

# Regional Priority Ranking Process – Microtransit

February 18, 2026 | Coordinated Mobility and Accessibility Committee



Puget Sound Regional Council

# Today's Agenda

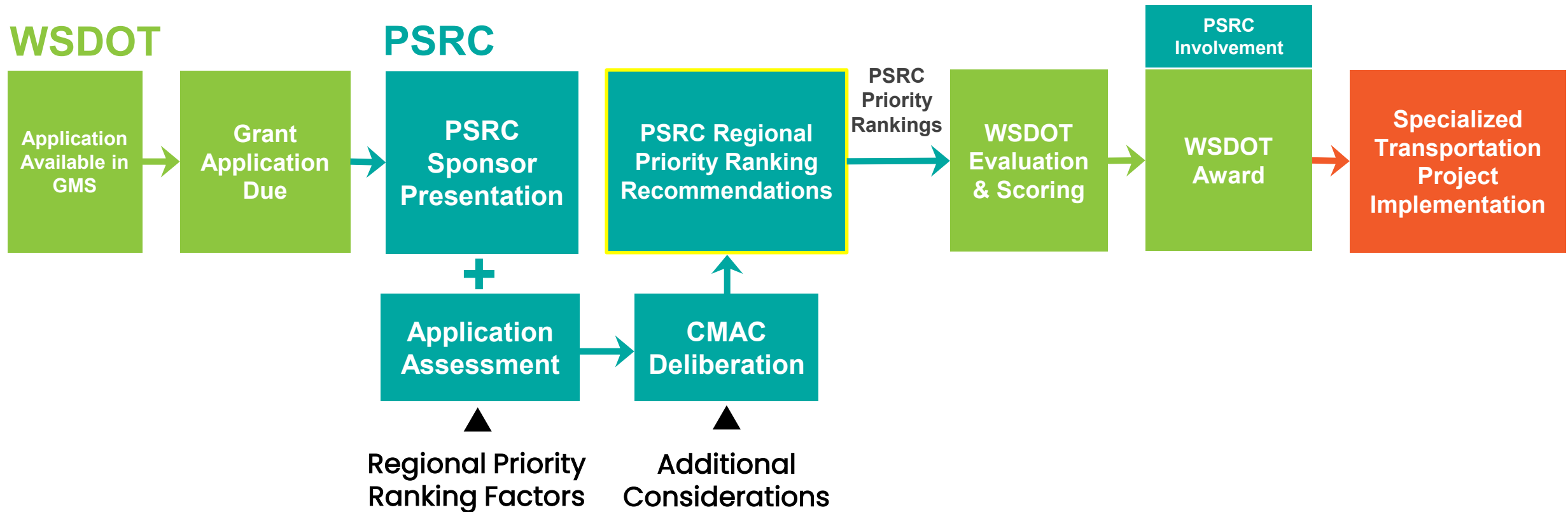
- Overview
- Microtransit
- Discussion
- Next Steps

**Goal:** Identify CMAC's guidance on how microtransit projects should be treated within the regional priority ranking process.



# 2024 Process for 2025–2027 Biennium

**PSRC's role:** provide regional priority rankings to WSDOT for projects seeking Consolidated Grant funds in the PSRC region.



NOTE: Kitsap County participates through the Peninsula RTPO.



