRC, facilitated continuing committee discussion of two project tracking policy topics: (1) the limit for administrative transfer of PSRC funds between phases, and (2) consideration of pre-bid cost estimate increases to potentially receive funds under PSRC's annual TIP rebalancing process. The committee reviewed the results of a follow-up survey conducted after the October meeting, and as well as some additional supporting data provided by PSRC staff. After discussion, the committee recommended that on the first policy topic, that the administrative limit for transfer between phases be increased from \$50K to \$100K. For the second policy topic, the committee recommended that pre-bid cost estimates be allowed, with rules in place that included a February 15 deadline for consideration in the current year rebalancing process, an engineer's estimate and explanation of the reason for the increase, as well as required financial documentation for programming in the TIP/STIP. The committee did not reach consensus regarding potential limits on the increased amounts that would

be eligible to receive additional federal funds. Review of additional information and discussion is planned for the January meeting, with a request for the committee's final recommendations at that time. Highlights of the discussion to date will be shared with the TPB at their December meeting, and any feedback share with the committee in January.

[View the presentation.](#)

For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at JBarnes@psrc.org.

Other Business: Jennifer Barnes reminded the committee that PSRC has requested agencies to provide information on their 2025 project accomplishments, which will be shared with the TPB at their December meeting. She also reminded that the January RPEC meeting will be hybrid, with in-person attendees convening in the PSRC boardroom and lunch served afterward.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

***Members and Alternates Present**

See attached attendance roster.

***PSRC Staff, Alternates and Guests Present**

Alan Budde, City of Shoreline; David Paine, City of Kent; Dax Tate, SCA; Michael Randall, Snohomish County

PSRC

Jennifer Barnes, Kelly McGourty, Kalon Thomas, Miles Stepleton, Alexa Leach, Doug Cox, Gil Cerise, Charles Patton

