

Bridge Funding Pilot Program and Contingency

Transportation Policy Board
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Puget Sound Regional Council

Today's Presentation and Action



- Overview of Bridge Funding Pilot Program
 - Recommendation of funding for three bridge projects
- Contingency Procedures
 - Recommendation of contingency funding



Bridge Funding Pilot Program

As discussed in February 2026 –

Request to consider how PSRC can support bridge funding needs:

- Recognizing recent bridge closures impacting communities
- From the draft RTP:
 - 88 bridges rated in poor condition
 - 64 bridges needing replacement



Bridge Funding Pilot Program Concept

Key considerations for development of a pilot:

- 1) Limit the impact to other project needs – e.g. funding through PSRC's regular project selection process
- 2) Be impactful and strategic



Bridge Funding Pilot Program Proposal

Structure:

- Begin with the four counties
- 2-year pilot program
- Strategic replacement or maintenance / preservation projects to extend the life of a bridge
 - Must complete a phase of the project
- If successful, opened to cities after the pilot



Bridge Funding Pilot Program Proposal

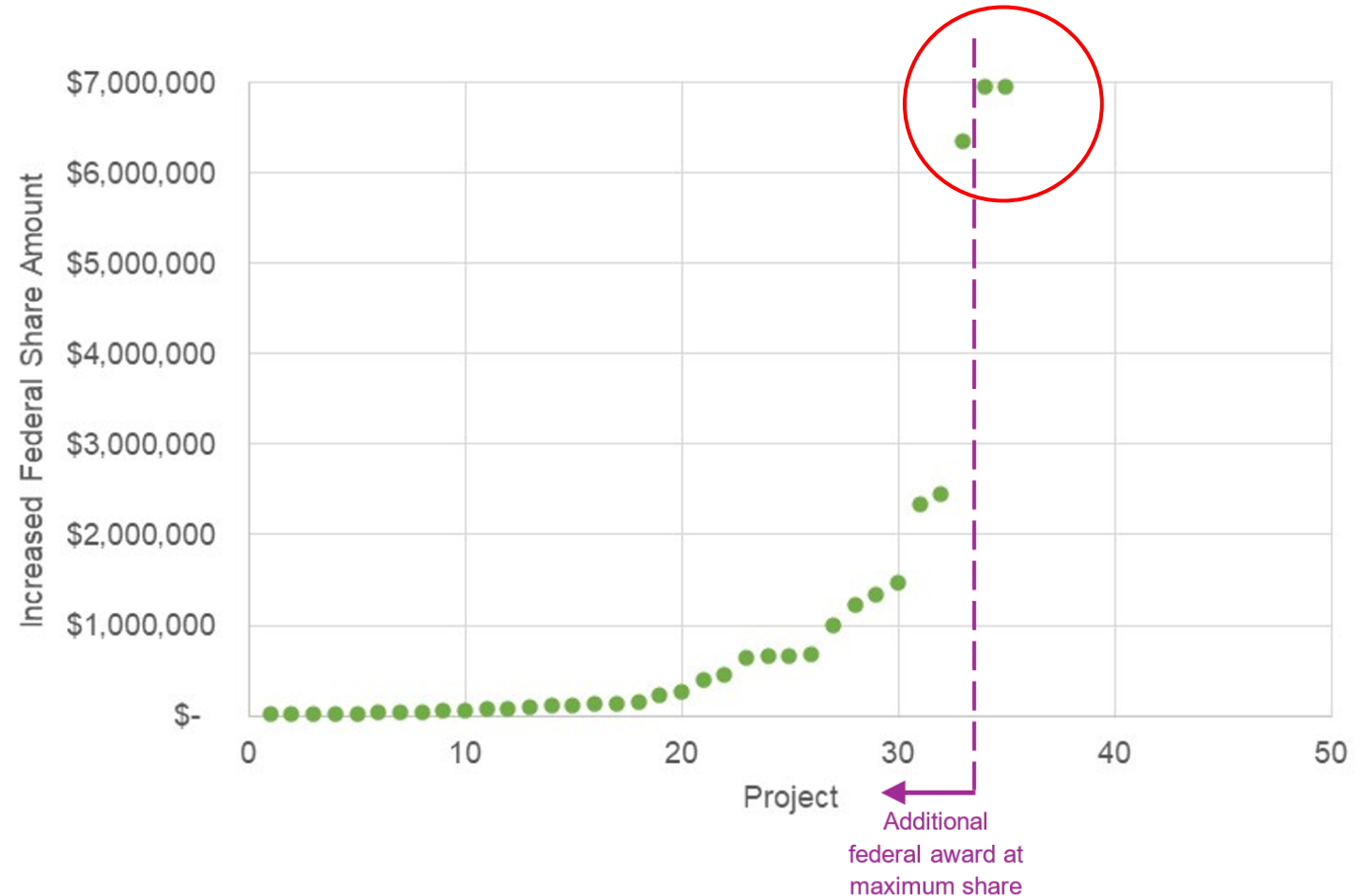
Funding Parameters:

- Include as part of annual rebalancing to achieve FHWA delivery target – i.e., supplemental funding action
- Project phase must be immediately ready to go
 - *Obligate funds by July 15 of that fiscal year*
- Funding “source” identified from the amount necessary to achieve the target *after* increasing federal shares of current projects



Bridge Funding Pilot Program Proposal

- After majority of projects have received their maximum federal share, remaining gap to target has been distributed to a few larger scale projects with more capacity to accept funding



Bridge Funding Pilot Program Proposal

- Still awarding increased federal shares – as needed – to all existing projects that year
- Pilot funding program sourced from the remaining gap necessary to achieve the target
- Amounts available will vary each year
- Only available depending on gap to achieving delivery target



Additional Work Program

- In addition to the pilot funding program, PSRC will develop a work program to delve further into bridge needs and data
- The two combined efforts could –
 - ✓ Highlight bridge preservation and maintenance needs
 - ✓ Assist in leveraging other funding sources for priority bridge projects
 - ✓ Advance a few key bridge projects each year



2026 Recommended Bridge Projects

- Final 2026 federal allocations received April 1
- Review of all delivery pieces results in:
 - Maximizing the federal share for 32 of 34 projects awarded PSRC's 2026 FHWA funding (*per March TPB action*)
 - Remaining 2 projects received a sizable increase but still have additional capacity
 - Per bridge funding pilot the balance needed to meet the delivery target will go to the three bridge projects in Attachment A



2026 Recommended Bridge Projects (Year 1)

King County

Cottage Lake Creek Bridge #240A Replacement
Preliminary Engineering and Design, \$1,297,500

All projects able to obligate the federal funds by July 15th

Pierce County

Chambers Creek Bridge Replacement Project
Preliminary Engineering and Design, \$7,000,000

Kitsap County does not have a ready to go project this year, but will consider for Year 2 of pilot

Snohomish County

Short Span Bridge Maintenance
Construction, \$320,000



Contingency Process

- As part of PSRC's competitive project selection process, a prioritized list of contingency projects is developed
 - After funds are awarded to recommended projects
 - Priority list of projects waiting for funding, should additional funds become available prior to the next cycle



Contingency Process

- During the annual rebalancing process to achieve the region's delivery target, supplemental funding (if needed) goes first to increasing the federal share of existing projects
- Funding for contingency lists would be available from returned funds, outside of the annual delivery rebalancing process
- In general, returned funds are redistributed to the contingency list from the originating forum



Current Contingency Funding

- Funds have been returned from a project previously awarded PSRC's Transportation Alternatives Program funding, in the amount of \$300,169
- The contingency project recommended to receive this funding is –
 - *City of Sumner's Puyallup River Trail Crossing Planning Study*



Action

The Transportation Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve a supplemental funding action for **three county bridge projects as part of the bridge funding pilot program and a redistribution of funding to a contingency project**, as identified in Attachment A.