# Past Cycles

## 2021–2023

### **Pierce Transit: Special Needs Transit Connector (Expansion)**

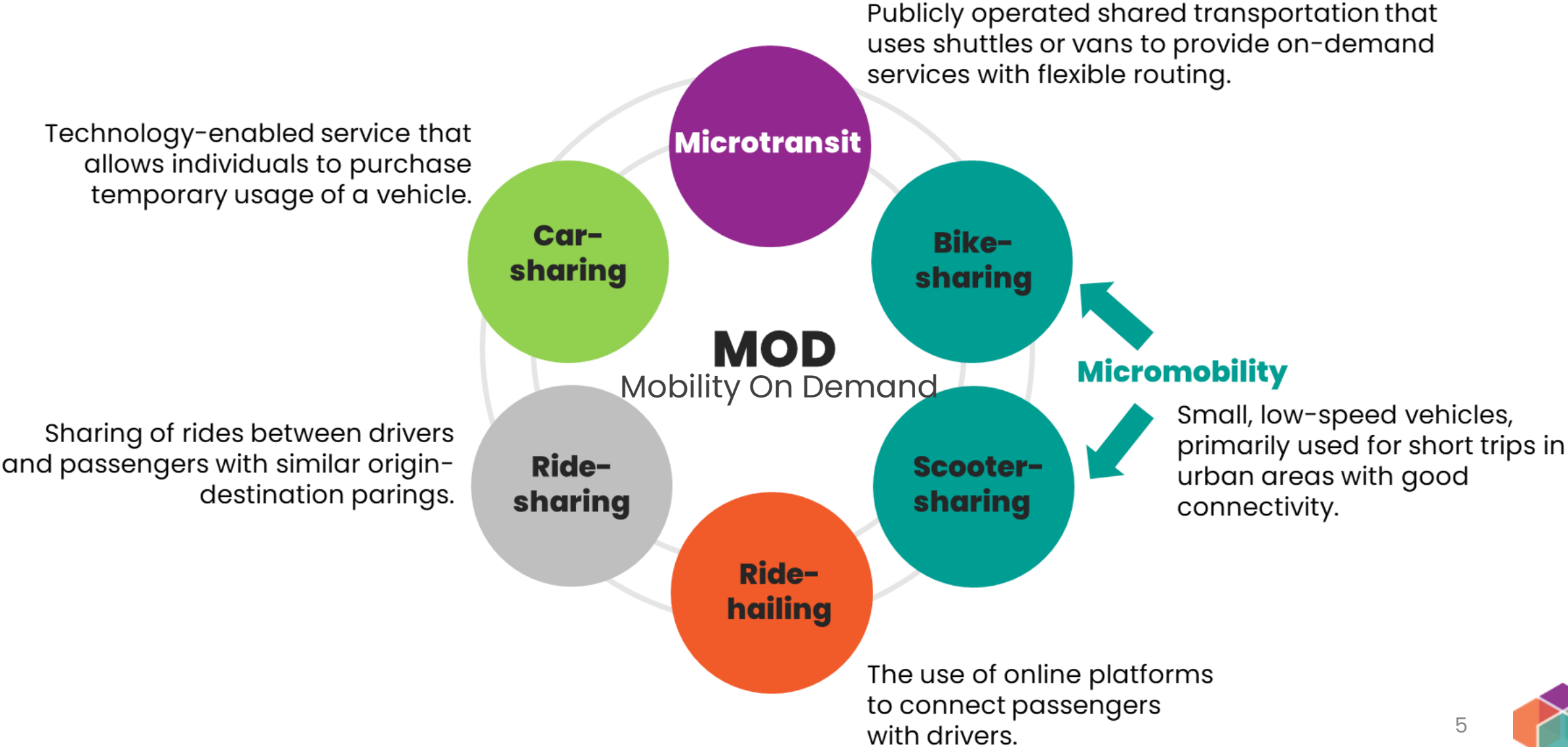
- D ranking, Funded (4 years)

## 2025–2027

- **Pierce Transit Runner: Tide Flats, Ruston, Gig Harbor (New)**
  - D ranking, Funded (2 years)
- **Pierce Transit Runner: Spanaway (Sustain)**
  - D ranking, Funded (2 years)
- **City of Issaquah: Metro Flex Pilot (New)**
  - D ranking, Unfunded