**All attendees were present via remote participation*

RPEC Attendance Roster - Designated Members

Item 2 - Att. A

Date: December 5, 2025 - 9:30-11:00 am

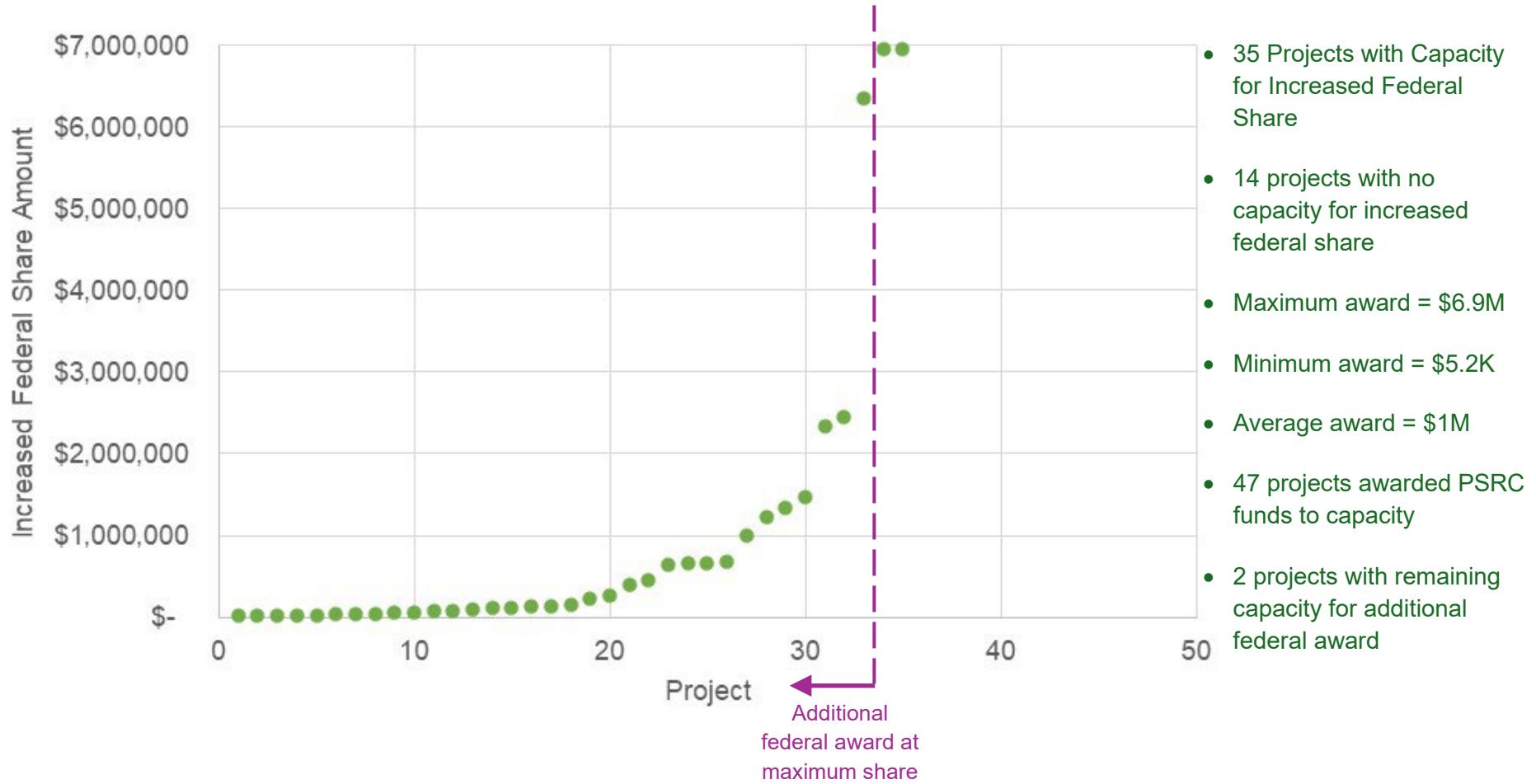
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NOTE: Members are invited to sit at the table and vote. Alternates may sit at the table and vote when the member is absent. Please coordinate representation in advance of the meeting. All other Alternates and Guests are invited to attend and sit in the gallery. This roster is for attendance purposes only and should be marked by all members and alternates present at the table, regardless of voting status.

