

# Project Delivery Update

Regional Project Evaluation Committee  
February 27, 2026



Puget Sound Regional Council

# Today's Update



- Contingency list funding
- Extension requests
- Current delivery status
- Next steps in TIP rebalancing



# Funding to PSRC Contingency Lists

- Within each fiscal year, voluntary returns/de-obs finalized **prior to the rebalancing period** may be awarded to projects on the current contingency lists
  - Outside the pool distributed thru the 5-step rebalancing process
- Can only be awarded to projects of the same forum/project category of the original award
- These funds are added to the annual rebalancing pool if
  - No eligible projects can accept the funds, OR
  - If they occur after rebalancing has started



# Funds Available for Contingency List Consideration

~\$2.9 million in 2026 funds and ~\$5.5 million 2027 funds available for contingency list funding

- Thru early March – PSRC will confirm with sponsors if eligible contingency project can accept funds
- Obligation deadline:
  - 2026 award – July 15, 2026
  - 2027 award – June 1, 2027
- Unawarded funds will be included in the redistribution pot



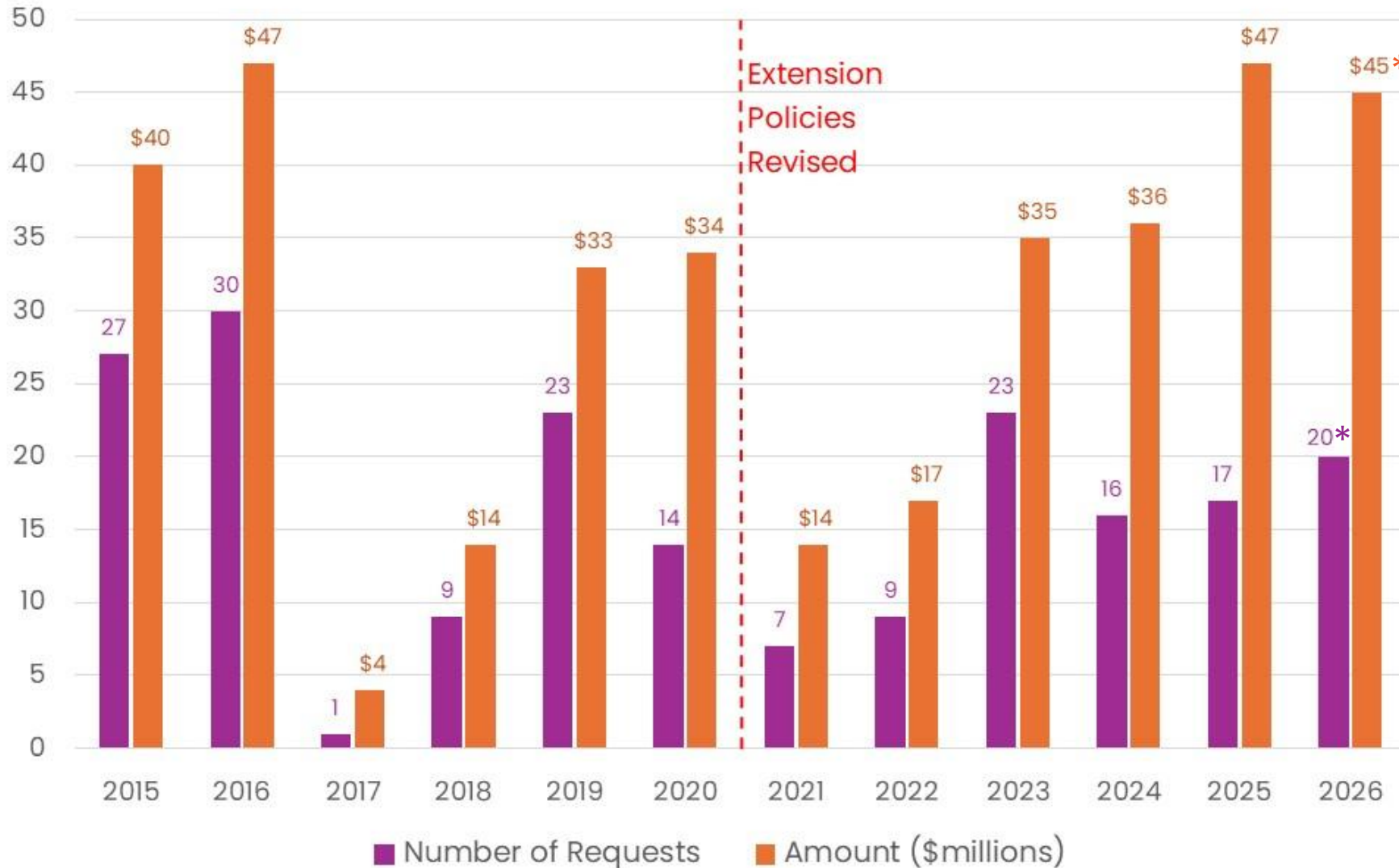
# 2026 Extension Requests

- 7 requests for 45-day extension (total \$11.8 million)
  - Can still deliver this year but need a little more time
  - If approved, moves obligation deadline from June 1 to July 15, 2026, and does not add to current year delivery gap
- 20 requests for one-year extension (total \$45.2 million)
  - Cannot deliver by this year's obligation deadline
  - If approved, moves obligation deadline from June 1, 2026, to June 1, 2027
  - If not approved, funds would need to be returned
  - Either way, funds are added to current year delivery gap

\*\*Of 75 total projects with 2026 delivery



# One-Year Extension History (2015-2026)



\*Review of extension requests in progress; some 1-year requests could ultimately shift to returns



# Policy Exception Requests

- 3 requests for exception to extension policies (total ~\$8 million)
- Received a 1-year extension last year, but not expected to deliver by this year's obligation deadline
- PSRC policies allow for exception to "one extension limit" to be considered if:
  - Phase(s) involved will remain fully funded
  - Delivery can occur within 6 months of board action
    - recent board exception approvals have extended this to one year*
  - Compelling need is demonstrated
- If approved, obligation deadline would be extended to next fiscal year



# Extension/Exception Next Steps

- Requests under review by PSRC & RPEC Countywide Chairs
  - Review for consistency with PSRC Tracking Policies
- Next 2-3 weeks: PSRC staff follow up with sponsors with requests for clarifying information
- Report out to RPEC at March meeting
- Extension requests with chairs/staff recommendations brought to April board meetings for final action



# Current Delivery Status – What We Know

Adds to Delivery Gap*	Reduces Delivery Gap
1-year Extensions: \$45M	Potential Contingency Award: 0-\$3M