# Microtransit



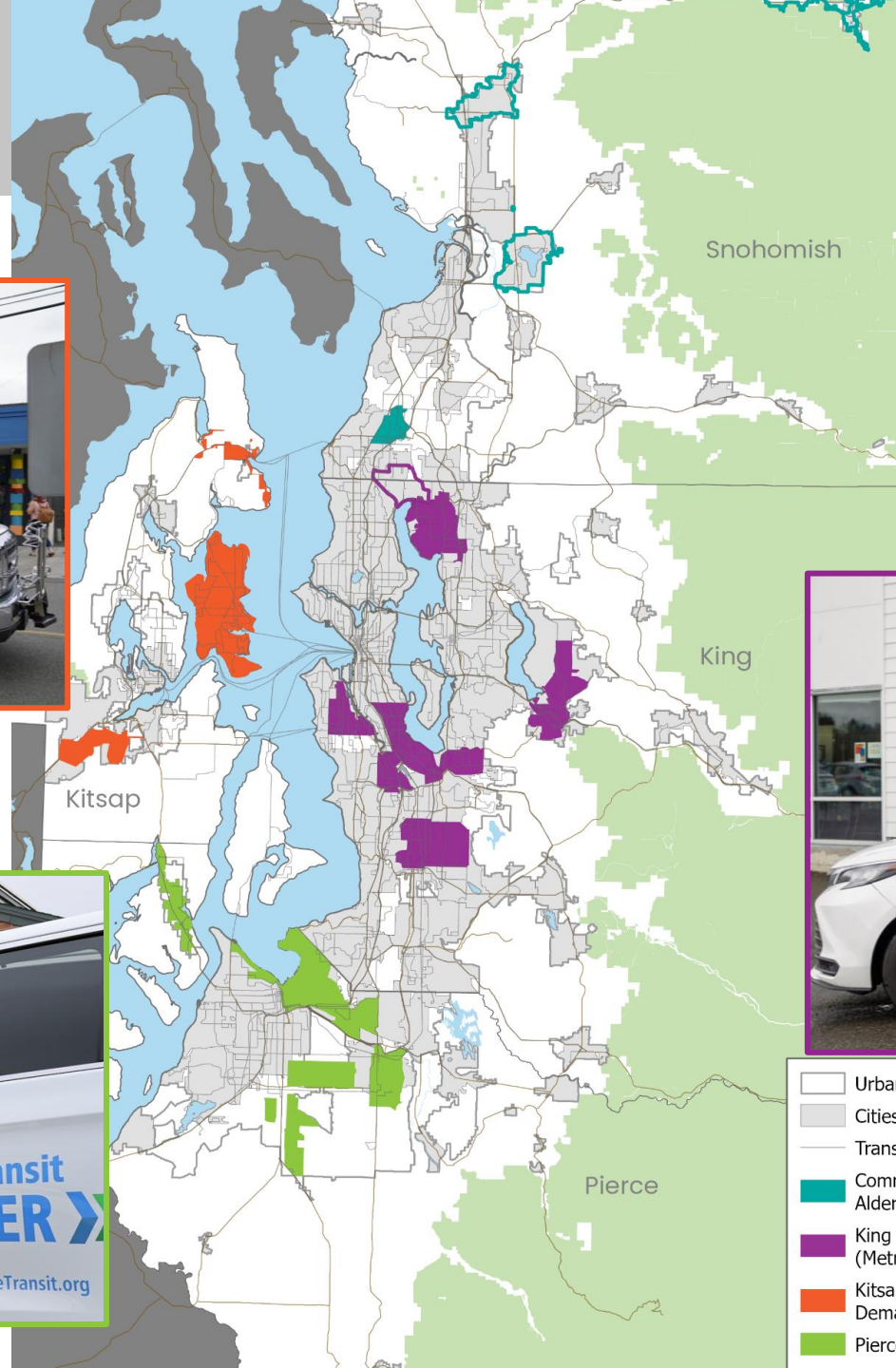
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





## Eligible Activities:

- Projects must be targeted toward meeting the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities, although they may be used by the general public.
- It is not sufficient that seniors and individuals with disabilities are merely included (or assumed to be included) among the people who will benefit from the project.



# In the Region



-  Urban Growth Area
-  Cities
-  Transit Routes
-  Community Transit (Zip Alderwood)
-  King County Metro (Metro Flex)
-  Kitsap Transit (On-Demand Service)
-  Pierce Transit (Runner)



# Discussion

- **Should microtransit projects be prioritized** in the regional ranking process? If so, why? If not, why?
- **If prioritized**, under what circumstances and based on what project characteristics (e.g., serving priority populations, providing service in areas with limited transit)?
- **If deprioritized**, what implications could this have for ongoing microtransit operations in existing service areas, and how might this decision affect priority populations?



# Next Steps

## Spring 2026

PSRC will take CMAC feedback and develop a staff proposal for further discussion in March

## Mid-June 2026

Tentative timeframe for next Call for Projects



# DRAFT Schedule

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| March 18, 2026<br>(Next Meeting) | CMAC Meeting—Project Type/Performance Measures                                    |
| April 15, 2026                   | (HOLD, if needed) CMAC Meeting  |
| May 20, 2026                     | CMAC Meeting—Priority Ranking Guidance<br>Additional Considerations               |
| June 17, 2026                    | (HOLD, if needed) CMAC Meeting  |
| June, 2026 (TBD)                 | Call for Projects Release   |
| July 15, 2026                    | CMAC Meeting—Additional Considerations<br>PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Training |
| Sept, 2026 (TBD)                 | Application Deadline  |
| September 17, 2026               | CMAC Meeting—Additional Considerations  |



# DRAFT Schedule

**October 21, 2026**  
**(Exact time TBD)**

**PSRC Sponsor Presentation**

**November 10, 2026**

**Meeting Packet for the 11/18 Priority Ranking Recommendation Meeting Goes Out**

**November 18, 2026**  
**(9:30am–3:00pm)**

**PSRC 2027–2029 Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation**

**January 14, 2027**

**Transportation Policy Board Recommendation**

**January 28, 2027**

**Executive Board Decision**

**End of January, 2027**

**Regional Priority Rankings submitted**

**May 2027**

**WSDOT Awards Announced and Letters Sent**

**July 1, 2027**

**Projects Begin**





**Thank you!**

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