Jurisdiction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name	Jurisdiction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name
King County (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Bourguignon	WSDOT-NW Region (1)	Cameron Kukes
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Heffernan		<i>Mehrdad Moini (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Vander Sluis		JoAnn Schueler
	<i>Andrew Kim (Alt.)</i>	WSDOT-Oly Region (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>John Ho (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Sarah Green (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Kenna
	<i>Ivan Miller (Alt.)</i>		<i>April Delchamps (Alt.)</i>
Seattle (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Strand	WSDOT-WS Ferries (1)	Vacant
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Storment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Krishan Aggarwal (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanna Valencia		<i>Todd Lamphere (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Bill LaBorde (Alt.)</i>	Kitsap Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steffani Lillie
	<i>Emily Reardon (Alt.)</i>		<i>Jeff Davidson (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Katie Lyle-Beshai (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Lee
Bellevue (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Miller	Pierce Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Erin Hoiland (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Mia Waters (Alt.)</i>		VACANT
Other Cities/Towns (5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Bieren, Kent	Community Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Kathryn Rasmussen (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Mortenson, Issaquah		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chester Knapp
	<i>Larissa Grundell, Duvall</i>		<i>Hannah McIntosh (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ingrid Gaub, Auburn		<i>Lisa Shafer (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Marcinko, North Bend	Sound Transit (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Wolterink
	<i>Vangie Garcia, Redmond (Alt.)</i>		<i>Tyler Benson (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Kimberly Scrivner, Kirkland (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Kirste Johnson (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Ellen Talbo, Renton (Alt.)</i>		<i>Monica Overby (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Tricia Juhnke, Shoreline (Alt.)</i>	Port of Seattle (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geri Poor
	<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>		<i>Robert Giacopetti (Alt.)</i>
Kitsap County (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Forte	Port of Tacoma (1)	Deirdre Wilson
	<i>Joe Rutan (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Ryan Medlen (Alt.)</i>
Bremerton (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shane Weber, Vice Chair	Port of Everett (1)	Brandon Whitaker
	<i>Gunnar Fridriksson (Alt. 1)</i>		<i>Laura Gurley (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Vicki Grover (Alt. 2)</i>	Port of Bremerton (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arne Bakker
Other Cities/Towns (1)	<i>Diane Lenius, Poulsbo</i>	PSCAA (1)	<i>James Goodman (Alt.)</i>
	<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Strange
Pierce County (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bekah Osterhaus	Suquamish Tribe (1)	<i>Jennifer Keene (Alt.)</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lewis-Miller		VACANT
	<i>Letticia Neal (Alt.)</i>		VACANT (Alt.)
	<i>Clint Ritter (Alt.)</i>		VACANT
Tacoma (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Kammerzell	Muckleshoot Tribal Cncl (1)	VACANT (Alt.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brennan Kidd		VACANT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jack Niehuser (Alt.)</i>		VACANT (Alt.)
	<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>		NON-VOTING
Other Cities/Towns (1)	<i>Mark Burlingame, Steilacoom</i>	NON-VOTING	VACANT - BPAC Member
	<i>Hans Hunger, Puyallup (Alt.)</i>		VACANT - BPAC Alternate
Snohomish County (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug McCormick, Chair		
	<i>Kelly Snyder</i>		
	<i>Janice Fahning (Alt.)</i>		
	<i>Glynda Steiner (Alt.)</i>		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Matt Ojala (Alt.)</i>		
Everett (1)	<i>Tom Hood, City Engineer</i>		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Angelique Thompson (Alt.)</i>		
Other Cities/Towns (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Morikawa, Bothell		
	<i>Vacant</i>		
	<i>Jim Kelly, Arlington (Alt.)</i>		
	<i>Vacant (Alt.)</i>		

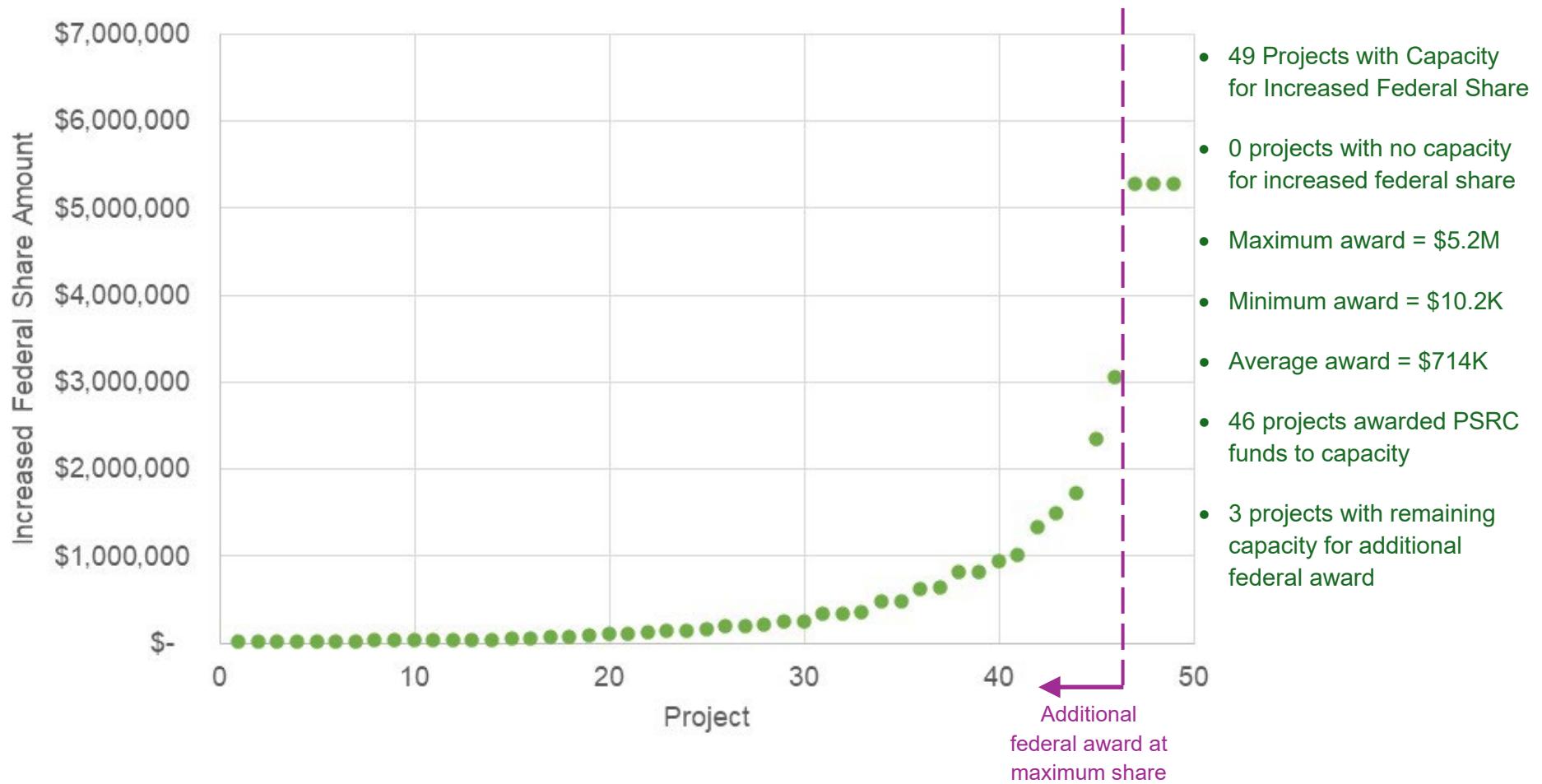
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BASELINE (current policy – no cost estimate increases included)