Exception Requests: \$8M	Advancements: \$5M
Returns/De-obligations: \$16M	Carryover from FY25: \$24M
<b>TOTAL: \$69M+</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$29-\$32M</b>

\*Some funds could shift between categories as review of extension requests is completed



# Current Delivery Status – Uncertainties

- Federal Delivery Target not yet known – could either increase or decrease the delivery gap – working with state partners to confirm reasonable assumptions
- De-obligations and returns generally continue to trickle in throughout spring and summer

Buffer added to delivery total to accommodate increases to gap due to these factors



# Rebalancing Process to Fill Delivery Gap

5-Step Process for rebalancing and supplemental funding actions:

- Advance projects from later years of the TIP
- Exchange federal funds for local or state funds between phases of a single projects, or between projects within the same agency
- Increase the federal share of awarded projects
- Fund immediately ready-to-go projects from the current adopted contingency lists
- Award new funds to new projects, outside of the standard PSRC project selection process

Steps 1-3 expected to be sufficient to fill expected gap



# Project Tracking Policy updates

- RPEC-recommended updates approved by board in February
- To accommodate cost estimate increases in increased federal share capacity,
  - Sponsors submitted a form to with cost update information and required documentation
  - After review by PSRC staff, all information confirmed to meet the requirements was factored into the increased federal share capacity calculations
- 15 projects had increased cost estimates factored into increased federal share capacity calculation



# Reasons for Cost Estimate Increases



- Cost escalations that exceeded assumptions
- Design updates to scope elements – e.g., roundabout radius, pavement thickness, retaining walls
- Requirements for supporting elements that exceeded initial expectations, including
  - Road grading
  - Stormwater / environmental mitigation
  - Construction traffic control



# TIP Rebalancing Timeline

- PSRC staff currently confirming **increased federal shares**
  - Board approval of increased federal share limits requested in March
  - PSRC confirming amounts with sponsors via email, no TIP application needed
  - Awards included in March TIP amendment, approved into the STIP by mid-April, with expectation of obligation submittal by June 1 (including supplement for already-obligated projects)
- Funding to **contingency list projects** will require board approval and TIP application for the April amendment, with July 15 obligation deadline
- PSRC will continue to monitor delivery status, adjust as needed



# For Projects Advancing or Receiving Supplemental Funds...



Please complete obligation paperwork and coordinate with WSDOT concurrent to the TIP/STIP update process, so package will be ready for signature as soon as possible after STIP approval



# Thank you