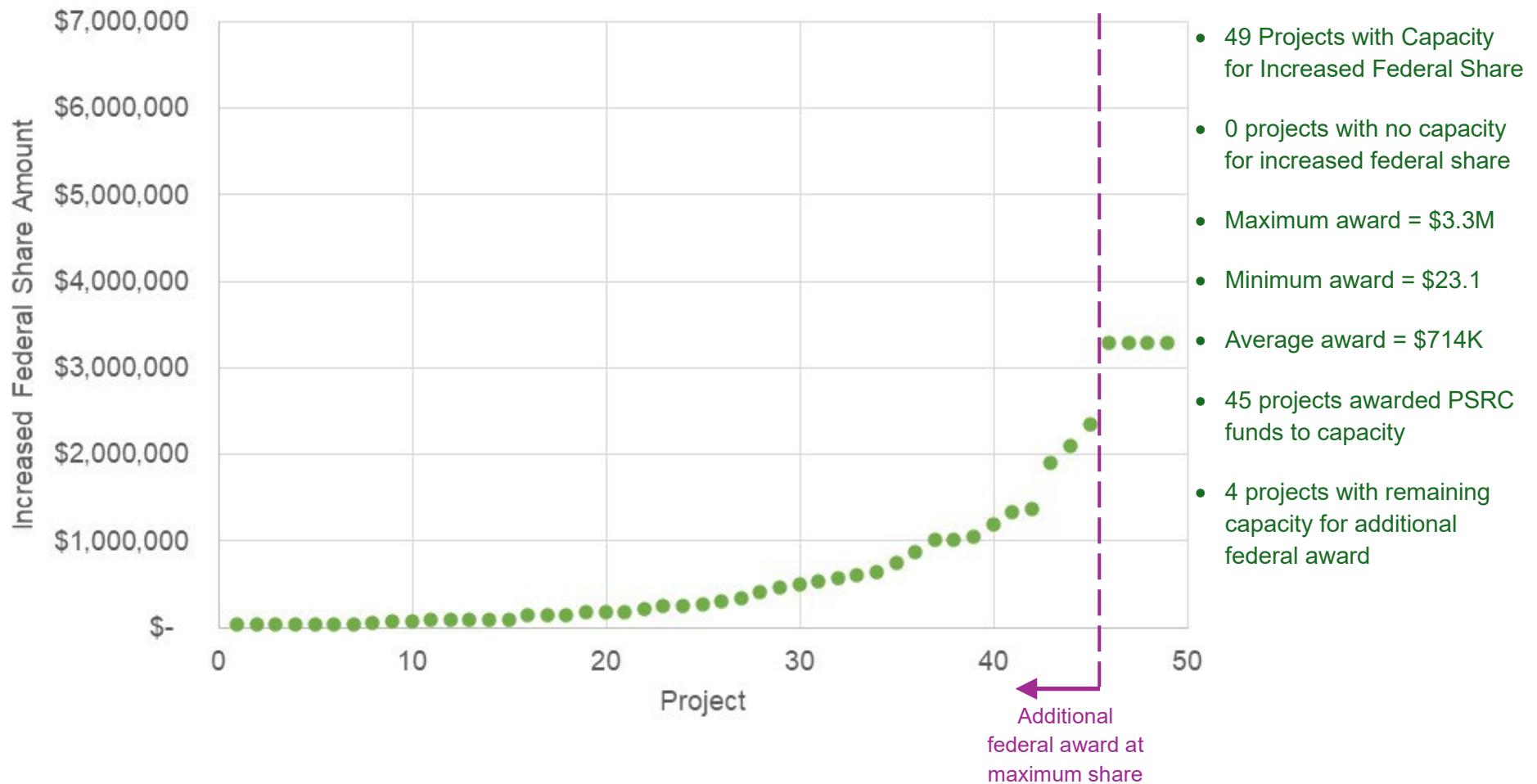
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10% Increase Applied to Total Phase Costs



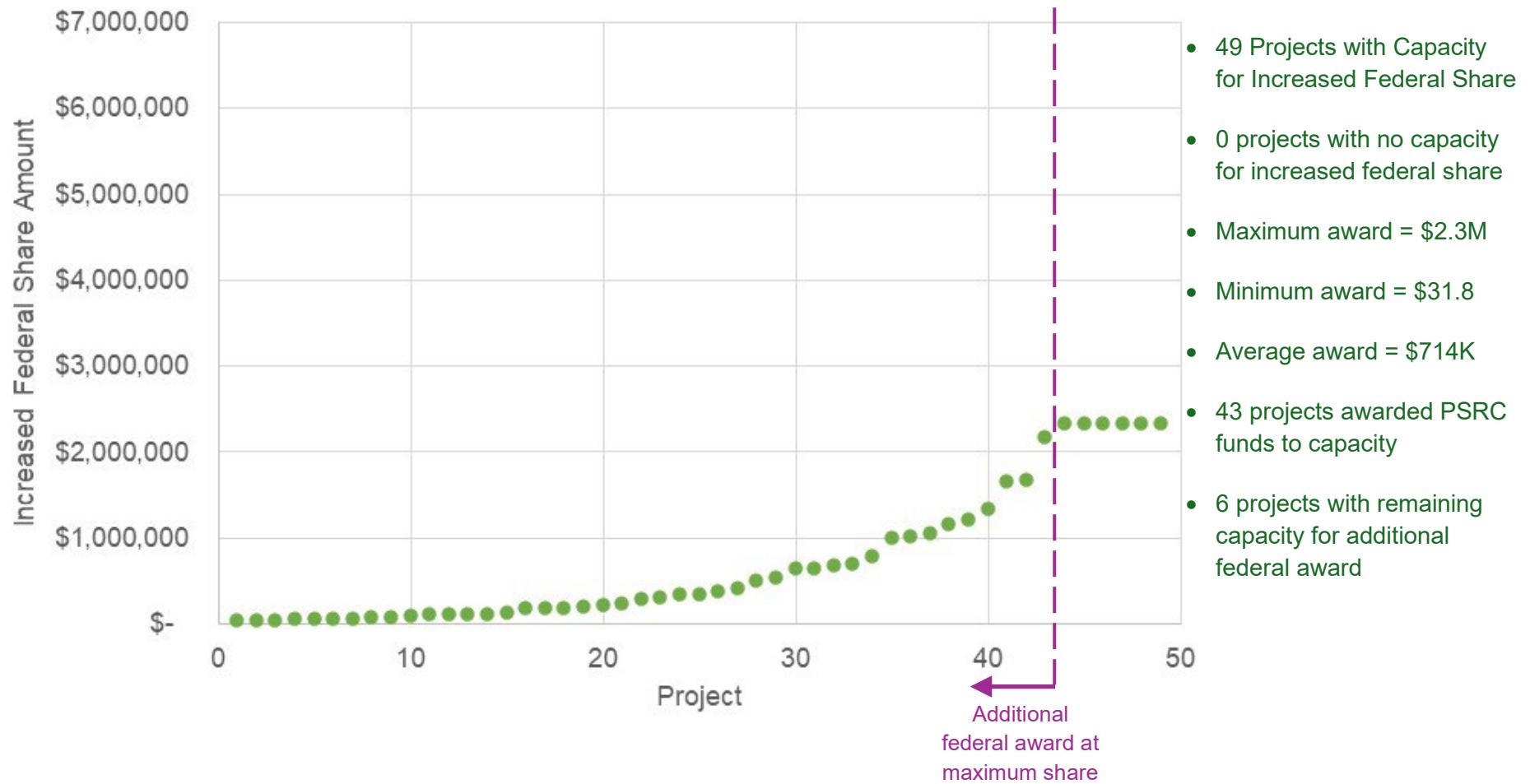
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25% Increase Applied to Total Phase Costs



Scenario analysis using data from previous year rebalancing process – **increased federal share distribution of \$35,000,000**

35% Increase Applied to Total Phase Costs



From: [Alexa Leach](#)
Subject: Save the Dates: RTCC and TAP Wednesday,
Date: December 17, 2025 4:27:42 PM

SAVE THE DATES

The Puget Sound Regional Council's 2026 Rural Town Centers and Corridors (RTCC) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project selection processes are coming soon!

Rural Town Centers and Corridors

The RTCC Call for Projects will be released on January 20, 2026.

PSRC's RTCC Program provides funding for projects to support the transportation needs of smaller towns and cities in rural areas of the region.

PSRC will hold a **RTCC Workshop on January 28, 2026, 1:00-3:00pm**, which will include guidance on project eligibility, evaluation criteria, available resources, and the overall process and schedule.

Transportation Alternatives Program

The TAP Call for Projects will be released on February 2, 2026.

TAP provides funding for community-based transportation improvements such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, historic preservation of transportation assets, environmental mitigation, and others.

PSRC will hold a **TAP Workshop on February 10, 1:00-3:00pm**, which will include guidance on project eligibility, evaluation criteria, available resources, and the overall process and schedule.

Please contact Doug Cox at DCox@psrc.org / (206) 971-3050 if you have any questions about the RTCC or TAP process.



Item 7.b

Puget Sound Regional Council



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2026–2050

Help shape the region's transportation system. Comment on the draft Regional Transportation Plan through **February 2.**

The plan strives to ensure the transportation system accommodates continued growth in the Puget Sound region now and into the future. It is focused on six foundations:

- ▶ **Maintain and preserve the existing transportation system**
- ▶ **Create a multimodal system that works for everyone, no matter how they get around**
- ▶ **Promote a safe and healthy transportation system**
- ▶ **Address regional climate goals**
- ▶ **Evaluate progress toward plan goals**
- ▶ **Develop a practical financial strategy to identify revenue sources and cover costs**



[**Visit our engagement hub to review the draft Regional Transportation Plan and comment.**](#)



Please also help us get the word out about the plan and public comment period. We have prepared an [**outreach toolkit**](#), which provides links to a summary handout, news release, and social media to share with your networks.